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Success Story

A Box of Chocolates

Once upon a time there was a small box of chocolates, a 10 year old girl, and her Rotarian mom who told her about Rotary's PolioPlus project and that it takes only 60 cents to buy the vaccine that saves a life. "We should do something," said Anna to her brother Andrea.

Soon after, they took the empty box of chocolates and covered it with faces of children from all over the world, turning it into a donation box. After two days of fundraising, twenty-two 5th grade students of Scuola Elementare San Pietro in Castiglione delle Stiviere, Mantova, Italy, raised enough to save 195 lives.

The idea was to write down their names on a sheet of paper and next to them the equivalent number of lives they were saving with their donation. They would keep the donation box in the classroom and spread the word during recess.

During a visit by District 2050 Governor, Carlo Vailati Riboni, to the local Rotary Club, the children gave him the donation box that was dubbed "SalvaPolio" (SavePolio), along with a letter with their names, and a balance sheet showing the number of lives that would be saved.

The letter read "Dear Governor, we are 22 students from 5th B. We have donated part of our allowance for children who have polio. We hope that our donations will help save many lives of children who are so poor that they cannot afford to buy their medicine. This fundraiser has made us aware of the problem with polio and has prompted us to show our generosity. We were able to save 195 lives!"

SalvaPolio became not so much an effort to "save money" but to "save lives".

The goal for the District Governor is now to extend this successful project to all the schools.

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge

HBO's documentary on polio eradication

HBO's 38-minute film "The Final Inch," filmed with Rotary's help and nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Short, can now be viewed online at

<http://www.hbo.com/docs/programs/thefinalinch/video.html>. Filmed primarily in India, it gives a

front line view of the battle to eradicate polio. Please share this film with others as we meet the challenge of wiping out the polio virus in the few remaining countries where it persists.

Strategies for Meeting the Challenge

We are in the final quarter of the Rotary Year and together we have made great progress towards our goal. To date, we have raised over US\$75 million in cash, DDF and pledges towards our goal of US\$200 million.

We would encourage you to follow-up with districts that still have unallocated DDF available for the 2008-09 year. Matching funds for the Challenge are still available from the World Fund, and we want to use the entire match available to us. It is suggested that districts contribute 20% of their DDF to the Challenge. I would encourage you to personally thank any districts in your zone that have donated 20% of their DDF and to encourage all districts to consider making a DDF donation of some amount to the Challenge, even if they have already contributed to the Challenge from their DDF.

Many districts have started their planning for the upcoming Rotary Year, and we would encourage you to request they consider using part of their DDF to support the Challenge. It is suggested that every district consider using as least 20% of their DDF to support the Challenge.

We are happy to announce, at the April Trustee meeting, the Trustees agreed that DDF contributions to the Challenge will be matched US\$.50 from World Fund for every US\$1.00 of DDF up to US\$3 million for 2011-12 (the additional year of the Challenge) - first come, first served.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Contributions Update

Contributions for the nine months ending 31 March 2009 totaled US\$103,398,433, a slight increase of 1.07% over the same time period last year. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of US\$63,957,729 are down by -10.44%. Permanent Fund contributions are down -35.35% to US\$7,312,915. Restricted Giving is down -7.17% at US\$12,831,068. Contributions to the PolioPlus program are up 364.40% to US\$17,315,636.*

	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>March 2008</u>	Increase (Decrease)
<i>Annual Programs Fund</i>	US\$ 63,957,729	US\$ 71,413,683	(10.44%)
PolioPlus	US\$ 17,315,636	US\$ 3,728,595	364.40%
Permanent Fund	US\$ 7,312,915	US\$ 11,311,975	(35.35%)
<u>Restricted Giving</u>	<u>US\$ 12,831,068</u>	<u>US\$ 13,822,174</u>	<u>(7.17%)</u>
SUBTOTAL	US\$101,417,348	US\$100,276,427	1.14%
Unrestricted – Other	<u>US\$ 1,981,085</u>	<u>US\$ 2,030,000</u>	<u>(2.41%)</u>
TOTAL	US\$103,398,433	US\$102,306,427	1.07%

*Excludes contributions from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Google Foundation. Restricted contributions include the sponsor portion of Matching Grants that are not recognized as contribution revenue on the financial statements as required by U.S. accounting standards. Unrestricted Other is the Donor Advised Fund.

**A Message from
Louis Piconi, Vice Chairman, Trustees Fund Development Committee**



Trustees Adjust Recognition Points Policy

At their April meeting, the trustees had lengthy discussions on the recognition points policy and made the adjustment to use 100 points or more to match new contributions. This will be beneficial for all Rotarians globally and serve to help club and district leaders who are asking for contributions during this global economic slowdown. The adjusted policy will enable and encourage everyone to use their personal recognition points in concert with an additional contribution of US\$100 for either the polio eradication challenge or the annual programs to recognize a family member or friend or a local community volunteer. The new adjusted policy also encourages Rotarians with a minimum of 500 recognition points to use them prior to 30 June with an additional US\$500 contribution to name another an END POLIO NOW Paul Harris Fellow.

It is very important that all Rotarians know that the recognition points and its policy are there to be used in support of Rotarians additional contributions and to recognize family members, friends and exceptional local community volunteers. We are hopeful that the adjusted recognition points policy will support club and district leaders asking Rotarians and help us achieve our fund development goals. We ask the RRFCS to please communicate this message to all district leaders as soon as possible.

Thank you.

PHF Recognition Changes Effective 1 July 2009: Trustee Decision Update Details

At their April 2009 meeting, the trustees made the following changes to Paul Harris Fellow Recognition effective 1 July 2009:

- Foundation Recognition Points (FRPs) may only be transferred for transactions of 100 points or more;
- Individual Foundation Recognition Points will expire upon death of the donor or the death of the surviving spouse of a Major Donor (US\$10,000+);
- The individual donor will be the only person authorized to transfer Foundation Recognition Points. If it is a club account and then only the Club President may authorize the transfer of points; if it is a district account then the district governor may authorize the transfer of points;
- Paul Harris Fellow Medallions will be available for purchase from Rotary's Distribution Center or International Office at a cost of US\$15 each (includes shipping). PHF certificates and PHF lapel pins will still be provided gratis by The Rotary Foundation.

Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms

All Club Presidents-elect should have submitted their Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms to their DGEs by 1 May 2009. DGEs should enter these goals online through Member Access at www.rotary.org by 15 May 2009. The Trustees will use these goals to determine the worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal for announcement at the Convention in Birmingham, England in June. The 2009-10 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms are downloadable from Rotary's website in nine languages.

RRFC Year-End Call to Action to Reach Our APF Goal of US\$125,000,000

Please review your "**RRFC Contributions Progress Report as of 31 March 2009.**" All clubs in your districts should have achieved 67% of their Annual Programs Fund Goal. However, there are many districts that are seriously behind in their APF goal achievement. Please contact your DGs and DRFCs in your zones and ask them to contact their clubs to send in their contributions early. Many club and district leaders may not realize that:

- Contributions to PolioPlus do not count toward their APF goals
- Contributions made to the APF in this Rotary year will generate additional DDF in 2011-12 that can be used to support polio eradication in the final year of Rotary's US\$200 Million Polio Challenge.
- Only contributions to the Annual Programs Fund qualify for annual club banner recognition: Top Three Per Capita in the District, EREY Club, and 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club.

Thank you in advance for helping us to reach our Annual Programs Fund goal and help others through the Foundation's many wonderful programs.

Zone Team Training: 2009-2010

Zone Team Trainings have been scheduled starting in March through June. If you have not yet submitted your training date, please notify Jane Lee, jane.lee@rotary.org, Melanie Davis, Melanie.davis@rotary.org, or Joaquin Mejia, Joaquin.mejia@rotary.org. Fund Development staff is also working with our colleagues in the RI Offices to prepare your training manuals for delivery in advance of your training session.

NEW: Online Commemorative Giving at www.rotary.org

Rotarians and friends can now make online memorial and tribute gifts by credit card. For more information, please click on this direct link:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/ContributeNow/memorial_tribute_gifts/Pages/ridefault.aspx

30 June 2009 Contribution and Reclass Deadlines

For contributions to be credited for the 2008-09 Rotary year, the following Foundation guidelines must be followed:

- **Checks sent to World Headquarters (WHQ) Lockbox:** must be postmarked 30 June 2009 or prior and received at the lockbox by Tuesday, 7 July 2009.
- **Checks sent to WHQ:** must be postmarked 30 June 2009 or prior and be delivered to the Accounts Receivable (AR) Department on the 11th floor by 1500 hours on Monday, 6 July 2009.
- **Wire transfers:** must be initiated prior to 30 June 2009 and received in the bank by 3 July 2009.
- **Credit Cards:**
 - **Online via *Rotary.org*** – must be authorized prior to midnight, 30 June 2009. (Please keep in mind that gifts received via the web will only benefit the Rotarian who logged in. Reclass and redistribution requests, also known as corrections, can not be accepted for these gifts.)
 - **Via fax, phone or mail to WHQ** - must be received by the AR Department and authorized prior to the close of business on 30 June 2009.
 - **Via the Bank of America lockbox** – must be received at the lockbox prior to the close of business on 30 June 2009. Credit card contribution requests received in lockbox batches with deposit dates after 30 June 2009 will be considered July 2009 gifts. Please stress that credit card contribution requests should not be sent to the lockbox; rather they should be faxed to 847-556-2139 to ensure timely recording, or completed online at www.rotary.org.
- **Reclasses/Redistributions:** Request must be received in the TRF Corrections e-mail box prior to 1500 hours on Monday, 6 July 2009.

- **International Offices and Fiscal Agents:** have until 15 July 2009 to report June 2009 contributions to the AR Department.

Any contributions received after the dates listed above will be entered for 2009-10. Please remind Rotarians in your districts to submit their contributions early, allowing 7-10 days for postal delivery.

netForum Software Migration

Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are migrating software systems in various phases over the next three years to netForum. The first phase of this migration will occur on the weekend of 23 May 2009. From time-to-time, as programming work is being done on the migration, the Foundation's contribution reports are sometimes missing information such as membership numbers or club goals. This is temporary and is usually corrected within one or two business days. On the Club Recognition Summary, club and district leaders may see member records appearing as "Duplicate" in front of the member's name. These records will be merged into the correct donor record as part of this migration effort. Questions on duplicate records can be directed to: data@rotary.org or to your RI Office.

Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter

The May 2009 issue of the *Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter* will be available shortly in nine languages. This newsletter is available by email subscription and online at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/EREYnewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

TRF-DIRECT Donations Program Expands to Australia

Recurring bank account and credit card contributions to both the Annual Programs Fund and PolioPlus are now available to Rotarians in North America and Australia. As of 1 March 2009, there were 2,740 **TRF-DIRECT** participants contributing a total of US\$1,218,589 each year to the Annual Programs Fund for an average gift of US\$444.74. **TRF-DIRECT** is experiencing its greatest growth among members who participate in their district's Paul Harris Society (PHS) with an annual US\$1,000 contribution. TRF is seeking to expand this program to more countries in 2009-10.

Permanent Fund

On 28 February 2009, the Permanent Fund's net assets were US\$143.0 million. As of 28 February 2009 the estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$401.3 million. Therefore, the Permanent Fund's net assets and expectancies were \$544.3 million as of 28 February 2009. The goal is to reach US\$1 billion by 2025.

Bequest Society Update

As of 31 March 2009, there were 6,629 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$284.8 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund and an increase of 33 new bequests valued at more than US\$1.2 million since February. Will you include The Rotary Foundation in your will or other estate plan to forever be a part of Rotary's legacy of doing good in the world?

www.rotary.org/bequest

Donor Advised Fund Update

As of 31 March 2009, there were 133 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$5.8 million.

www.rotary.org/DAF

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Archbishop Desmond Tutu Keynote Speaker at Rotary World Peace Symposium

Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu will be the keynote speaker at the Rotary World Peace Symposium held immediately prior to the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England (18-19 June 2009). Join us at the Symposium and be inspired by a Nobel Peace Prize winner. Register for the Convention and Symposium at www.rotary.org.

Rotary World Peace Fellows Will Intern at US Agency for International Development and US State Department

Under a new agreement with The United States Agency for International Development, Rotary World Peace Fellow Alumni John Balonze (Sciences Po 2005) and Audra Degeys (University of Bradford, 2009) will be paid interns working on issues relating to peace and conflict resolution at the US State Department and USAID, respectively. The one-year internships are slated to begin 1 June 2009.

Upcoming Rotary Center Seminars

Save the date and consider attending an upcoming Rotary Center seminar in your area:

University of Queensland

Saturday, 23 May 2009

International Christian University

Saturday, 6 June 2009

Time for Clubs and Districts to Identify Qualified Candidates for 2010-12 Rotary World Peace Fellowship

Rotary World Peace Fellowship applications with district endorsements are due to Evanston by 1 July 2009. Please make sure that all the districts in your zone(s) are submitting applications for this important program. Tips on recruitment techniques and best practices are available. Please contact Judy Gibson judy.gibson@rotary.org for additional information. Help us increase the applicant pool again this year! Visit www.rotary.org/rotarcenters to download the application form and program guide for Rotarians.

Sign-up to Receive More Rotary Centers News

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/PeaceNetNewsletter.aspx> Contact: Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Department Manager, at judy.gibson@rotary.org or +1-847-866-3834.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

GSE Reimbursements

As all 2008-09 GSE exchange teams return home from their exchanges, districts are reminded that GSE reimbursements are due to TRF no later than two months after the end of the exchange.

All GSE reimbursements are now made via direct deposit. Please also be sure to submit the appropriate Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) Information Form, including listing an intermediary or corresponding bank (if necessary), so that your district's payment can be expedited. It is important to remember that reimbursements can only be made to Rotarians and Rotary Districts.

Should your district have any questions about how to complete the EFT Form or the exact information that is required, please contact your GSE coordinator at TRF.

Record Number of GSE Teams in 2008-09

In 2008-09 the GSE Department saw a record number of GSE teams launched, with almost 3,000 team members and leaders from almost every Rotary District from around the world. The busiest time of year for GSE is slowly easing up, and with that we would like to thank all districts and acknowledge the assistance received from GSE committee Chairs and Team Leaders everywhere.

GSE Final Reports and Evaluation Forms

GSE teams are also reminded that Final Reports and Evaluations Forms are due two months after completion of the GSE exchange. Pictures from vocational visits are particularly encouraged. If your district's team has any unique stories from their exchange, please share this information with your coordinator in the GSE department. These items may be used to promote the GSE program in future publications such as the Rotarian Magazine.

Teams should be reminded to take advantage of submitting final reports electronically, asking each team member to type their report. Doing so reduces the workload on GSE Chairs, aids in translation, and speeds up the review process.

Reports are mandatory and must be submitted by each participant for the exchange. The GSE department is tracking submission of Final Reports and districts with poor reporting for both the 2007-08 and 2008-09 program years may be placed on probation for the 2009-10 program year. If your district is unsure as to the status of your reporting, please contact the GSE department.

Additionally, any team which has maintained an online blog or travel journal during their exchange is asked to submit a link to this site along with the Final Reports.

Updated Insurance Requirements

The GSE department continues to remind all districts of the 2008-09 program year GSE insurance requirements. The policy requirements are as follows:

- \$250,000 USD for basic major medical expenses
- \$50,000 USD for emergency medical evacuation
- \$10,000 USD for accidental death or dismemberment
- \$10,000 USD for repatriation of remains

All participants are required to use insurance providers who meet the above requirements, per TRF guidelines. If a team is in need of insurance recommendations, please have the district contact their GSE coordinator at TRF. This policy has been in place since 2007-08, and we ask that each GSE Chair and Team Leader check your team's insurance coverage to make sure all team members are all using the same form. Please destroy old insurance forms, as they will not be accepted and may confuse team members. Please note that these insurance requirements are Rotary-wide requirements and will remain in effect for the 2009-10 program year as well. Districts are encouraged to submit this information to their newly-forming 2009-10 teams early and also to verify that all participants' insurance requirements meet these monetary amounts, prior to submission of pre-departure documentation to TRF.

GSE Team Travel Arrangements

Any teams yet to submit pre-departure documentation for their exchange are asked to follow the procedures below with regards to arranging travel with Rotary International Travel Services (RITS):

- Submit the ***Travel Request Form*** complete with any additional, post-GSE personal travel ***at least 45 days before scheduled departure date.***
- Confirm with the host district, the dates of travel and the arrival and departure city. Once tickets are issued, the sponsor district is responsible for costs related to any changes made to the tickets or itinerary.
- Submit typed ***Travel Request Forms.***
- Book travel from a common point of departure in or nearest to the sponsor district to a common point of arrival in or nearest to the hosting district, and back between these same two points.

Following these procedures will expedite the booking of your team's travel arrangements by RITS. Any questions regarding these procedures can be directed to your district's GSE coordinator at TRF.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Rotary Alumni Celebration – Birmingham, England

Ticket sales for the Rotary Alumni Celebration have closed until on-site registration opens in Birmingham on 17 June. Due to strong demand and limited space, only a small number of tickets remain for purchase on-site this year. Read more about the Rotary Alumni Celebration on the RI Web site at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/Preconregistration.aspx#4>.

Reconnections

Reconnections, the Foundation's semi-annual alumni bulletin, is going digital starting in July 2009. All alumni have been notified via post that distribution will be through email only and editions will no longer be mailed. To sign up to receive the e-newsletter or to view the current edition, visit the RI Web site at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Alumni/ReconnectionsNewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>.

Alumni Updates

Rotary Centers for International Studies

Ryan Gawn (USAL 2003-05) will head a team working on an economic development project in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Triveni Goswami (Chulalongkorn January 2008) works for Yugantar, a civil-society organization based in Hyderabad, India. Yugantar focuses on three main areas: health and nutrition, governance and citizenship, and culture and media.

Bautista Logioco (Duke/UNC 2002-04) is a political affairs officer for the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations in New York City.

Megumi Nishikura (ICU 2006-08) works for the United Nations University Media Studio in Tokyo to help produce videos for its online magazine, Our World 2.0.

Ms. Kristin Post, 2006-08 Rotary World Peace Fellow to University of Queensland, Australia, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA, District 7710



Kristin recently accepted a position as a civilian social science researcher for the US Army. She wrote to describe her first days in training at Fort Leavenworth, KS, USA.

MY FIRST DAY

It's true I'm in Kansas now. Why? I've gotten a job! I'm training near Ft. Leavenworth, which is a US Army post. I've been hired as a "social science researcher." After I learn what that means, and if all the medical exams and endless paperwork go well, then in five or so months I might be deployed to

Afghanistan or Iraq as a civilian with an Army unit.

So today was my first day of training, and I'm really enjoying the acronyms and military lingo. You see, this training is preparing me for when I'm "downrange," and one important function I have as a social science researcher is to interact with the local population, ideally giving my Army commander "visibility" into what their issues are, with the primary goal of solving problems before "going kinetic." So, I guess you could say that if I'm doing my job well, then all the soldiers can return "uprange" sooner rather than later because they won't have anything left to fight about.

Really, HTS (Human Terrain Systems) is a promising program that directly applies conflict resolution principals in a combat situation, but its full potential is not realized. That's why I like a quote from our seminar leader that we're "on the cutting edge of something." I think it adequately conveys the current lack of "visibility" into its impact, while also implying a fresh approach (at least from the Army's perspective). The other way of looking at it, to quote another seminar leader, is that "history is being written, and we are going to be part of it." Heady and yet uncertain stuff.

Ms. Gina Donoso, Ecuador, January 2008 Rotary World Peace Fellow to Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Pedro-Curridabat, Costa Rica, District 4240



Gina came to the Rotary World Peace Fellowship as the president & co-founder of the Alianza Por la Justicia Foundation in Costa Rica, an NGO that promotes social justice. Though she maintains her connection to this group, Gina's experience as a peace fellow led her to other exciting opportunities.

She currently assists the Truth Commission of Ecuador in the writing of the commission's final recommendations, specifically chapters relating to the psychosocial impacts for the victims, as well as the chapter dealing with reparations. She is in charge of the psychosocial research, collecting victims' testimonies, organizing workshops and group interviews with victims and families, and analyzing the quantitative as well the qualitative data from these interviews.

Before this, Gina worked for Peace Brigades International (PBI) in Colombia, an international grassroots NGO that sends volunteers to areas of conflict to provide protective accompaniment to

human rights defenders threatened by political violence. Gina was responsible for coordinating the Support Social Fabric Reconstruction Area in PBI-Colombia. She coordinated workshops with Colombian human rights organizations, communities, and PBI field teams to provide emotional accompaniment tools for use in their daily work. She was also in charge of producing articles that bring an understanding of the psychosocial effects of the Colombian conflict on the people's lives and within the organizations that PBI accompanies.

Ambassadorial Scholars

P. Reed Maurer, 1960-61 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Minersville, Pennsylvania, USA (District 7370) to attend University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand



P. Reed Maurer has been living in Japan for over 38 years and worked the entire time in the pharmaceutical industry. He currently serves as chairman of aRigen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., director of Teva-KOWA Pharma Co., Ltd., and president of International Alliances Limited, a pharmaceutical consulting company that facilitates global collaboration with Japan.

After teaching as associate professor of embryology and genetics at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, USA, Maurer joined Eli Lilly and Company in 1964. He served as vice president for Eli Lilly operations in Japan from 1970 to 1976. He then joined Merck & Co. as vice president of Japan and China sectors where he helped the acquisition of Banyu Pharmaceutical Co., the first such transaction involving a prominent Japanese company. After leaving Merck, he became the first representative in Japan for the Pharmaceutical Research Manufacturers of America and served as president of Nippon Pharma Promotion K.K.

Maurer was born in Pennsylvania, USA and received a master's degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. He then attended the Sloan Program at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. He is married to another former Ambassadorial Scholar Yuko Maurer (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Morioka, Iwate, Japan to attend University of Hawaii at Manoa in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA in 1982-83) and lives in Tokyo, Japan with their five children.

Alumni in United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees offices (excerpts from the Japan regional Rotary magazine, *Rotary no Tomo*)

Following the path of Ambassadorial Scholar alumna Sadako Ogata, former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, these alumni from Japan are helping to build peace around the world. "The opportunity given by The Rotary Foundation was the key that opened doors for us to take part in United Nations' humanitarian work, as well as wings that let us freely explore around the world. Thank you very much." – Machiko Kondo



Machiko Kondo, 1973-74 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Omiya, Saitama, Japan (District 2770) to attend Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. She worked as an UNHCR staff member since 1983 and was assigned to Somalia, Pakistan, Indonesia, and the headquarters office in Genève, Switzerland. She served as the regional office representative in Bangladesh and in Sweden. She retired in 2007 after 23 years of dedicated service to UNHCR.



Megumi Nakamura, 1983-84 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Matsudo East, Chiba, Japan (District 2790) to attend Université de Caen Basse-Normandie in Caen, France. She joined UNHCR in 1989 and worked in Tokyo, Myanmar, and the headquarters office in Genève, Switzerland. She was involved in founding “Japan for UNHCR”, an official support organization to help fundraising for the UNHCR operations. She currently serves as senior manager there in the promotion and fundraising areas.



Noriko Yoshida, 1988-89 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fukuchiyama, Kyoto, Japan (District 2650) to attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Her dream of working for the UNHCR offices came true as she started her career in Nigeria, and continued working in Sudan, Côte d’Ivoire, Afghanistan, and the headquarters office in Genève, Switzerland. She is currently heading the UNHCR office in Juba, Sudan as deputy representative of Southern Sudan and is guiding returning refugees to settle back into their home country.



Masako Yonekawa, 1990-91 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Takarazuka, Hyogo, Japan (District 2680) to attend University of Kent at Canterbury in Kent, England. Since joining UNHCR, she was assigned to Rwanda, Kenya, Democratic Republic of Congo, and as aide for the UNHCR at the headquarters office in Genève, Switzerland. She then served as head of the Goma office in Democratic Republic of Congo. She is currently taking a leave from UNHCR and working on peace building issues as a visiting expert at Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Tokyo, Japan.



Yoko Akasaka, 1992-93 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tondabayashi, Osaka, Japan (District 2640) to attend Columbia University in New York City, New York, USA. While studying human rights, she developed strong interest in refugee issues which lead her to working for UNHCR. After serving in Ukraine, Moldova, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka, she is currently working as senior protection officer at the Islamabad office to help the Afghan / Pakistani refugees.



Jun Shirato, 1995-96 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Koshigaya, Saitama, Japan (District 2770) to attend Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, USA. Since 1998, she has been working for UNHCR in Turkey, Rwanda, former Yugoslavia, Angola, Armenia, Sudan, and Ukraine. She currently serves as senior protection officer at the North Caucasus office in Russia.



Yukiko Koyama, 2000-01 Ambassadorial Scholar, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Gifu North, Gifu, Japan (District 2630) to attend Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. She studied international refugee law and gained further education through NGOs in her community. She joined UNHCR in 2005 and dealt with Afghan refugees at the Moscow office. She is now in Jalalabad, Afghanistan and supports the returning Afghan refugees from Pakistan to rebuild their lives.

Group Study Exchange

John Foppe, 2006-07 GSE team member, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Swansea, Illinois, USA (District 6510) to India (District 3090)



Born without arms, John Foppe has had to break down and re-think every aspect of day-to-day life. After repeatedly hearing company leaders complain about how difficult is to motivate their people, he addressed this common performance challenge through years of research, clinical study and field testing. He ultimately developed a variety of solutions to help individuals transform their visions into outcomes and started sharing them as a motivational speaker.

His compelling story and methods caught the attention of the legendary Zig Ziglar, the author of “*What’s Your Excuse?*” Ziglar broke his long-standing rule of promoting from within and recruited and mentored Foppe. Since 1995, Foppe’s work has taken him to 15 different countries. He worked with pro-football organizations including Miami Dolphins and Fortune 500 clients such as Boeing, GE, and State Farm.

Foppe is currently working as executive director for Community Link, a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Breese, Illinois that helps adults and children with developmental disabilities. He oversees a \$6 million operating budget and manages more than 130 employees who provide an array of services including employment, job training and housing. He continues to speak to companies on a limited and selected basis.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

Humanitarian Grants Budget Situation

At their April meeting, the Trustees took some important decisions regarding the Humanitarian Grants budget for 2009-10. Foundation staff members are currently preparing communications regarding these decisions, and information will be shared with RRFs as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

3-H and Competitive Matching Grant Approvals

At their April meeting the Trustees approved 15 3-H Grant applications for a total award amount of US\$4,752,497, including monitoring costs. In addition, the Trustees approved 10 Competitive Matching Grant applications. The total amount of funds approved for these 10 grants was US\$551,098, which includes monitoring costs associated with grants exceeding US\$50,000.

Upcoming Deadline for DSG Payment Requirements

The deadline for payment of 2008-2009 District Simplified Grants is rapidly approaching. All payment requirements should be met by 15 May 2009, or the grant may be canceled by the Foundation. District Simplified Grants can only be paid out in the year in which they are available. If a district does not utilize its DSG funds during the program year, the amount will roll over into the new year as available DDF that can be applied to other Foundation programs.

Districts with outstanding payment requirements were notified in February and April, and those who still need to submit information received a final reminder by 1 May. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your grant coordinator or the Contact Center for more information.

Humanitarian Grants Success Story

The Rotary Clubs of Vladivostok, Russia (D5010) and Homer-Kachemak Bay (D5010) received a 3-H Grant to establish five new health fair centers, promote health fairs via mass media, conduct training seminars for local health fair organizers, and form volunteer teams providing health care and prevention education in St. Petersburg, Moscow, Blagoveshchensk, and Chita, Russia. It is estimated that this US\$300,000 grant has already benefited over 7,000 people by providing them with the information they need to improve their own health and that of their family members.



A doctor provides a CPR demonstration during a mobile health fair in Ulyanovsk, Russia

OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION

Reminder – Pilot Training at GETS Sessions

Every GETS is likely to have a few pilot districts that will need a separate training session that focuses on the new grant-making model. A leader's guide supplement will be emailed to all RRFCs in July 2009 to assist you in training the pilot districts.

There are two Foundation sessions in the GETS curriculum. All DGEs will attend session 6A on Fund Development and *SHARE*. While non-pilot districts attend session 6B on the Rotary Foundation Programs, pilot districts will attend a separate session 6B on the Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan, conducted by an RRFC.

Please work with the convener and the GETS Training Team Leader to make arrangements for the pilot training. If there is not sufficient space or time to meet with the DGEs in pilot districts at the time suggested above, here are some alternate ideas:

- Hold a working breakfast before the Institute with pilot districts
- Reserve 90 minutes at the end of GETS
- Conduct a web conference following the Institute
- Organize a meeting in the evening

Additional Participants:

DRFC chairs are encouraged to attend at no cost to Rotary

If the **incoming RRFC** is planning on attending GETS, consider including them in the pilot meeting so they can also prepare for San Diego.

Preparation:

- Webinars that will provide you with an update from the April 2009 Trustee Meeting are scheduled for the following dates and times in May to accommodate for RRFCs in different time zones:
 - 20 May, 2009 at 18:00-19:00 (CST - Central Standard Time)
 - 28 May, 2009 at 10:00-11:00 (CST)
- A leader's guide is being prepared and will be emailed to you in July.
- Additional Webinars for GETS 2009 preparation will be scheduled in August and September. This Webinar will focus on answering any questions you have about Future Vision and the leader's guide that will be provided to you.

Webinar details will be emailed to you in the next few weeks.

Contact Kimberly Kouame at kimberly.kouame@rotary.org or 847-866-3414 with any questions.

SHARE Tip of the Month

A *SHARE* Transaction Detail report, Tagged DDF report, and DDF donation form are scheduled to be sent via email to every district before the end of May. The DDF donation form will be available for download on the RI website.

This annual mailing is to advise each district of its 2008-09 DDF balance and to encourage the donation of any uncommitted funds by 30 June. The materials are being sent to the DG, DGE, DRFCC, and the subcommittee chairs for Grants, PolioPlus, Peace Fellows, and Scholarships.

Some districts may notice a larger DDF balance than anticipated. This is because we have been busy processing DDF credits from 2007-08 scholarships as well as from DSG and MG funds that have been returned to the Foundation.

Questions about *SHARE*? Contact Steve Lyons, 847-866-3362; steve.lyons@rotary.org.