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Rotary Calendar



November 8 – 2:25pm Dictionary Project
Bells Mill Elementary School
8225 Bells Mill Road, Potomac

November 8 - 6:30pm Meeting – Hunters Inn
Anne Barnes - Kauai Hawaii Rotary Club
Jason Hamel – Classification Talk

November 10 – Mini-summit on Water



November 13 – 2:30pm Dictionary Project
Poolesville Elementary School
19565 Fisher Ave, Poolesville

November 13 – 7pm Manna Food Center
*Please come support this vital service project
and help pack 144 emergency food boxes!*

November 13 – 7pm Dinner with RI President

November 15 - 6:30pm Meeting–Hunters Inn
Catherine G. Crockett

"Getting to Yes and Getting Past No"

Catherine G. Crockett, J.D., M.A., Mediator, is an experienced divorce and family mediator with both a law degree and a Masters Degree in Psychology. For over 27 years she has engaged in a private family law and mediation practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Between 1984 and 1989 she taught conflict resolution courses in Catholic University's post-graduate family mediation program. From 1980 to 1996 she trained civil and family mediators through the National Center for Mediation Education, the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Maryland Institute of Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers and the Multi-door program of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Catherine coordinated the Montgomery County Circuit Court Family Mediation Service for families with contested custody cases from 1986 to 1993. She is a Practitioner Member of the Association for Conflict Resolution and was in the first class of Maryland mediators to be certified by the Maryland Committee for Dispute Resolution. She is a founding member and on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Society of Professional Family Mediators. Catherine has taken the basic clinical training program in Imago Couple's Relationship Therapy.



[Above] President Don admired the \$450,000 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren parked in front of Hunter's Inn. The McLaren with its 5.4L supercharged V8 is "the fastest automatic transmission car in the world". [Below] Rotarians enjoyed a social evening with hors d'oeuvres and wine on November 1.



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Rotary Calendar (continued)

November 22 - Thanksgiving - No Meeting

November 29 - 6:30pm Meeting-Hunters Inn

Don Hiruo - Classification Talk

November 29 - 8pm

Board of Directors Meeting

December 6 - No Meeting

December 9 - 1pm Holiday Party

Hosted by President Don and Nancy Smith

Food Prepared by

Personal Chef Bernard Henry

Montgomery Village Rotary Club's Project Receives \$1.5M Grant from the State Department

This announcement certainly takes my breath away! I am absolutely thrilled to announce that the US State Department has awarded a US \$1.5 million grant to Rotary's all volunteer Basra, Iraq Prosthetics Project.

This grant is in addition to the \$200,000 already awarded to the project by the State Department. We are deeply honored.

The State Department has empowered us to continue the good work we are doing in the United States, in Iraq and in Jordan, with our partners and host Club, the Amman Cosmopolitan Rotary Club.

The State Department has truly been phenomenal in their support of our project. We cannot thank them enough!

As we now reflect on this important and inspiring initiative, we must recognize the hard work and professional dedication of Drs. Kamal and Muslim, Directors of the Basra clinic and all their fine staff. It would also be

remiss of us not to give mention of our non-Rotarian partners including the Al Hussein Society in Jordan, Hanger Orthopedic Group, the Mosaic Foundation, Cascade Orthopedic Supply, Inc. and many, many others. We are all working together to bring success to the project and to help those in need.



For more information, please visit our web site: BasraProject.com. Lastly, congratulations to the hardworking "Basra Dream Team!!" They are certainly deserving of the honor and recognition that accompanies the awarding of this grant.

Thank you

Linda A. H. Smythe

Chairperson & Founder

Basra, Iraq Prosthetics Project

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Rotary International President's Message

November 2007 The Rotarian

The Rotary Foundation is the engine that drives Rotary's international humanitarian service. Without the Foundation, many of Rotary's signature programs wouldn't exist. There would be no PolioPlus, no Humanitarian Grants, no Ambassadorial Scholarships, no Rotary World Peace Fellowships. Without the Foundation, Rotary would be a very different and less powerful force for good in the world. As Rotarians, we give generously, yet we gain so much more: the pleasure of helping others, the satisfaction of knowing that we're doing the right thing, the joys of fellowship and friendship. As club members, we gain the global power of Rotary in our service – the power of more than 1.2 million Rotarians all over the world, each a potential partner in our projects.

I have long been a great believer in the Foundation. As early as 1980, I was involved with one of the very first Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants, immunizing children in southern India against red measles. As a trustee, I traveled the world promoting the Foundation's programs and assessing projects. Over and over, I saw the real, direct difference that Foundation resources made in Rotarians' work.

I call on every one of you, as Rotarians, to choose this month to make your annual gift to the Foundation – and to make a gift not only this year but every year to come. I take this commitment very seriously myself; my wife and I have contributed at the Major Donor

level, and all our children are Paul Harris Fellows. All of us know firsthand exactly how much our gift means and how much it strengthens the organization that we care about so deeply. As RI president, I feel a special responsibility to promote Every Rotarian, Every Year, which has been so successful already in increasing support for our Foundation. I'm confident that this year, we can meet our goal of US\$120 million – an average gift of \$100 from every Rotarian.

It's a basic principle of Rotary that we can do much more together than we could ever do alone. The Rotary Foundation allows us to pool our resources, help each other, and thereby reach heights of service that would be simply unattainable otherwise. The Foundation is there for all of us, and it's our responsibility to be there for it. And that's why each of us must answer the call of Every Rotarian, Every Year.

RI President Wilf Wilkinson

Foundation Month A Great Time For EREY Pledge



Dear family of Rotary,

In 2004, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a new venture to boost its ability to do good in the world. The goal was to encourage every Rotarian to support Foundation programs by giving at least US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund every year.

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We've come a long way since the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) effort began. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund have nearly doubled – from \$55.8 million in 2002-03 to a record \$102.5 million in 2006-07.

But reaching the 2007-08 Annual Programs Fund goal of \$120 million is not merely about every Rotarian donating \$100. It's about each of us generously giving to the best of our ability. For some Rotarians, that amount might be \$100, for others \$1,000, for still others \$10,000.

By raising the bar for support of our Foundation, we can guarantee that its educational and humanitarian programs will be available to more people than ever before. More students will become Ambassadorial Scholars, and many more young professionals will take part in a Group Study Exchange. Increased donations will give greater access to safe drinking water, food supplies, and health care. Imagine once-malnourished children becoming doctors, newly literate people becoming teachers, and those in conflict areas becoming peacemakers.

Learn how Rotarians are turning EREY into high-energy fuel for the Foundation's programs by subscribing to the free Every Rotarian, Every Year newsletter.

Let's open this promising pipeline of help even further to a hurting world, bringing with it greater hope for understanding and peace.

*Robert S. Scott Trustee Chair
The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08*

Find Out How Youth Around The Globe Celebrate World Interact Week

By Ryan Hyland RI News - 1 November 2007

Every 5-11 November, Rotary International celebrates World Interact Week. Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 14 to 18. The program gives teens an opportunity to participate in meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills.

Here's just one example of how Interactors are making a difference.

- A promotional effort led by the Interact Club of Brasov, Romania, rallied more than 100 people to donate blood at the Transfusion Center of Brasov in an effort to increase Romania's blood reserves.

Romania ranks last in Europe, with only 1.7 percent of the population participating in blood donation, resulting in a critical situation in hospitals across Brasov. Many surgeries that require blood cannot be performed because of low reserves.

For two weeks in February, club president Andreea Timpea and 26 other Interactors traveled to high schools and universities throughout Brasov. On a mission to get the word out, they distributed pamphlets, hung posters, and gave presentations on the importance of blood donation. Interactors, along with the director of the transfusion center, Laurentia Floea, also appeared on local television to promote the campaign's kickoff.

To maintain sufficient blood reserves, the center needs at least 50 donors each day. Before the campaign, it averaged only five

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per day, but the publicity and kickoff helped boost that number to 20. The Interact club and the center plan to continue spreading the word in hopes of reaching 50 donors daily.

"I'm excited about being a part of a campaign that will change the way Romania thinks about blood donation," says Timpea. "I'm glad Interact has given me an opportunity to help."

Here are just a few other projects highlighting Interactors' commitment to service:

- When they discovered a local hospital had no toys for its young patients, the Interact Club of Hoërskool Schoonspruit, South Africa sponsored a toy drive.

- Both the Interact Clubs of Sri Sankara Vidyasharamam and Parimalam, India, focus their efforts on AIDS education to help fight the spread of the disease.

- The Interact Club of Gan Yavne, Israel, reach out to less fortunate youth in their community by sponsoring a camp for local children.

- In partnership with their local media, the Interact Club of San Luis, Argentina, promoted drug and alcohol-free living to the youth of their community.

"Rotary's commitment to youth will not be complete if we do not also nurture healthy social values such as civic-consciousness, caring for others, and concern for the environment at an early age which is possible through support for the formation of more Interact Clubs," says Mark K.Y. Wong, chair of RI's Interact Committee. "This way we will have a ready pool of future Rotaractors, and Rotarians too."

Strategic Cooperative Relationships Will Enhance Service Efforts

By Janis Young RI News - 7 November 2007

A key feature of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan involves forming strategic cooperative relationships (SCR) with organizations that can help the Foundation accomplish its mission and the goals of each area of focus. Under the SCR model adopted by the Foundation Trustees and RI Board, the Foundation will strategically cooperate with organizations that specialize in one of the strategic areas of focus to be selected at the April Trustees meeting and endorsed at the June Board meeting.

Areas of focus are defined as a priority world need, identified by Rotarians, in which the Foundation is directing its resources to have a sustainable and measurable impact that leverages the organization's financial and volunteer resources. The SCR organizations are expected to provide financial support, technical expertise, or advocacy efforts in projects and activities that are designed jointly with the Foundation and include Rotarian participation.

The Trustees anticipate significant benefits in cooperating with other organizations to support the projects and activities of the Foundation. The relationship is expected to promote a holistic approach in providing sustainable outcomes in projects and activities of Rotarians worldwide. The SCR model provides unlimited opportunities to spread the message of Rotarians' service focus.

The SCR model will focus on a collaborative approach in projects with financial, technical,

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and advocacy resources involving Rotarians, clubs, districts, and other Rotary entities. The final outcomes provide a significant benefit to the communities that both organizations - Rotary and the strategic cooperative relationship organization - are serving.

"Like our partnership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, strategic cooperative relationships will enable The Rotary Foundation to address larger needs," said Trustee Chair Robert S. Scott. "We expect to partner with organizations that are recognized worldwide for their work in our areas of focus and who can contribute financial, technical, or advocacy resources."

Rotary Club Shows India's Future Bio-Techies The Right Career Formula

By Ryan Hyland RINews - 26 October 2007

Leaders in biotechnology provided career tips to more than 700 college students in Hyderabad, India, at a September seminar hosted by local Rotary club members.

In observance of Rotary's New Generations and Vocational Service months (September and October), the Rotary Club of Secunderabad West organized an all-day careers seminar for college students interested in the biotech industry, one of India's fastest growing job markets.

Six leading biotechnology experts spoke about keys to success in the field and the vast scope of opportunities in science, medicine, food production, agriculture, and information technology.

Keynote speaker K.I. Varaprasad Reddy, founder and managing director of Shantha Biotechnics, set the tone by opening with an inspiring speech on the state of the biotechnology industry in India. Reddy said local governments are encouraging biotech development to help keep India atop the sector, providing a bright career outlook in the field.

"We chose biotechnology as the topic for its lucrative nature across the globe," says S.V. Suryanarayana, the club's director of vocational services, who served as seminar moderator. "Students aren't always aware of opportunities that are out there or how to start a career process. We thought the best way to help our youth was to incite them about their options even before they left college."

Club members produced a handbook for attendees that included resume tips, job hunting pitfalls, and lists of current job opportunities with Indian biotech firms.

For years, the club has helped college students with their future by organizing more than 80 career awareness seminars at campuses around India. Previous topics have included accounting, civil service, air piloting, and fashion technology.

"Our biotechnology seminar was a great example of Rotary's commitment to our youth and their future," says Suryanarayana. "Students walked in unsure but walked out confident in making early and realistic career decisions."

