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District 778
Charter Year 1990-1991

**"HONOR ROTARY
WITH FAITH
AND ENTHUSIASM"**



Daniel W. Mooers
District Governor

October 15, 1990

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

During the first week of October, I traveled to Rochester, NY to attend the third annual Zone 6, 8 and 12 Rotary Foundation Seminar. As I listened to the enthusiasm of Seminar Leader Lou Piconi and the other seminar presenters, my own faith in and enthusiasm for the programs of the Rotary Foundation were renewed once again and I remain more committed than ever to my belief that our Rotary Foundation truly is making great strides in bringing universal understanding and peace to the world.

The Zone Foundation Seminar provided an excellent prelude to the month of November, the month designated by Rotary International as "Rotary Foundation Month." During November each club member is encouraged to learn about Our Rotary Foundation - our international educational and charitable effort to promote world peace and understanding. At the District level we want to bring the "pride of ownership" in our Foundation to ever Rotarian in District 778.

To accomplish this objective, the District 778 Foundation Committee has scheduled a District Rotary Foundation Seminar for Saturday, November 3rd at the New England Center on the campus of the University of New Hampshire at Durham. Designed to bring up-to-date information to club and district leaders, the seminar will focus on the current programs of the Foundation and provide each club with information and resources for participating in Foundation programs. Each club president, president-elect, Foundation Committee chair and International Service director, in addition to the district leaders,

should set aside that date and make arrangements now to participate in one of the most important District meetings of the year.

In addition to the seminar, the District Foundation Committee is planning other ways to achieve its goal of informing each Rotarian about our Foundation. During late October and early November, the committee is offering Foundation programs for two meetings at each club. Through the significant commitment of their own time and with the cooperation of club leaders, the committee members want to personally bring to each Rotarian the message our Rotary Foundation.

Part of the message they will bring in an update on the progress of PolioPlus as the Foundation moves forward to eradicate from the face of the earth thecrippler of children. Rotarians worldwide should certainly be proud of the tremendous results already achieved by that program. But as we look to our past with pride, we look to our future with excitement, hope and expectations. Just as the Rotary world knows no boundaries, the opportunities for greater global understanding through the programs of our Rotary Foundation are limitless. By believing that your individual actions within Rotary can and do make a difference, you continue to make the world a better place. Honor our Rotary Foundation with your continued Faith and Enthusiasm.

Yours in Rotary Service,

..... **HONOR ROTARY WITH FAITH & ENTHUSIASM**

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CHARITABLE TRUSTS/ FOUNDATIONS

In order for contributions to the clubs for charitable purposes to be tax deductible, it is imperative that an incorporated trust or foundation be created.

The Board of Directors of Rotary International MUST review any application for incorporating a fund IF it uses the word "Rotary".

If it does, the Board insists that Rotarians be in complete control of the fund and that it be identified with the club or district sponsoring it and not with Rotary International. In regard to the latter provision, "The Rotary Charitable Trust Fund", for example, would not be acceptable, as it does not mention with which club or district it is associated.

It is suggested that such a fund be a general one. That way, it can be used for a variety of charitable purposes and it would not be necessary to go through all of the legal paperwork to create a new fund to handle a new favorite project in the future. Of course, there are certain situations that require a fund be established for a very specific purpose.

If the word "Foundation" is used, the club or district must be identified first; "International" cannot be used; and "Rotary" cannot be immediately followed by "Foundation". The purpose of this ruling by the Board is to prevent confusion with The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Legal counsel should be consulted in regard to determining whether a fund should be incorporated and what the law requires for such to be done. It is also a good idea to consult with an accountant familiar with the federal and local tax provisions for such a fund.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Every Club's Responsibility

One of the responsibilities of your club's PR chair is to inform the media (and therefore your community) about your club's activities. One of the standard ways to do this is with a news release (not a "press release" since that tends to imply you are ignoring broadcast media). Below is a "standard" news release format and some guidelines for its use.

If your club has club letterhead stationery, use the letterhead for your releases (generic letterheads are available from Rotary suppliers).

The major parts of a release are: the heading lines, release number, date, headline (or slug line), the release in double spaced format, a "-30-" to show the end of the release, and any notes to editors and news directors you may wish to have.

Here is the suggested format for a news release:

(club letterhead)

NEWS RELEASE

Rel no. _____-90

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(date)

PUT HEADLINE HERE, JUST A FEW WORDS, ALL CAPS, UNDERLINED

City, State — Begin your first paragraph here. It must contain ALL the essential information — who, why, what, when, where, how — as appropriate. This "lead" paragraph should usually be less than 25 words.

Subsequent paragraphs include information in descending order of importance, eg. the most important first, least important at the end (where editors tend to cut things off).

All paragraphs should be double spaced.

Keep words and sentences short and simple.

Conclude release with a centered "-30-", then a note to editors and news directors giving them any other essential information and a point of contact.

-30-
Note to editors and news directors:

For more information, please feel free to contact John Rotarian, of the Rotary Club of Anytown, publicity chair, at (phone no.). We will be happy to help you arrange coverage of this event.

CHAIRMAN, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

CARLOS CANSECO

MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, MEXICO

- Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Trustees 1987-88, 1990-91
- Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 1985-91
- Vice Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Major Gift Committee 1988-89
- Member, Joint Committee of Board of Directors and Trustee of R.I.
- Member, Executive Committee of Trustees
- Member, Planned Giving Program, special committee 1988-89
- President, Rotary International 1984-85

Carlos Canseco is an allergy specialist practicing in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon Mexico. Born in Mexico City, he was granted a doctor of medicine from the Universidad Nacional de Mexico and attended Northwestern University, USA.

Dr. Canseco is head of post graduate courses in allergies at the University of Nuevo Leon, and is professor emeritus of medicine and former head of the Allergy Department in that institution's School of Medicine. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Allergy. He was a charter member and is a past president of both the Mexican Allergy Society and Latin American Allergy Society, and is also a charter member of the International Association of Allergists. He is associate editor of "Alergia", the official magazine of the Latin American Allergy Society, which he founded in 1949 and served as editor until 1959. In 1979, he was appointed by the Pan American Health Organization to coordinate a collaborative study on chronic allergic diseases in Mexico and South America. Since 1976, he has twice served as health officer of the State of Nuevo Leon. Dr. Canseco has served the city of Monterrey as a member of the City Council and head of the Transportation Department where he oversaw development of its new freeway system. Since 1973, Dr. Canseco has been vice president of Grupo Continental, a holding company which controls bottling plants in Mexico.

During his year as president of Rotary International, Dr. Canseco was awarded honorary degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters by the Milwaukee

School of Engineering, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA; Doctor of Humane Sciences by Hanang University, Seoul Korea; and Doctor of Law by the University of The Americas, Mexico City, Mexico. He was decorated by the governments of Brazil, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Peru and the Federal Republic of Germany.



A Rotarian since 1950, he is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Monterrey. Dr. Canseco is currently serving his second appointment as Chairman of the The Rotary Foundation Trustees. He has served Rotary as district governor, instructor at three international assemblies, Rotary information and extension counselor, consultative group member and chairman, committee member and chairman, director, vice president and president.

TRUSTEES APPROVE UPDATED POLIOPLUS STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have adopted an updated statement of purpose for PolioPlus. It recognizes changes that have evolved since 1985 when the immunization program was first announced as "Polio 2005," and it states the Trustees' position on the use of money earned on invested PolioPlus funds.

Interest earned on invested PolioPlus contributions amounted to US \$35,448,860 through May 31, 1990. However, \$10 million of that has been returned to the Foundation's general fund, restoring money that was advanced in 1985. A "loan" from the general fund got the PolioPlus program started before the fund-raising campaign yielded its results three years later. By their action on the updated statement of purpose, the Trustees have established that remaining earned income will be used to pay PolioPlus program, administrative and fund development expenses.

The updated purpose says the decision to use all PolioPlus earned income to amplify the gifts Rotarians made in the campaign enhances the hope that the world's children will receive the gift of a future without polio.

The updated statement is titled "To Dream a New Dream - Rotary Is Making the Difference." It points out that since 1985, the number of polio cases in the world has dropped by half. The new dream of eradicating the disease, not just

controlling it, has become the hope of the entire international health community. Even so, the statement points out, eradicating polio will be costly. The special measures that will be needed to identify the last few cases and to prevent new outbreaks will add significant costs, far more than Rotary could shoulder alone. Eradicating the disease will require concerted efforts of governments, international agencies and private volunteer organizations.

From the beginning of Rotary's polio efforts, it was never contemplated that Rotary alone could achieve the objective. It was always clear that a cooperative effort was needed. However, Rotary's support and determination has decisively tipped the scales to bring special resources into play. Without that special impetus from Rotary, the international health community would not have mobilized to pursue polio eradication as it has since Rotary became a major factor.

Rotary will continue to provide vaccines to countries that need help, the statement says, but it warns these grants will diminish after 1995. The statement pledges that Rotarians who live in project countries will continue their support activities, making and stimulating private-sector donations of goods and services, recruiting and training volunteers, doing surveillance to uncover unreported cases and carrying out other activities.

PUT FOUNDATION SUPPORT ON YOUR 1990-91 AGENDA

As you continue to implement your plans during this Rotary year, make sure you include support for The Rotary Foundation among your priorities. Most clubs in the District have active Foundation Committee. If your club is one of the very few that does not, begin by appointing a committee that will publicize the Foundation and encourage Rotarians and others to participate in and support its programs. Select a club member who is knowledgeable about Foundation operations and activities to act as chair.

During the club visit, club Foundation goals for program participation and financial support were discussed at length. Some examples of goals would be to participate in a Rotary Scholar opportunities and to increase unrestricted contributions by a certain percentile. Whatever goals are set for your club, make sure they support the District 778 goals for this year.

The next step is to develop a strategy for achieving club goals. Your overall strategy might include the following measures:

- Schedule, in addition to those already worked out with your Zone Representative, special presentations on the Foundation, including talks by

Foundation alumni, at meetings throughout the year, but especially during Foundation Month in November.

- Publicize Foundation activities and the progress being made toward club and District goals in your club bulletin.

- Invite each member to make a personal contribution to the Foundation and to become a Foundation benefactor.

- Plan special events to raise funds for the Foundation and/or to recognize those who have provided strong support through financial contributions or outstanding volunteer service.

- Commit a portion of all funds raised by the club for donation to Our Rotary Foundation.

R.I. offers publications (many of which are gratis) and audiovisuals that will help you promote the Foundation. Many are available through the District Foundation Committee. Check the District Directory for Foundation Committee members in your area if you have questions. You should also consult the "Catalog" for titles and prices of additional Foundation material.

WHAT \$1,000 CAN DO

Paul Harris Fellows make a difference. A gift of \$1,000 will fund projects and programs to improve and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Here are examples of what The Rotary Foundation can do with \$1,000:

1. Provide transportation to Belgium for a member of a Group Study Exchange team from Haiti for five weeks of homestay and learning about his/her profession in another country.
2. Provide 10 shallow tube wells in Bangladesh that will double the rice production and triple the vegetable production of small farms.

3. Provide orthopedic surgery, crutches, braces or wheelchairs, and rehabilitative training for seven polio victims in Malawi.

4. Provide pacemakers for two indigent individuals in the Caribbean.

5. Contribute school supplies for more than 1,200 needy children in Guatemala.

6. Give nutritional training to 127 women in Thailand's poorest region, introducing them to nutritional foods and following up on nutritional development of their children.

7. Provide one month's living expenses and books for a Rotary Foundation scholar from Ghana who is studying in Canada.

POLIOPLUS HELPING BUILD WORLD'S LARGEST POLIO VACCINE PLANT IN KUNMING, CHINA

Rotary's PolioPlus Program is awarding US\$15 million to help build the world's largest polio vaccine plant in the city of Kunming in south central China. The award is being administered through the World Bank since there are currently no Rotary clubs in the People's Republic of China.

The new facility is integral to the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. It will ensure that, for the first time, Chinese children will receive vaccine that meets standards set by the World Health Organization.

The People's Republic of China represents one fifth of the world's population and has 23 million newborns each year. The new factory will produce 100 million doses of oral polio vaccine (OPV) annually.

The Netherlands' National Institute of Public Health and Environmental Hygiene (Rijksinstituut) won the contract to build the Kunming factory. The facility will produce OPV from virocell substrates an innovative technique approved by WHO only last year. China's Ministry of Public Health will supervise construction with World Bank and

Rotary representatives monitoring progress. Vaccine production is expected to begin in 1994.

Rotary's support for the OPV factory is an important example of a nongovernmental organization's collaboration with the World Bank.

Most of the foundation's other 94 PolioPlus grants fund the purchase of polio vaccine and other operational costs for national immunization programs. Departure from this usual practice was necessary since government policy mandated nationally produced polio vaccine. The PolioPlus grant will speed the availability of reliable vaccine, thereby protecting Chinese children sooner than would otherwise be the case. Producing the needed vaccine in China will be cheaper than importing it.

PolioPlus also will fund, in cooperation with UNICEF, an \$899,000 program to create 20 training centers and laboratories and train personnel to monitor progress toward polio eradication.

PolioPlus



MONTHLY ATTENDANCE REPORT FROM DISTRICT SECRETARY BOB CARSON

DISTRICT 778 ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER 1990

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP		+/-	ATTENDANCE %	
	6/30/90	9/30/90		SEPT	89/90 AVG
BATH	64	67	+ 3	85.65	86.30
BATH SUNRISE	47	45	- 2	78.00	82.32
BETHEL	33	34	+ 1	92.44	87.58
BIDDEFORD-SACO	106	104	- 2	89.50	86.28
BUNSWICK	144	143	- 1	78.24	78.72
BRUNSWICK COASTAL	27	20	- 7	*	-
DOVER-DURHAM	97	100	+ 3	67.82	75.12
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	44	42	- 2	84.52	82.69
EXETER	49	45	- 4	*	77.39
FREEMPT	28	21	- 7	90.40	79.72
HAMPTON	71	65	- 6	70.62	78.44
KENNEBUNK	98	98	0	80.30	85.59
KITTERY	31	32	+ 1	77.00	82.02
NEWBURYPORT	83	81	- 2	75.61	80.09
OGUNQUIT	46	42	- 4	93.00	96.81
OXFORD HILLS	52	51	- 1	84.09	88.62
PORTLAND	216	215	- 1	78.38	78.77
PORTSMOUTH	203	205	+ 2	77.19	79.12
ROCHESTER	68	67	- 1	75.62	80.87
RUMFORD	39	35	- 4	*	79.89
SACO BAY	49	46	- 3	76.00	76.72
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	73	68	- 5	79.39	79.25
SCARBOROUGH	32	31	- 1	74.63	72.64
SEABROOK-HAMPTON FALLS	30	28	- 2	75.00	-
SOMERSWORTH	35	35	0	71.64	77.15
SOUTH BERNICK	32	29	- 3	*	88.00
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH	50	45	- 5	83.25	84.01
SOUTH PORTLAND-MAINE MALL	27	30	+ 3	69.90	75.01
WELLS	27	26	- 1	80.60	73.24
WESTBROOK	56	57	+ 1	83.00	81.26
WINDHAM	54	54	0	74.00	81.45
YORK	51	49	- 2	88.77	79.76
TOTALS	2035	2010	-25		

* = Report Not Received
@ = July 31 Club Membership

District Average

79.81%

TOP TEN CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE (SEPTEMBER)

- Ogunquit 93.00
- Bethel 92.44
- Freeport 90.40
- Biddeford-Saco 89.50
- York 88.77
- Bath 85.65
- Durham-Great Bay 84.52
- Oxford Hills 84.09
- South Portland-Cape Elizabeth 83.25
- Westbrook 83.00



PolioPlus



DISTRICT 778 - FOUNDATION GIVING FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 1989-90

CLUB NAME	PERCENTILE OF GIVING		NON-RESTRICTED		POLIOPLUS		CUMULATIVE	
	1989-90		1989-90		1989-90		ALL GIVING	
Bath	4400.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,065.00	\$27,698.00	\$11,273.00		
Bath (Sunrise)	200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		
Bethel	6400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,354.75	\$3,000.00		
Biddeford-Saco	5000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$315.00	\$50,901.25	\$11,783.00		
Brunswick	3600.00	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00	\$1,300.00	\$49,922.65	\$9,850.00		
Dover-Durham	2600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$25,236.00	\$14,220.00		
Durham-Great Bay	1900.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$5,090.25	\$2,870.00		
Exeter	1300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,297.00	\$4,000.00		
Freeport	100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00		
Hampton	2900.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$3,000.00	\$19,967.83	\$9,000.00		
Kennebunk	4500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$37,503.00	\$19,000.00		
Kittery	1400.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$4,072.42	\$2,572.42		
Newburyport	4800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$38,881.13	\$9,000.00		
Ogunquit	5400.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$25,931.00	\$13,300.00		
Oxford Hills	3600.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$12,740.00	\$4,000.00		
Portland	6500.00	\$2,409.71	\$2,409.71	\$5,032.00	\$145,925.33	\$83,979.00		
Portsmouth	4500.00	\$7,397.14	\$7,397.14	\$0.00	\$76,038.32	\$21,220.00		
Rochester	4300.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$22,751.00	\$10,600.00		
Rumford	1300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,476.25	\$1,000.00		
Saco Bay (Saco-Biddeford)	00.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00		
Sanford-Springvale	5500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,249.00	\$40,278.00	\$20,381.00		
Scarborough	2600.00	\$334.00	\$334.00	\$850.00	\$9,991.00	\$5,082.00		
Seabrook-Hampton Falls	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Somersworth	1200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,548.00	\$4,193.00		
South Berwick	2800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,906.00	\$4,000.00		
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	12400.00	\$4,550.00	\$4,550.00	\$1,200.00	\$61,852.78	\$29,911.73		
South Portland-Maine Mall	600.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		
Wells	1100.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$4,155.00	\$4,080.00		
Westbrook-Gorham	4900.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$27,520.00	\$14,000.00		
Windham	3500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,100.00	\$6,100.00		
York	4100.00	\$165.13	\$165.13	\$2,871.22	\$21,186.47	\$13,750.00		
TOTALS		\$46,380.98	\$46,380.98	\$20,782.22	\$7,21.43	\$332,665.15		
Average:		3335.48						

The Rotary International, Council on Legislation will convene in Anaheim, California on January 21, 1992. The following are excerpts from the By-Laws of Rotary International relating to the selection of a District representative to the council:

Article VIII Council on Legislation

SECTION 1 - How Constituted

1. The council shall be composed as follows:

(i) one representative of the clubs of each District, elected by the clubs as provided in section 6(a) and (b) of this article, as a voting member. Such representative shall be a past or present officer of Rotary International (or, upon certification of the District Governor that no past or present officer is available in the district, the incoming District Governor). Each representative shall be an active, senior active, or past service member of a club in the District he is to represent.

SECTION 6 - Election of Representatives of Clubs

(a) 1. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the representative and an alternate representative on the Council of the clubs of each district . . . shall be elected at the annual conference to the District held in the Rotary year preceding that during which the Council on Legislation is to meet.

2. To qualify for service as a representative of clubs in the Council, a Rotarian must inform himself as to the qualifications and duties of a representative of clubs in the council and submit to the General Secretary a signed statement that

(i) he understands clearly the

qualifications, duties and responsibilities of a representative of clubs in the Council;

(ii) he is qualified, willing and able to assume such duties and responsibilities and to perform them faithfully;

(iii) he will attend the meeting of the Council for its full duration.

3. Any club in a District may nominate for membership on the Council a qualified member of the club (who has indicated that he is able and willing to serve if elected) and shall certify in writing, over the signature of the President and Secretary, such nomination to the District Governor for presentation by him to the electors of the clubs at the District Conference. Each elector present at the District Conference shall be entitled to cast one vote in the election of the representative of the clubs of the District on the Council.

4. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be the member of the Council from his District. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall be declared the alternate member, to serve only in the event the member is unable to serve. In the event neither member nor the alternate member, if one has been elected, is able to serve, the District Governor may designate some other member of a club of his District qualified under the provisions of section 1 of this article to be the representative of the clubs of the District on the Council.

5. If there be only one nominee in a District no ballot shall be required and the District Governor shall declare such nominee to be the representative on the Council.

Club nominations, in the form required by the By-Laws, must be received by the District Governor no later than April 1, 1990. An election, if necessary, will be conducted at the June Conference in Quebec City.

District ACTIVITIES

Here are some District activities that should be on your club's calendar:

November 3, 1990:

District 778 Rotary Foundation Seminar, University of New Hampshire, New England Center, Durham, NH (a must for all club presidents, presidents-elect, club Foundation Committee chairs and other interested Rotarians)

February 23, 1991:

World Understanding and Peace Day, and the 86th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary

March 1-2, 1991:

Multi-District Presidents-elect Training Seminar, Fitchburg, MA (a must for all presidents-elect)

May -, 1991

(date to be announced): District 778 Assembly, Portland, ME (a must for all club presidents-elect, vice presidents, secretaries, directors of the avenues of service, committee chairs and other interested Rotarians)

June 13-15, 1991:

District 778 Conference (joint with District 779), Quebec City

WANTED 50 YEAR ROTARIANS

District 778 is attempting to compile a list of Rotarians that have belonged to Rotary (not necessarily one Rotary club) for 50 years or more.

If you have any Rotarians in your club that have belonged to Rotary 50 years or more (or will celebrate their 50th Rotary Anniversary before the end of this Rotary year) would you please send their name, date of admission into Rotary, address and telephone number to the District Governor.

Please examine your club roster carefully and check with anyone who you think may fall within this area.

YOU THINK IT'S A RECORD? LET R.I. KNOW!

We know that these are "records": the Tokyo Convention was our largest with 39,834 registrants; and the largest Rotary club in the world was Houston, Texas with, at last count, 844 members. But is Dan Bates of Middletown, New York the oldest Rotarian at age 105? Does Jose Rosa of the Rotary Club of San Luis, Argentina hold the record for bringing in the most new members (57, including two PDG's)? How about the Dunedin, Florida club's banner collection of 7,451 from 152 countries? Can you beat any of these? Maybe your club has the most Paul Harris Fellows, or your district had the biggest conference. R.I. looking for "Rotary Records," and if your club or district thinks it has one, let R.I. know. Send your entries to the promotional services department at the Evanston office.

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I M P O R T A N T R E M I N D E R S

Two topics have come up recently that concern some clubs. They are: the call up of the reserves by President Bush; and the I.R.S. and Form 990.

The constitutional documents of Rotary International make no reference to civic duty, i.e. either military or jury duty. However, all Rotarians are expected to fulfill their obligations to their respective lands. If a Rotarian is called up to serve, he/she can be granted a leave of absence, which is provided for in the recommended club by-laws in Article IX. As the footnote in the by-laws states, a leave does not give attendance credit; it just protects the individual's membership from automatically being terminated for lack of attendance.

Another provision might apply if the Rotarian is sent to a country in which no Rotary club exists, such as Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia. Then not only can one's membership be protected, but under Article VII, Section 3 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, the absences shall not be computed in the club's attendance record.

As to the effect this has on "perfect attendance", that is a

club decision. "Perfect attendance" does not appear in the constitutional documents of RI and, therefore, there is no official definition of the phrase by RI.

The second subject that needs to be mentioned concerns the Internal Revenue Service. Districts and clubs are exempt from federal income tax; however, the law still requires every district and club to report annually using one of the 990 forms. These reports are due by November 15th. If a club or district has gross receipts of under \$25,000, it needs to check with the local I.R.S. office or a tax accountant to learn if the local I.R.S. office requires a report. All of those with gross receipts over \$25,000 MUST file.

Every club should have an Employer Identification Number and those numbers should be on file in Evanston for report to the I.R.S. However, there are about 700 clubs that have not provided us with a number. If a club has a question about what their number is or if it was reported, they can contact Dennis G. Swenson, Manager of the Canada and U.S.A. Department at the R.I. Secretariat either in writing or at (708) 866-3262.

POLIOPLUS CASH RECEIPTS NEARING TOTAL DOCUMENTED AT CAMPAIGN'S END

The total of cash contributions to Rotary's PolioPlus Fund is less than US \$5 million away from the amount of cash and pledges that had been "documented" when active fund-raising ended in 1988.

As of mid-August, cash received for PolioPlus was \$221,693,014 - a gain of nearly \$8.5 million from the mid-May figure reported in the previous issue of The PolioPlus Reporter.

A significant portion of the new total represents funds transferred to the Central Office by the Netherlands Campaign Committee. The 15,000 Dutch Rotarians, in cooperation with their government, have raised more than \$9 million, targeting their campaign to cover all costs of immunizing the children of Indonesia.

Rotarians and Rotary clubs of the U.S.A. have paid 87

percent of the \$119 million they had documented in cash and pledges at the end of the campaign two years ago. Fulfillment of all of the outstanding individual pledges and club commitments would add more than \$15.5 million to the fund. The fund is \$5 million short of the documented total pledges, instead of \$15 million, because some areas paid more than they pledged.

Rotary Foundation leaders continue to affirm the need for every dollar pledged to be paid. They say it is clear in 1990 that the 1985 estimate of \$120 million needed to carry out the PolioPlus goal is well below what it actually will cost to eradicate polio worldwide. The \$15.5 million outstanding from U.S. donors represents more than three quarters of all pledges yet to be paid.