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Fellow Rotarians,

This is one of my favorite times of year—the coming of Thanksgiving and the holiday season. It is a time for reflections, giving thanks, and spending time with family. This is the ninety-eighth year for our district, and, in May, the twenty-fifth year for women to be members of Rotary. We have a lot to celebrate!

I joined rotary in 1999 and I remember how proud I was to be in such an esteem group.

Everyone in our district owes a great deal of thanks to those members of the Fort Worth club who started it all for District 5790. We owe so much to those early leaders who taught us that being in our district is just enlarging our family, and bringing in new members is like inviting friends into our homes. Clearly, we stand on their shoulders.

Above all else, I am grateful to be surrounded by Rotarians throughout the district that has a warrior spirit, and servant's heart, and a fun loving attitude. We include people who have a passion for service and we give them the Four Way Test to guide them. Together we have reached within to embrace humanity and continue to leave a legacy of service for future generations.

So, in this time of giving thanks, I am thankful to work alongside the most dedicated passionate people in the world.

I wish all of you and your families the best for this holiday season. Please know how thankful Dan and I are for the opportunity to serve you.

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"THE PERMANENT FUND" *"How You Can Make a Difference"*



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Most Rotarians wish to make a difference in the world, and would like to see our organization continue those good works into the future. To add to the long term stability of our organization, a Rotarian may make a contribution to our Endowment Fund- or as we call it, the Permanent Fund. The principal contributed by you will remain intact and the investment income is used for current programs.

The goal of our Foundation is to reach a fund of one billion US dollars by 2015, and we are well on the way toward that goal. Our permanent fund reached 200 million dollars in 2005 six years ahead of schedule and is growing each year. At the end of the 2010 Rotary year, cash and expectancies totaled \$ 626.7 million. About \$ 8,000,000.00 comes from the permanent fund and is spent on active programs every year to bring about maternal and child health, reduction and disease prevention of disease, peace and conflict resolution, literacy, clean water, and the list goes on.

Many ways exist to insure that our dreams continue. Of course outright contributions which may include some assets other than cash or other financial instruments are always welcome. Planned giving- including life income agreements, charitable bequests and life insurance- may be a prudent contribution tool as well as having the possibility of some income tax savings. All of these methods will not only help to stabilize our Foundation, but also allow the contributing Rotarian to leave their own legacy to "doing good in the world."

As you make your yearend financial plans, please consider an investment in the future benefits to the world through the work performed by Rotarians utilizing assets made available from the investment income of our Foundation. Obviously, we always suggest visiting with your attorney and tax consultant prior to making any decisions; however, the Foundation Staff may be reached at 1-866-976-8279 or I (Don Mebus 817-261-5571) can give you some basic information.



"GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION"



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Rotary International Global Polio Eradication

Fiscal Year 2012

Two agencies of the U.S. Government support the global polio eradication campaign, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Agency for International Development. For Fiscal Year 2012 Rotary International is seeking:

- \$111.6 million for the polio eradication efforts of the CDC, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed level.
- \$39.5 million for the polio eradication activities of USAID (\$35 million - Global Health and Child Survival; \$4.5 million - Economic Support Fund), the same level included in the President's Fiscal Year 2012 request and the Senate Appropriations Committee passed level.

The Role of Rotary International

Rotary International has contributed more than **US\$1 billion** to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – representing the largest contribution by an international service organization to a public health initiative ever. Rotarians are more than half way to the goal of their current fundraising campaign, "Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge." By the time the world is certified polio free, Rotary's contribution to global polio eradication will exceed US\$1.2 billion.

Progress in the Global Program to Eradicate Polio

- Only 4 countries (Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan) are polio-endemic – the lowest number in history.
- The number of polio cases has fallen from an estimated 350,000 in 1988 to less than 1400 in 2010 – a more than 99% decline in reported cases.
- The number of polio cases in the polio endemic countries of India and Nigeria declined by more than 90% in 2010 as compared to 2009. As of 2011, India has reported only 1 case.
- A shortfall in the funding needed for polio eradication activities in polio affected and at-risk countries continues to pose a serious threat the achievement of a polio free world.

Benefits of Polio Eradication

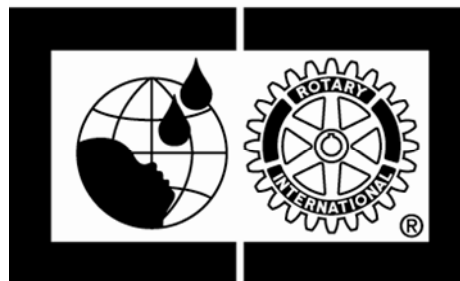
Since 1985, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. Five million children destined to be polio victims are walking today and enjoying a better life because of global polio immunization.

A study published in the November 2010 issue of the journal *Vaccine* estimates that the global polio eradication initiative to eradicate polio could provide net benefits of at least \$40-50 **billion** if transmission of wild polio viruses is stopped within the next five years. Polio eradication is a cost-effective public health investment, as its benefits accrue forever. On the other hand, more than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on the more than \$8 billion already invested in eradication.



"POLIPLUS UPDATE"

PolioPlus



Rotary International

\$192 Mil Now Raised since 12/01/07 to Meet the Polio Challenge

PolioPlus: Rotary's obligation to the children of the world Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 10/29/11

Table with 4 columns: Total paralysis cases, Year-to-date 2011, Thru this date in 2010, Total in 2010. Rows include Globally, in endemic countries, and in non-endemic countries.

New Polio cases reported in the last week: Pakistan 14, Afghanistan 3, India 0, Nigeria 4, China 1

2011 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2010 Totals)

Endemic Countries - 1 India (2010-42), 41 Nigeria (2010-21), 132 Pakistan (2010-144), 43 Afghanistan (2010-25)

+ Importation Countries - 4 Angola (2010-33), 2 Burkina Faso (2010-0), 114-Chad (2010-26), 18-China (2010-0), 1-Congo (2010-384), 34-Cote d'Ivoire (2010-0), 84 DRC (2010-100), 1 Gabon (2010-0), 2 Guinea (2010-0), 0 Kazakhstan (2010-1), 1 Kenya (2010-0), 0 Liberia(2010-2), 8 Mali (2010-4), 0 Mauritania (2010-5), 0 Nepal (2010-6), 2 Niger (2010-2), 0 Russian Federation (2010-14), 0-Senegal (2010-18), 0 Sierra Leone (2010-1), 0 Tajikistan (2010-458), 0 Turkmenistan (2010-3), 0 Uganda (2010-4)

Did You Know?

The last case of Polio in India was on January 13, 2011. Keep your fingers crossed!

The bad news is the 14 new cases in Pakistan this week.



"ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION" "Bangkok, Thailand—May 2012"



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Well it is the season to get ready for the holidays but we would like for you to consider spring travel. Let us express to you that there is not a more satisfying get-away than the Rotary International Convention. This year, if you do not know, it is Bangkok, Thailand, May 6-9 of 2012. We can say this from personal experience, having attended 6 international conventions, 3 of which have been outside of the Continental US. My experience is: as you start your travel to the convention the closer you get the more Rotarians you meet. We mention this because the fellowship you gain is a pleasant addition to the experience of learning another culture. Those chance meetings have turned into the stepping stones for international projects. The Convention being only 3 days, it allows you to do some exploring pre or post convention. For this trip we are taking advantage of preconvention trip to New Zealand, since we are going halfway around the world why not check off some "Bucket list" items.

The bottom line is get out of your comfort zone, meet some great people that are like-minded, explore a different culture and do some Rotary work in the process. We currently have 9 people signed up for the Convention we would like to make it 40 so keep us in mind when planning your travels for next spring. For more information please go to the following link: http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c12_promo_piece_en.pdf or Troy or Jeani Secord.



"DISTRICT 5790 FOUNDATION OVERVIEW"



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Rotarians

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Local District Simplified Grants



International Matching Grants



Scholars



Peace Fellows



Group Study Exchange



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"ANNUAL GIVING"



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What do the child in India getting a polio vaccine, a child in Honduras drinking filtered water, a child in Mexico being lifted into a wheelchair and a child in Texas clutching her own dictionary have in common? They have all been helped by Rotarians from District 5790 and around the world because their gift was supported by the Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is our Foundation. It takes the money that Rotarians give and invests the money. Every dollar that Rotarians give is used three years later from the gift to support projects. The investment income is used to pay the investment fees and the remainder of the earnings and every penny of the original donation is distributed by TRF. Fifty percent of that money is used globally and fifty percent is returned to District 5790 as DDF (District Designated Funds) to be used as grants. Those grants can be used in the District through Simplified Grants as well as Internationally in matching grants. DDF money used for International projects also draws additional money from TRF (match of 1:1) for the project.

In order to be able to spend the money from TRF, we have to give a gift to TRF. This is your gift that you give to the TRF annually. As a Rotarian in District 5790, do you know what your club goal for TRF is this year? Has your President shared with you the goal that they submitted to TRF for your club? They might have included it when they were outlining their vision for the 2011-2012 year. It is part of their plan to help the District, RI and the world. It is in all likelihood modest. They have probably used the guidelines for EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year). EREY is a program where every Rotarian around the world is asked to give \$100 every year to The Rotary Foundation. Your club goal may be \$100 X the number of members in your club. One hundred dollars a year: that's less than \$2.00 per week. Two dollars per week is less than the price of your morning coffee from that famous Seattle coffee shop one day a week.

Your gift to TRF is easy to arrange. Many clubs, with your permission, will collect it as part of your monthly dues. All you have to do is inform your Treasurer how much you would like to donate to the Annual Fund this year. Alternatively, you can be billed for a lump sum for your contribution. You can also send a check directly to the Annual Fund accompanied by the Donation Form where you will include your RI number (Eight digit number found directly over your name on the mailing label for The Rotarian magazine you receive monthly.) However, the easiest way to fulfill your commitment to TRF is online. Simply log on to the RI website and follow the pathway to make a contribution to TRF using your favorite credit card. (If you have not logged onto the RI site previously, the process is simple and you will be given a temporary password to log on. Once you log on the site all of your records can be accessed and you can do things like update your information, donate to TRF and check on your Paul Harris points.) The advantage of giving online is that you immediately receive a receipt for your tax deductible contribution without the delay of waiting for your check to clear.

The Rotary Foundation enables good work around the globe and right in our own backyards. All we have to do to make sure to share part of our fortune for these good words when we "Reach Within to Embrace Humanity".



"PEACE FELLOWS UPDATE"



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As we all know, November marks Foundation Month, and I am delighted to be able to update you as a beneficiary of one of the Foundation's most innovative programs. Having seen firsthand how Rotary Peace Fellows are using the tools and skills they've learned to create currents of positive change all over the world, I can't help but be amazed and honored to be among them. The Rotary Foundation stands alone in making a truly unique investment in peace – and I believe as each class of Fellows proves, it is an investment that is rich in returns.



Hands-on learning: Planning a crisis response operation for our final project in Peacekeeping

By the time this newsletter hits the 'presses', I'll have finished up my second semester at UQ and will be leaving on a jet plane to Singapore, to start my semester-long Applied Field Experience, the hands-on part of my Peace Fellowship training. I was delighted to be offered an internship with the Asia-Pacific regional office of the Geneva-based Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD Centre) a world-renowned organization that negotiates peace agreements between warring parties and armed combatants in areas of conflict.

While at HD in Singapore, I will be working primarily with the team on implementing a new project called Women at the Peace Table, which has been started in response to a United Nations Security Council mandate to ensure that women are included in peace processes. As women often suffer disproportionately in times of conflict – due to rape and sexual violence, loss of children and livelihoods – it is vital to make sure that any peace agreement has terms that specifically address their needs.



With Peace Fellows on a trip "down south" to Sydney

While that may seem obvious, you might be surprised to learn that a startling low number of women are actually ever involved in peace negotiations. Not to mention, it is shockingly rare to find women ever mentioned at all in peace agreement texts. During my time at HD, we are going to be looking at ways to get more women involved as mediators in peace negotiations themselves, and how to create peace agreements that are more inclusive of gender-specific issues. Part of this will be through organizing a regional training in Nepal next year, which I hope to attend, where we will bring together women mediators and community leaders to build their capacity in negotiation and share experiences.

I will be in Singapore until March, when I return to Australia for my final semester of studies. I look forward to updating you all on my work there in my next update. Until then, thanks to the Rotary Foundation for supporting this valuable, life-changing initiative! Rest assured – it is making a difference.



"NEW CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT" *The Rotary Club of Eagle Mountain-Saginaw*

A new Provisional Rotary Club in District 5790 has been formed! The Rotary Club of Eagle Mountain-Saginaw is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Grapevine. Provisional Status is the first step a club takes before becoming a full fledged Rotary Club.

Provisional status is granted after a club begins meeting weekly and has elected club officers who will subscribe to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. This designation entitles the provisional club to issue meeting make-ups for visiting Rotarians. The club meets at 7:00 AM on Wednesday morning at:

Hollenstein Career and Technology Center
5501 Marine Creek Parkway
Fort Worth, TX 76179

PDG Walt Milner has been the primary liaison for this venture. Dr. Jim Chadwell will serve as the club's first President. Join us in welcoming the members of the Rotary Club of Eagle Mountain-Saginaw to District 5790.

Congratulations for extending Rotary into the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw community.

"COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION"

Every 3 years, the Council on Legislation meets to consider enactments and resolutions submitted to the Council.

If anyone in any of our clubs wishes to submit an enactment or resolution for the 2013 COL, now is the time to do it. Since I was honored to be selected as our District 5790 delegate at our last conference, my contact information should be circulated so if any club needs any assistance with an idea, I will be available to them. We still have time to make submissions. As you know, anything that we submit to the COL (with exception of memorials) must be endorsed by a vote of the clubs in the district. Since we cannot hold a meeting for all of the clubs at this point, a ballot by mail may be made. Ballot by mail includes electronic mail.

RI must receive proposed legislation, along with its certification form signed by the district governor and proposer's purpose and effect statement, no later than 31 December 2011.



Don Mebus was elected as District 5790 Representative to the Council on Legislation for 2013.

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“H-E-B ROTARY CLUB”
“Mid Cities Rotarians Join Forces for the HEB ISD Dictionary Project”



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Thanksgiving will be a little more special this year for third grade students in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District. Rotarians in the mid cities area will deliver one dictionary to each of the 1,544 3rd grade students in the school district. Stonegate Elementary School in Bedford will be the first of 19 different elementary schools to receive their dictionaries beginning on November 11. All dictionaries are scheduled to be delivered before the Thanksgiving break.

Faye Beaulieu, president of the HEB ISD Board of Trustees and a new member of the H-E-B Rotary Club, remarks, “These dictionaries definitely give students something extra to be grateful for this Thanksgiving season. With the state’s reduced funding to public education, and with many families facing challenges to their own budgets, these tools to aid the development of literacy skills are a huge gift.”

The dictionaries are funded through a district simplified grant and funds from the two Rotary clubs in the mid cities area (H-E-B club and the Pacesetters club). Each dictionary will include a label denoting that the dictionaries were donated by Rotary. As President of the H-E-B Club, I want to publicly thank Jim Dunning (President Elect) of the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotary Club and Randy Swaim (New Generations Chair) of the Mid-Cities Pacesetters Rotary Club for spearheading this worthwhile project for our respective clubs. I also want to thank Rotary District 5790 and all of those Rotarians involved for supporting the dictionary project.



"MID-CITIES ROTARY CLUB" *"Serving Our Community"*



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The Mid-Cities Pacesetters Rotary Club has an active and exciting year planned in all of the Avenues of Service. Our members focus on the kids and the elderly.

Each year we give over \$25,000 to local charities and international service projects. In addition, we participate in hands on in the community, such as the Community Enrichment Center's annual Back to School Carnival, in which school supplies are given to disadvantaged students in the community, along with food any an enjoyable day for the students and their families. At Christmas we support two families through the Community Enrichment Center's Adopt-A-Family Program. Club members also volunteer in the Meals On Wheels Program, provide funds and volunteer for the Angel Tree and other Christmas time activities, tutor and read to "English as a Second Language" students at Mission Central in Hurst, and provide monetary support for books and computer technologies for its library.

The Club is very active in Rotary District 5790 programs. Each spring we conduct the Four Way Test Speech Contest, in which high school students from several high schools in our area participate. This past year, the winners of our contest had a great showing in the Rotary District 5790 Competition.

The Rangers Baseball Game for Polio Plus in August was a lot of fun, with many of our members attending. We also participate in the Five For Water Project and the Wheel Chair Project. All of our members are Foundation Donors, and most are, or are working towards becoming, Paul Harris Fellows.

This year, The Club has obtained a District Simplified Grant to provide funding to the HALO Society to provide school supplies to 275 abused and neglected kids in our area. In conjunction with the Rotary Club of H.E.B., the Mid-Cities Pacesetters Rotary Club sponsors an international exchange student from Italy, and will be providing a new Dictionary to every third grade student in the HEB Independent School District.

We are currently working with the HEB ISD to start an Interact Club in the local High School, and hope to have it started in the spring. We look forward to this as a new opportunity to teach young people about Rotary and to encourage the practice of the ideals of Rotary in the community every day This year, we have also sent two outstanding students to RYLA.

Each year, the Mid-Cities Pacesetters Rotary Club provides and funds Scholarships to needy students in the area, in partnership with the Tarrant County Community College. This year the Club provided two Scholarships to students who would not otherwise be able to attend college, and supported a Texas A&M Student on her study abroad program in India..

We also take time to have fun. Each year we have a Christmas Party for members and their families, a Gumbo Dinner, and a Fireside Chat for all members to learn about the history of our Club, as well as Rotary International.



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September 2011 Attendance

RotaryClub	Members 9/1/2011	%	Mtgs	Members 9/30/2011	Add/Loss
Abilene - F	96	49.18%	5	97	1
Abilene South west - T	59	78.88%	4	58	(1)
Abilene Wednesday					-
Arlington - TH					-
Arlington GSW - W	35	76.85%	4	35	-
Arlington North - M	38	81.73%	3	38	-
Arlington South - F	19	51.39%	4	18	(1)
Arlington Sunrise - F	64	92.76%	5	63	(1)
Arlington Sunset - T	10	77.55%	4	14	4
Arlington West - T	34	62.00%	3	32	(2)
Azle - TH	33	66.00%	5	33	-
Bow ie - W					-
Breckenridge - T	26	76.00%	4	27	1
Brow nw ood - W					-
Burkburnett - T	39	72.44%	4	39	-
Burleson - F					-
Burleson Area Mid Day - M	28	97.31%	4	28	-
Cisco - TH					-
Cleburne - TH	77	55.15%	5	76	(1)
Coleman - M					-
Colleyville - T	11	77.00%	4	11	-
Crow ell - W					-
Decatur - TH					-
Denton - TH	86	67.80%	5	87	1
Denton South - T	36	77.78%	4	36	-
Dublin - T	23	71.00%	4	24	1
Eastland - TH	18	57.00%	5	20	2
Flow er Mound - TH	75	85.76%	4	76	1
Fort Worth East - M	33	57.00%	3	33	-
Fort Worth International - W					-
Fort Worth North - W	22	62.00%	4	22	-
Fort Worth - F	448	55.00%	4	449	1
Fort Worth South - T	63	65.96%	3	60	(3)

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Fort Worth Southw est - TH					-
Gainesville - W					-
Graham - F					-
Granbury - TH	55	74.63%	5	56	1
Grapevine - W					-
Hamlin - W					-
Haskell - TH					-
HEB - T	67	85.00%	4	67	-
Highland Village	31	92.57%	5	30	(1)
low a Park - W					-
Keller - T					-
Kennedale					-
Lake Ray Roberts - T	16	85.48%	4	14	(2)
Lew isville Morning - TH	29	94.12%	5	27	(2)
Lew isville Noon - W	56	88.21%	4	56	-
Mansfield - T	32	75.00%	4	33	1
Mansfield Sunrise - TH	22	77.14%	5	21	(1)
Metroport - F	28	88.89%	5	28	-
Mid-Cities Pacesetters - F	48	53.59%	5	49	1
Mineral Wells - W	41	78.66%	4	41	-
Nocona - T					-
Southlake - T					-
Stamford - T	31	55.00%	4	31	-
Stephenville - TH	21	86.36%	5	22	1
Vernon - T	41	54.26%	4	41	-
Weatherford - T	108	54.07%	4	107	(1)
Western Fort Worth - T	64	82.60%	3	64	-
Wichita Falls North - F	31	81.00%	4	31	-
Wichita Falls - TH	80	67.61%	5	79	(1)
Wichita Falls Southw est - M	29	84.09%	3	30	1

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"WICHITA FALLS ROTARY CLUBS" "Celebrate World Polio Day"

Wichita Falls Mayor Glenn Barham proclaimed October 24, 2011 World Polio Day in Wichita Falls at the October 18 meeting of the Wichita Falls City Council.

On hand for the event were (from left) Mayor Barham, Wichita Falls Southwest Publicity Chair Deb West, Assistant Governor Larry Petrash, Wichita Falls Southwest Membership Chair Sally Gray, Wichita Falls North President Ann Lucas, Wichita Falls President Roger Devilbiss, and Wichita Falls Southwest President Tom Key.





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Comments and suggestions welcome.



(Top Left) Karen Hirst, receives her PHF + 4 pin from PDG Bill Harnagel.

(Bottom Left) Bill Miller receives his PHF + 6 from PDG Bill Harnagel.



(Above) Arlington Sunrise members are pictured with students at Thornton Elementary School during presentation of dictionaries

HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE???

Does your club have an upcoming event that you want to share with other Rotarians? Did you just complete a project or fundraiser? Let others in the district know!

Please send us a write up and pictures to include in the newsletter. See the contact information to the left.

COMING IN THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER...

December is Family Month.

You'll find articles about District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants, the District Conference and Wheelchairs.

Arlington Sunrise, Bowie, Colleyville, and Denton South will let us know what is going on with their clubs.