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The Impact of One Member

On Monday, February 23, 2015, Rotarians around the world will celebrate our 110th birthday! To think that this organization has grown from four men to 1,214,816 men and women is amazing. And each and every one of those members has given of themselves in some way, shape, form or fashion. Our members are the foundation of our organization, however, in Zones 24 & 32 we are not reinforcing and expanding our base, according to the most recent information.

The goals that we set for this year, state that we would **grow every club by +1 new member** and **grow every District by +1 new club** in 2014-15. Unfortunately, when we look at our year-to-date numbers, the news isn't good. We are only up by +268 members (through January 9). In Zone 24, seven Districts are in the red, and in Zone 32, eight Districts are in the red. And between our two Zones, we have only chartered one new Rotary club since July 1. In order to meet our goal, we need to grow our Zones by an additional 1,638 members (746 in Zone 24 and 892 in Zone 32) and 36 Rotary clubs. At our January Board meeting, when President-elect Ravi asked me if I thought our goal was attainable, I said, "yes!" And as President Gary has demonstrated all over the world, we need to invite our family, friends, and colleagues to join us.

All of us were asked to join Rotary by someone. Now just imagine for a moment what *your* world would be like if that person had not asked you to join. What would the world of the people you've helped be like right now? We all know the impact that Rotary has had on us but may never know the impact we have on others.

Last month, many of us were at the International Assembly when we learned of PRIVP and Trustee Monty Audenart's death. Since then, many have shared their memories of Monty and the impact that he had in his club and on its members, the positive impact he had on the various service projects around the world in which he was involved, and most notable the powerful impact he had on so many individual Rotarians. Monty touched so many of us with his words of support and encouragement. He was our friend, our teacher, and our mentor. You can read more of Monty's life and legacy on page 12 of this Newsletter.

Monty demonstrated in life and in death the impact one person can have on so many! Let's all spend the next five months meeting our membership goal! Let's strengthen our clubs by bringing in 1,638 new members with new ideas and growing our Districts by creating 36 new clubs. Let's feel the impact that one new member in each club can have on all of us. By increasing the number of heads, hearts and hands we have in Rotary, we will make sure that we will be ready to **Be a Gift to the World** and at the same time continue to **Light Up Rotary**.

—Julia



Be a gift to the world

Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotarians worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.

"All of you have been given so many gifts," K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran said to the incoming governors. "And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World. You have one year to take that potential and turn it into reality. One year to lead the clubs in your District and transform the lives of others. The time is so short, yet there is so much to be done."

Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, used Rotary's successes in the fight to eradicate polio to illustrate the impact Rotary can have in the world. In all of 2014, around 333 cases were reported. "We will prevail," he said.

Ravindran discussed Rotary's other challenges, including membership.

"We have to bring back the fundamentals that built our organization: the emphasis on high ethical standards in all aspects of our lives, and the classification system that encourages a diversity of expertise in each club," he said. "Too often these ideas are viewed as little more than inconvenient obstacles to increasing our membership. But they have been essential to Rotary's success, and we ignore them at our own peril."

Ravindran told attendees that the focus on branding is essential to helping Rotary grow. Rotary also needs to continue to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation, attract new members, and encourage greater participation from current members, he added.

Leadership

Challenges of an International Assembly Seminar Trainer

By Jeffry Cadorette, Seminar Training Leader, 2015 International Assembly

The annual changeover of Rotary leadership at every level necessitates an annual training cycle that prepares those leaders to serve. In the case of District Governors, training that begins locally and regionally around the world culminates at the International Assembly (IA) in January in San Diego. There, 540 District Governors-elect converge from 200 countries and regions to complete their training that prepares them to take office on July 1.

The President-elect (Ravi Ravindran) and the Moderator of the IA (John Blount from California) select 40 International Training Leaders to conduct that training. It is an assignment that is widely considered "the best job in Rotary." This year, Zone 24 was represented by Ross Tyson, serving his second year, and Zone 32 was represented by Ernie Louise.



Two Rotarians (in 2015 this writer and Jennifer Scott from Australia) are selected by the President-elect to be Seminar Trainers and train the Training Leaders. The Training Leaders arrive in San Diego one week prior to the Governors-elect for their final preparation for their role. It is a major commitment of time and talent. It is an intense two weeks for them with a heavy workload. The preparation begins months earlier with webinars, communication, and studying the curriculum which has been finalized by the Learning and Development team at Rotary International. Parallel to that, the Seminar Trainers meet in Evanston in the fall with the President-elect, the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator and the staff from the Learning and Development Division at RI to prepare for the Leaders Seminar. Subsequent to that meeting, the Moderator and the Seminar Trainers meet weekly via Skype and are in consistent contact with the Learning and Development team.

The role of Seminar Trainer is not without its challenges. The Leaders Seminar is conducted in six languages with simultaneous interpretation. Assembled is a group of all-star facilitators from around the world. Unlike the training they have conducted locally and regionally back home, the Training Leaders need to be skilled at facilitating 10 different break-out sessions to groups of Governors-elect who represent many different cultures, languages, and customs. The goal is to mold a group of 40 all-stars into a team that can consistently deliver the curriculum in a manner appropriate for adult learners and to help them hone their facilitation skills so that each session is providing value to the Governors-elect.

The Seminar Trainers demonstrate and role model sessions. They provide training in facilitation techniques and other skills that will allow the Training Leaders to be the best that they can be the following week. The Training Leaders conduct practice sessions themselves and observe sessions conducted by their colleagues during the Leaders Seminar. Evaluating and coaching them during the Leaders Seminar extends through the International Assembly and is aimed at continuous improvement.

In the end, the rewards far exceed the challenges as the group is molded into a world class training team. Members have developed a life-long bond, and friendships and memories will last forever. If the training team is successful, the results show up on June 30 of the Governor's year — they will have delivered a best-ever year for their Districts and for Rotary. That translates into all languages as communities that are better served by Rotarians.

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Wagons, Ho!

By Mike McCarthy, Zone 32 Assistant Rotary Coordinator



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The library in Downingtown, PA, was moving and needed some help. So the Rotary Club of Thorndale-Downingtown, in District 7450, under President Timothy Taylor organized the community to pitch in with "little red wagons" to haul books to the new location.

The Rotary Club devised a plan to manage the move, to make sure that library resources were not damaged, to involve the community, and to raise funds for the library. The plan was presented to the library board and accepted. This invigorated library board members who have been on a long journey to find a location, fund construction and build the new library.

The Rotary Club advertised to let the community know their help was needed and to encourage them to participate in the event. Prizes were to be awarded for the best decorated wagon, the most appropriately named wagon, the wagon with the most number of sponsors, the largest amount of sponsor funding collected by a wagon, and a drawing from among the early registrations.



Michael P. Rellahan / Daily Local News

The move was coordinated and occurred over the Christmas/New Year's holiday to take advantage of school vacation. The wagon move was scheduled for Saturday, January 3, with a snow date one week later. In the meantime, all of the books were packed in boxes by community volunteers, Boy Scouts, and students.

On a cold January day, the community gathered with their wagons to move the library! A Civil War cannon fired to start the wagon

train at 8:00 o'clock. Each wagon was fitted with its own license plate courtesy of one of the Rotarians. The neighboring Rotary Club of Coatesville joined in and provided refreshments. The wagons proceeded down the sidewalk following a route that had been laid out by the Club to provide safety for the participants and avoid wagon congestion. The local fire and police provided assistance at key street crossings.

Many children said they were glad to help the library, which provides programs they enjoy. Community members stayed afterward in the new building, marveling at what they had accomplished. This was one project that really made an impact on the community and provided a healthy sense of accomplishment for the Rotarians. It also grabbed the attention of local media with coverage in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* and the West Chester *Daily Local News* as well as on area radio stations reaching one of the largest media markets in the USA that includes D7450 and five neighboring Districts.

How are They Chosen?

All Rotary Peace Fellow master's degree candidates are asked to rank up to three schools (out of the five available globally) that they would like to attend. All applications that meet the eligibility requirements are read by both the Rotary Peace Center directors at the three universities, as well as the Rotary Peace Centers Committee members.

Each Center director and Committee members assign a score to each application. If scores for a given application are not congruent, the Center directors and Committee members are asked to decide upon an agreeable score.

Then the "fun" begins. Center directors draw straws to decide who goes first. Just like a sports draft, each university rep takes turn making his/her selection until the last seat is filled.

The system is designed to make sure that the best applicants are selected, and that the universities have equal chance to get their choice. So far, so good.

But in the past few years, the number of overall district endorsed applications has risen and now, approximately 1 in four applicants is accepted.

So what can you do to make sure your applicant has the best chance? First, each applicant should research each of the universities before ranking their preference to ensure that they are best suited for that program. And second, if the applicant is not selected in the first round, they should very much consider applying the following year!



Rotary Peace Fellowships



Foundation Facts

A Day at Chulalongkorn University

By PDG Marty Peak Helman

Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok is home to the Rotary Peace Center's certificate program. Every year, 50 mid-life professionals are selected in a worldwide search to come to Chula for three months to study peace and conflict resolution. Rotary's Peace Fellows are more typically master's degree students; this program was devised a decade ago with the idea of providing study for today's working professionals — and those for whom a full two-year masters is less appropriate.

Last month, I was fortunate to be able to sit in on a day's worth of classes.

As I looked around the room, I realized that I was surrounded by people who have personally known war (from Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina); oppression (Sri Lanka, Palestine); terrorism (Kenya) as well as professionals from the west.

Male, female; black, white, brown; young, not so young (the average age is in the high 40s). The students currently work in non-profits and for governments. Some have

degrees and advanced degrees already, others not so. In fact, of the 22 students in the room, all they really had in common was versatility in English.

Because it was the first week of the program, the professor, Thomas Woodhouse from Bradford University in the UK, was setting some basics so that the students would have a common vocabulary for the next three months of classes and two field excursions. He was offering data-sets to describe the "science of peace." It's a remarkable thing that we — as a society — frequently study the science of war, but peace is something we seldom study.

Today, he introduced the students to the Global Peace Index, which ranks countries by 30 or so metrics to define just how peaceful they really are. Canada ranks "very high" as the seventh most peaceful country in the world. The U.S. ranks lower because it not only engages in war, but tops the international list by percentage of its own people incarcerated. Norway loses points because it sells weapons of war to other countries. Interestingly, the country that ranks highest (most peaceful) on the list is Iceland.

Then, the students broke into small groups to discuss both their own country's listing and the Index as a whole. Among the concerns: That the findings were done from the outside, and missed nuances. That Palestine was not included — but were its statistics applied to Israel, or did they disappear?. Of course, no tool is perfect, but at least there is a Global Peace Index (www.visionofhumanity.org).

In a world in which we more typically study war but not peace, Rotary is investing in the future — the future of our planet as well as the future of these students — to provide a worldwide network of professionals who study peace and can work in areas of human rights, anti-corruption, security, environment and more to turn their dreams of peace into reality.

Every Girl. Everywhere. Period.

By Celeste Mergens, District 5050

"What are the girls doing for feminine hygiene?" In 2008, I was working on education initiatives in Kenya and I asked this question of one of directors at a local orphanage.

The answer was shocking: *"Nothing. They wait in their rooms."*

... and Days for Girls International was born.

One of the keys to reversing cycles of poverty and bringing more equity for women lies in sanitation. Millions of girls and women worldwide suffer days of isolation, infection, and exploitation due to a perhaps surprising issue—lack of menstrual hygiene management. If you just gasped, you're not alone. Many of us have never considered its impact on global development or would rather talk about anything but menstruation. However, Rotarians might not be surprised that one of the major causes of disempowerment of girls and women in poverty is their monthly cycle. In the February 2014 issue of *Rotarian* magazine, Rose George summed the taboo up, "Menstruation. There, we said it. Now let's talk about it, because girls are suffering." In fact, in this decade, Rotary is already stepping up to help. WASRAG (Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group) announced at the 2014 International Rotary Convention in Sydney that menstrual hygiene management will be one of its targets.

Days for Girls International (www.DaysforGirls.org) is a global leader in this work, and was featured at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney. Since its founding six years ago, the organization has reached girls, women and communities in 76 nations throughout the world. In Rotary style, we have sought local feedback so that our washable hygiene kits and accompanying women's health education is culturally, physically and environmentally feasible. Rotary is an important partner. The Kaysville Rotary Club in District 5050 held a community-wide funding and awareness event to establish a Days for Girls SHE (Sewing and Health Enterprise) in Mali, helping start a community-based washable pad business, where business and women's leadership combine to make more kits possible in communities.

Bill Gorman, from the Bellingham Bay Rotary Club distributed these kits in Guatemala, "We saved the kits for last. We were hesitant to share them but it was a big deal. They were so animated about receiving them. It's life-changing for the young women to have access to these hygiene kits and really kind of profound for the American high school girls who were with us as well. Such a big impact with such a simple solution."

Vida Peterson, a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Port Moody, who is also president of the board of Days for Girls Canada, says, "Our club gave a grant to pay for about a year's supplies and paid for Days for Girls Canada to become a registered Canadian charity. As a result we are expanding and have made and sent kits to Haiti, the Philippines, as well as to South Africa via containers shipped by Rotary World Help Program. And setting up a Days for Girls Sewing and Health Enterprise not only helps the girls receive kits but also will be providing employment to 10 women. "We know that for each woman employed, 10 more are fed as a result, continues Vida. "That's important community impact that I'm delighted to be part of, thanks to two of my passions, Rotary and Days for Girls."

So how can your Rotary club make a difference?

- ◆ Donate to Days for Girls International directly.
- ◆ Support a Chapter or team, supplying funds for kit materials to be completed into kits.
- ◆ Partner with Days for Girls by taking kits with you on Rotary project expeditions or by funding and helping steward a Days for Girls SHE (Sewing and Health Enterprise).
- ◆ Invite a Days for Girls Chapter to speak at your club about this issue (there are already 315+ chapters and teams on six continents) and raise awareness.
- ◆ Make kits yourself!

For more information, visit www.daysforgirls.org



Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation (first half- July-December 2014)

District	Members FY 2014-15	No. of Clubs	District Goal FY 2014-15	Annual Fund YTD	Annual Fund LYTD	Annual Fund Per Capita YTD	Annual Fund Per Capita LYTD	Annual Fund Per Capita FY 2014-15	EREY Donors YTD	Total Giving YTD
2225	501	27	\$49,900	\$8,945	\$14,376	\$17.85	\$30.65	\$67.62	162	\$12,199
5010	1,726	40	\$329,130	\$162,745	\$180,313	\$94.29	\$103.99	\$179.51	865	\$230,172
5040	1,477	50	\$161,425	\$159,601	\$146,754	\$108.06	\$96.93	\$196.85	581	\$309,671
5050	2,635	58	\$374,834	\$229,830	\$258,212	\$87.22	\$99.16	\$163.16	1310	\$455,636
5060	2,582	59	\$246,505	\$242,391	\$215,283	\$93.88	\$80.87	\$146.82	1283	\$303,871
5360	1,983	48	\$247,435	\$198,554	\$181,034	\$100.13	\$88.83	\$442.64	512	\$345,623
5370	2,247	61	\$284,522	\$183,585	\$188,025	\$81.70	\$83.01	\$154.27	857	\$538,267
5550	1,513	47	\$95,000	\$111,954	\$108,442	\$73.99	\$68.46	\$96.48	423	\$228,631
6330	1,827	61	\$169,773	\$117,719	\$123,699	\$64.43	\$68.61	\$106.97	636	\$235,560
7010	1,556	44	\$211,149	\$161,129	\$172,170	\$103.55	\$110.79	\$171.78	902	\$232,276
7040	1,915	69	\$131,985	\$86,626	\$80,018	\$45.24	\$40.74	\$93.84	385	\$155,114
7070	2,006	54	\$222,678	\$197,344	\$208,317	\$98.38	\$102.82	\$154.51	976	\$345,962
7080	1,704	49	\$262,365	\$162,217	\$157,800	\$95.20	\$89.61	\$157.10	805	\$230,584
7090	2,411	70	\$273,666	\$152,048	\$176,348	\$63.06	\$73.39	\$134.78	643	\$293,091
7790	1,745	52	\$75,693	\$51,743	\$44,086	\$29.65	\$25.03	\$60.03	402	\$90,451
7810	1,180	39	\$119,305	\$44,294	\$49,120	\$37.54	\$40.93	\$79.59	175	\$61,909
7820	1,557	46	\$153,756	\$90,043	\$75,905	\$57.83	\$47.71	\$77.51	339	\$234,682
Zone 24	30,565	874	\$3,409,121	\$2,360,775	\$2,379,910	\$77.24	\$76.80	\$153.26	11,256	\$4,303,706
7210	1,643	62	\$47,045	\$39,301	\$58,754	\$23.92	\$34.70	\$90.56	284	\$181,221
7230	1,376	46	\$12,900	\$54,436	\$47,626	\$39.56	\$33.92	\$84.66	425	\$92,950
7255	1,826	77	\$13,240	\$53,317	\$42,560	\$29.20	\$23.66	\$89.08	254	\$134,194
7390	2,335	46	\$179,010	\$144,492	\$165,551	\$61.88	\$70.53	\$137.70	897	\$240,488
7410	1,059	42	\$114,115	\$35,839	\$28,836	\$33.84	\$26.75	\$78.19	243	\$50,288
7430	1,768	43	\$209,695	\$100,224	\$83,224	\$56.69	\$45.30	\$100.62	514	\$274,444
7450	1,508	51	\$66,543	\$76,285	\$84,386	\$50.59	\$56.18	\$111.79	450	\$112,239
7470	1,177	51	\$119,050	\$32,031	\$37,877	\$27.21	\$30.97	\$107.39	209	\$94,431
7490	1,270	53	\$58,198	\$22,383	\$23,796	\$17.62	\$18.78	\$46.88	173	\$24,018
7500	1,158	40	\$101,040	\$33,706	\$29,598	\$29.11	\$24.79	\$108.58	174	\$57,092
7510	1,096	40	\$58,780	\$21,873	\$26,656	\$19.96	\$24.06	\$97.81	151	\$34,159
7640	1,125	50	\$28,432	\$29,240	\$28,848	\$25.99	\$24.87	\$64.40	87	\$35,767
7780	1,613	39	\$173,179	\$92,147	\$67,100	\$57.13	\$40.89	\$109.56	452	\$233,417
7850	1,536	42	\$67,600	\$55,895	\$56,267	\$36.39	\$35.98	\$80.30	274	\$76,555
7870	2,118	60	\$30,825	\$65,639	\$85,549	\$30.99	\$39.22	\$74.37	351	\$122,780
7890	2,155	60	\$130,690	\$66,782	\$61,347	\$30.99	\$27.55	\$88.11	431	\$101,163
7910	1,576	51	\$130,550	\$69,146	\$53,963	\$43.90	\$36.14	\$120.19	390	\$117,908
7930	1,955	48	\$151,855	\$71,984	\$76,702	\$36.82	\$40.10	\$119.90	520	\$101,760
7950	2,315	66	\$64,910	\$63,713	\$60,660	\$27.52	\$25.74	\$67.99	426	\$132,788
7980	2,209	61	\$246,710	\$146,862	\$123,141	\$66.48	\$54.27	\$129.55	787	\$192,449
Zone 32	32,817	1,028	\$2,004,367	\$1,275,303	\$1,242,449	\$38.66	\$37.36	\$96.91	7,492	\$2,410,122

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Foundation Facts

Leaving a Legacy with The Rotary Foundation of Canada

by Chris Offer, Zone 24 Major Gifts Officer

Rotarians donate to The Rotary Foundation because they are passionate about the lives that we change. We don't donate for tax benefits, but should benefit from the available tax credits. There are key differences between Canadian and U.S. tax law. This article focuses on Canada. A future article will be on U.S. tax credits.

The Rotary Foundation (Canada) is a registered Canadian charity. It has its own board of directors with representation from the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. It issues tax receipts for donations made in Canada and other related responsibilities.

The Canadian federal credit is 15 percent on the first \$200 of charitable donations and 29 percent on the amount in excess of \$200. With provincial tax savings, donations in excess of \$200 will save you anywhere from 40.2 percent to 50 percent, depending on your income level and province.

The temporary First-Time Donor's Super Credit permits first-time donors an additional 25 percent federal tax credit on up to \$1,000 in donations. This is an ideal opportunity for new Rotarians. This one-time credit may only be claimed once in the 2013 to 2017 taxation years. You are considered a "first-time donor" if neither you nor your spouse claimed a charitable tax credit in the last five years.

For example, let's say the last time you donated to a charity was in 2007. In 2015, you make a \$500 donation to The Rotary Foundation (Canada). Your federal donation credit is **\$242** [calculated: $(\$200 \times 15\%) + (\$300 \times 29\%) + (\$500 \times 25\%)$]. When the provincial credit is added, your tax savings can be considerable.

If you own publicly traded stocks and donate them to The Rotary Foundation (Canada), you'll save on the capital gains tax. Giving publicly traded stocks can offer a significant advantage compared to cash, especially if you make a major donation. The Rotary Foundation (Canada) has a designated broker to accept gifts of securities.

Bequests are the form of planned gift most frequently chosen by dedicated Rotarians who decide to include Rotary as a beneficiary in their estate plans. Bequests allow Rotarians to feel confident that they have left a legacy to "Do Good in the World." A bequest entitles the estate to a charitable tax receipt for the full value of the bequest. This can appreciably reduce the amount of tax payable.

Bequests can be in the form of a cash legacy, a residue amount or material gift. Canadian Rotarians should work with their lawyer or notary to ensure The Rotary Foundation (Canada) is unambiguously named in their will, including the Charitable Organization Number 11912 5797 RR0001.

You can also name The Rotary Foundation (Canada) as the beneficiary of a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP) or Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF).

When The Rotary Foundation (Canada) is designated as the beneficiary of your RRSP/RRIF, the gift is eligible for a tax credit. The charitable credit should eliminate the entire tax on the RRSP/RRIF.

This is a quick overview of opportunities for Canadian Rotarians and friends of Rotary. In all cases you should consult with a financial advisor regarding tax issues to ensure current information. Please contact one of the Zone Foundation team listed in this newsletter for further information.

At the request of Rotarians, The Rotary Foundation will acknowledge the donor with the appropriate Major Donor, Arch Klumph Society or Bequest Society recognition.

Club Central Utilization – TRF Goals and Progress Indicators

	Annual Fund				Polio		Major Gifts	
		YTD Pro- gress	Ave of 4 Indications	YTD Pro- gress		YTD Pro- gress	Ave of 3 Indicators	YTD Pro- gress
District	% Clubs with Goals	% Clubs (Actual Par- ticipation)	% Clubs with Goals	% Clubs (Actual Par- ticipation)	% Clubs with Goals	% Clubs (Actual Par- ticipation)	% Clubs w goals	% Clubs (Actual par- ticipation)
2225	100.0	50.0	28.0	16.3	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
5010	96.0	83.0	36.5	48.0	25.0	58.0	10.0	2.0
5040	54.0	86.0	41.5	49.0	40.0	64.0	23.3	3.3
5050	100.0	84.0	46.8	55.8	100.0	79.0	19.3	4.7
5060	53.0	88.0	32.0	50.8	34.0	59.0	17.7	3.3
5360	96.0	83.0	36.5	48.0	25.0	58.0	10.0	2.0
5370	69.0	85.0	47.3	52.0	56.0	75.0	25.7	6.7
5550	45.0	87.0	24.8	49.3	30.0	83.0	17.7	1.0
Ave Zone 24W	76.6	80.8	36.7	46.1	39.8	60.5	15.5	15.5
6330	100.0	85.0	51.8	48.8	70.0	77.0	23.3	1.6
7010	64.0	86.0	51.8	56.5	57.0	74.0	44.3	9.3
7040	52.0	70.0	36.0	35.8	46.0	39.0	33.6	5.3
7070	100.0	96.0	29.8	58.5	96.0	67.0	94.0	3.0
7080	82.0	82.0	38.5	42.3	73.0	61.0	14.0	7.0
7090	86.0	76.0	49.3	42.3	69.0	63.0	29.3	3.0
7790	86.0	76.0	49.3	42.3	69.0	63.0	29.3	3.0
7810	69.0	69.0	39.5	37.3	46.0	49.0	8.6	0.0
7820	98.0	89.0	50.3	46.0	52.0	73.0	73.0	13.6
Ave Zone 24E	81.9	81.0	44.0	45.5	64.2	62.9	38.8	5.1
7210	18.0	61.0	11.3	24.8	11.0	6.0	5.0	1.7
7230	9.0	17.0	4.0	28.0	7.0	26.0	6.0	0.0
7255	5.0	53.0	4.5	21.5	5.0	4.0	2.3	1.3
7390	52.0	83.0	37.0	47.3	41.0	2.0	22.7	2.7
7410	100.0	76.0	32.8	29.8	18.0	33.0	9.0	2.3
7430	100.0	91.0	60.5	53.0	93.0	60.0	49.7	11.0
7450	37.0	98.0	16.8	61.0	14.0	55.0	8.7	0.0
7470	88.0	52.0	26.0	23.0	84.0	42.0	0.0	0.7
7490	38.0	58.0	23.0	24.0	16.0	10.0	8.7	0.0
7500	100.0	50.0	40.8	21.3	23.0	18.0	8.0	0.0
7510	45.0	65.0	22.0	25.8	28.0	30.0	1.0	1.0
7640	14.0	63.0	8.0	24.0	8.0	41.0	2.0	0.0
7780	9.0	92.0	76.3	55.3	67.0	56.0	37.7	1.0
7850	36.0	74.0	21.5	38.3	17.0	45.0	10.7	0.7
7870	15.0	67.0	8.5	31.5	10.0	33.0	5.0	1.3
7890	62.0	77.0	37.8	35.3	48.0	55.0	12.0	0.7
7910	35.0	75.0	23.8	33.5	25.0	27.0	4.0	2.7
7930	54.0	90.0	41.8	46.3	46.0	35.0	30.3	0.0
7950	33.0	68.0	18.5	31.0	20.0	50.0	14.0	1.3
7980	70.0	82.0	48.3	45.5	33.0	30.0	20.0	0.0
Ave Zone 32	46.0	69.6	28.1	35.0	30.7	32.9	12.8	1.4
Ave 24 & 32	68.17	77.12	36.26	42.20	44.89	52.10	22.37	7.32

2014 Polio Statistics: *We're This Close!*



The first wild poliovirus (type 1) in 2015 has been reported; it happened in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region of Pakistan. As unfortunate as this news is, it's a major improvement over 2014: By this time last year four wild virus polio cases had already been reported.

Globally, 337 cases of wild poliovirus (type 1) were reported in endemic countries in 2014, and another 19 were reported in non-endemic countries for a total of 356 cases worldwide. The breakdown is as follows:

Endemic countries:

- ◆ Pakistan: 303 cases in 2014
- ◆ Afghanistan: 28
- ◆ Nigeria: 6 cases (most recent in July 2014)

Non-endemic countries:

- ◆ Somalia: 5 cases in 2014 (most recent in August 2014)
- ◆ Equatorial Guinea: 5 (most recent in May)
- ◆ Iraq: 2 (most recent in April)
- ◆ Cameroon: 5 (most recent in July)
- ◆ Syria: 1 (in January 2014)
- ◆ Ethiopia: 1 (in January 2014)

Pakistan accounted for more than 85 percent of wild poliovirus (type 1) cases worldwide in 2014.

To address the situation, the Pakistani government has put in place emergency measures to take advantage of the upcoming "low season" for polio transmission (the early part of 2015). This low season plan is based on lessons learned on accessing populations in insecure areas, engaging communities, and fixing remaining operational challenges.

—Polio Global Eradication Initiative

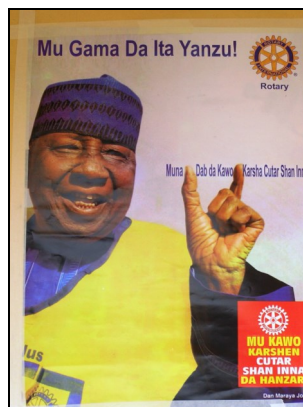
Polio Plus

Six Months Polio-Free! A Turnaround in Nigeria

As Nigeria marks six months without a new case of polio, Rotary has announced \$8.1 million in grants to help the country in its final push to eradicate the disease within its borders. The funds will be used by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF to support polio immunization campaigns, research and surveillance in the country.

Nigeria, the last polio-endemic country in Africa, reported the highest number of polio cases in the world as recently as 2012. However, the country showed remarkable progress in 2014, when it reduced its polio case count by nearly 90 percent over the previous year. The funding commitment from Rotary comes at a critical time, as the country has a prime opportunity to take advantage of these gains and end the disease for good.

"Nigeria has made incredible progress against polio this past year and I'm proud to see our country reduced cases by nearly 90 percent in 2014," said Funke Akindele, actress and Rotary polio ambassador. "With funds from Rotary, the continued support of Ro-



tarians in Nigeria and around the world, I believe there will be a day when no child in Nigeria will be at risk of this disease."

Commitment from all levels of the Nigerian government to ending the paralyzing disease has proved crucial to the country's recent progress. Experts urge political leaders to maintain this focus, even amidst Nigeria's upcoming national elections next month.

Recent polio outbreaks in the Horn of Africa and Central Africa stemmed from poliovirus that originated in Nigeria. These outbreaks appear to have been effectively stopped in 2014; however, the continued presence of the virus in Nigeria puts countries in Africa at-risk for renewed outbreaks. In addition to the \$8.1 million in funds for Nigeria, Rotary has committed \$18.5 million to be divided among an additional seven countries in Africa. The grants include \$1.6 million for Cameroon; \$2.5 million for Chad; \$3.3 million for the Democratic Republic of Congo; \$1.1 million for Ethiopia; \$250,000 for Kenya; \$2.8 million for Niger; and \$7 million for Somalia.

Outside of Africa, Rotary also announced grants of \$1.1 million for Pakistan and \$6.7 million for Afghanistan. In addition to Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the two other countries in the world where polio has never been stopped.

To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion to fight polio. Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match two-to-one every dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication (up to \$35 million a year). In 2014, there were only 350 confirmed polio cases in the world, down from about 350,000 a year when the initiative launched in 1988.

— African Press Organization

Membership Growth Comparison — 2012 to 2015 YTD

District	July 1, 2012	June 30, 2014	2014-15				Cumulative Total	
			Jul 1 2014	Jan 22 2015	# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
					June 30 to Jan 22		July 2012 to Jan 2015	
2225	489	500	501	466	-34	-6.80%	-23	-4.70%
5010	1774	1736	1726	1727	-9	-0.52%	-47	-2.65%
5040	1524	1503	1477	1489	-14	-0.93%	-35	-2.30%
5050	2744	2658	2635	2630	-28	-1.05%	-114	-4.15%
5060	2712	2629	2582	2654	25	0.95%	-58	-2.14%
5360	2159	2003	1971	1980	-23	-1.15%	-179	-8.29%
5370	2249	2279	2247	2285	6	0.26%	36	1.60%
5550	1606	1523	1513	1545	22	1.44%	-61	-3.80%
Total Zone 24W	15,257	14,831	14,652	14,776	-55	-0.37%	-481	-3.15%
6330	1943	1827	1827	1816	-11	-0.60%	-127	-6.54%
7010	1580	1582	1524	1545	-37	-2.34%	-35	-2.22%
7040 ②	2075	1922	1915	1882	-40	-2.08%	-193	-9.30%
7070	2070	2032	2006	2057	25	1.23%	-13	-0.63%
7080	1783	1724	1704	1726	2	0.12%	-57	-3.20%
7090	2483	2447	2411	2394	-53	-2.17%	-89	-3.58%
7790 ②	1799	1758	1723	1728	-30	-1.71%	-71	-3.95%
7810	1233	1187	1180	1221	34	2.86%	-12	-0.97%
7820	1576	1584	1557	1563	-21	-1.33%	-13	0.82%
Total Zone 24E	16,542	16,063	16,542	15,932	-131	-0.82%	-610	-3.69%
7210	1727	1675	1643	1650	-25	-1.49%	-77	-4.46%
7230	1502	1395	1376	1331	-64	-4.59%	-171	-11.38%
7255 ①	1980	1858	1721	1765	-93	-5.01%	NA	NA
7390	2435	2344	2335	2363	19	0.81%	-72	-2.96%
7410	1033	1069	1052	1064	-5	-0.47%	31	3.00%
7430	1894	1804	1768	1780	-24	-1.33%	-114	-6.02%
7450	1607	1525	1508	1506	-19	-1.25%	-101	-6.29%
7470	1274	1182	1171	1195	13	1.10%	-79	-6.20%
7490	1256	1283	1187	1198	-85	-6.63%	58	4.62%
7500	1201	1169	1185	1160	-9	-0.77%	-41	-3.41%
7510	1165	1097	1092	1080	-17	-1.55%	-85	-7.30%
7640	1222	1132	1119	1097	-35	-3.09%	-125	-10.23%
7780 ②	1773	1650	1613	1649	-1	-0.06%	-124	-6.99%
7850	1604	1579	1536	1517	-62	-3.93%	-87	-5.42%
7870 ②	2281	2141	2118	2163	22	1.03%	-118	-5.17%
7890	2288	2197	2155	2149	-48	-2.18%	-139	-6.08%
7910	1475	1599	1575	1568	-31	-1.94%	93	6.31%
7930 ②	1916	1967	1955	1962	-5	-0.25%	46	2.40%
7950	2462	2353	2197	2327	-26	-1.10%	-135	-5.48%
7980	2362	2238	2308	2250	12	0.54%	-112	-4.74%
Total Zone 32	34,457	33,257	33,614	32,774	-483	-1.45%	-1683	-4.88%
Total 24 & 32	66,256	64,151	63,808	63,482	-669	-1.04%	-2774	-4.19%

Data based on official RI reports on dates indicated.

① D7250 and 7260 merged to form 7255 effective July 1, 2013; two-year District history is not available.

② Reflects transfer of one club from 7780 to 7930, transfer of two clubs from 7930 to 7870; transfer of one club from 7040 to 7790.

Calendar of Events

March-April, 2015 — Spring semester, Rotary Leadership Institute. For dates, locations and to register, go to www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Friday, June 5, 2015 — Beyond Borders Dinner, Sao Paulo Hilton Morumbi. 6:30 cocktails; 7:00 dinner. \$75 for first 200 registrants, then the price rises to \$99. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/BBD2015>. FMI: Carol Toomey, carolrotary@aol.com

June 6-9, 2015 — Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Register at riconvention@rotary.org. Learn about Host Organization Committee events at www.rotary2015saopaulo.br

September 21-27, 2015 — 2015 Zone 24-32 Institute, Providence, RI. "Get Fired Up for Rotary" at the Omni Providence Hotel, Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. Registration is open: <http://rotaryzones24-32.org>. FMI: PDG Liz Cullen, Institute Chair, lizcullen@yahoo.com



*Bald
Pate for
Polio*

Bill Patchett, Zone 24E End Polio Now Coordinator from District 7070's Cobourg Rotary Club (shown above with fellow club member Dr. Bob Scott), has found a very personal way to maximize his polio fundraising:

On Dec. 31 he challenged Cobourg Rotarians to donate \$20 each to PolioPlus if he shaved his head. Patchett has been undergoing medical treatment. "I was losing my hair so I decided to turn it into a fundraiser," he said.

Within a few days he had raised nearly \$5,000. People were donating \$50 and \$100 each, he said.

"It's unbelievable," he said. "The support from this community is huge."

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Packaging Good Ideas

If there's one thing you can say about Rotarians, it is that they come up with absolutely terrific ideas for having fun while raising money for their various projects.

This year's Governor-elect colleagues from the seven districts of the Mid-Northeast PETS Alliance came up with an idea for packaging our respective "favorite fundraiser" ideas, so that they could be distributed throughout our districts.

Our test case was positively received, so we expanded the idea, and at the 2014 Zone gathering in Toronto, we challenged all our Governor-elect classmates in Zones 24 and 32 to add their favorite fundraisers to the growing collection.

As an outcome of the test case, the suggestion was made to add graphics of the posters or flyers that advertised their event. Including these graphics within the booklet not only makes the booklet more visually appealing, but also serves to provide additional ideas on marketing events.

Currently, just over 30 fundraiser descriptions have been collected and packaged into a booklet (available for PDF download). All Rotary clubs in Zones 24 and 32 are welcome to submit their own ideas at any time from now through the current Rotary 2015-16 year.

The final version of the booklet will be distributed to all Districts in May 2016 for their use. For an input form, contact Governor-elect Barbara Belón at bjbelon@gmail.com.

—Barbara Belón

Leadership

Monty Audenart ...

Past RI Vice President and Rotary Foundation Trustee Monty J. Audenart, member of the Rotary Club of Red Deer East, AB, died in January. In true Monty style, he wrote his own obituary, which is excerpted here:

"I attended the University of Alberta where I graduated from dentistry in 1977. I practiced in Vermilion and Red Deer, and Nunavut, and offered my services to less fortunate people in Jamaica, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Thailand, Mexico, Russia and the Amazon. Sometimes my daughters came with me. It was a grand adventure. It never ever seemed like work.

"I joined Rotary in 1987, and served as Club President, District Governor, Rotary International Director and Vice President, and Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, and lots of in-betweens. [Ed. note: Those "in-betweens" include RI Board Executive Committee member, International Assembly assistant moderator and moderator, RI Training Leader, Regional RI Membership Coordinator, and RI Membership Zone Coordinator.]

"Rotary gave Liz and me friends worldwide and so many opportunities to serve the community and beyond. Rotary changes lives, including my own. I never seemed to be able to repay Rotary for all it gave me."

Monty also founded the Rotarian Action Group of Dental Volunteers. He and Liz are Major Donors and charter members of the Bequest Society.



Left to right: Monty Audenart enjoys a moment with past RI president Sakuji Tanaka and Bryn Styles.

... and Bryn Styles

Past RI Director Bryn Styles has been named to serve out Monty's term as Rotary Foundation Trustee (until 2017). In making this choice, RI President Gary Huang not only selected a Rotarian we all know and admire, but also a good friend of Monty's: "Randy and I first met Monty and Liz in 2003 at our GETS training in Moncton," Bryn remembers. "They became our mentors and our friends. While I will never be able to replace Monty, it is my hope to continue the work that he started with the values I learned from him."

Bryn joined the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron, ON, in 1986. He served as Club President, District Governor, and was RI Director representing Zones 24 and 32 in 2012-14. Bryn also has numerous "in-betweens" on his Rotary resume, including District Foundation Chair, Zone Coordinator, Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator and Council on Legislation representative.

Bryn and Randy are pharmacists who met at the University of Toronto. Randy's commitment to the ideals of Rotary has allowed Bryn to do the Rotary work that he enjoys. They belong to the Bequest Society and are members of the Arch Klumph Society. Bryn has been honored with the TRF Citation for Meritorious Service and the Service Above Self Award.

We wish Trustee Bryn all the best as he joins the Board of The Rotary Foundation and continues the work Monty so ably began.