

# Coordinator Communiqué

A Forum for Foundation News

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*Post IA Issue*

## Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and the Gates Foundation to \$555 million.

Shortly after meeting with incoming district governors from the four countries where the wild poliovirus is endemic -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- Bill Gates announced the new grant on Wednesday morning at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"Rotarians, government leaders, and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," Gates said. "However, complete elimination of the poliovirus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

"We are going to end polio now," affirmed Robert S. Scott, chair of RI's International PolioPlus Committee.

In response to the new \$255 million Gates Foundation grant, Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million.

The two Gates Foundation challenge grants now total \$355 million. Rotary International's matching effort in response is called Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

### Fundraising Activities

RI Director Gordon McNally made a New Year resolution with a difference as he faced up to the challenge of taking part in the 2009 "Loony Dook".

Gordon is currently serving his second year on the Board of Directors, but on 1 January 2009 he dived into the icy waters of the River Forth in his hometown of South Queensferry, near Edinburgh, Scotland to raise money for Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge.

"Having made a personal donation to the campaign, I was anxious to do something more and to find a personal challenge that might attract further donations to the campaign as well as raising awareness among non-Rotarians" says Gordon. "Realising my marathon running or sky diving days are probably behind me I decided to take part in the appropriately named annual "Loony Dook" sponsored swim which takes place each year in our home town"

Friends, patients and colleagues have been very generous and Gordon has been overwhelmed and humbled by the fact that to date well over £4000 (\$6000) has been raised – and the money keeps rolling in. As Gordon has told his sponsors, “every dollar will make a difference and mean Rotary can meet the challenge and finish eradicating Polio from the face of the earth”.

District 5050 held a Golf fundraiser for the PolioPlus Challenge on August 22nd at the Surrey Golf Club in British Columbia, Canada. We worked with our incoming club presidents starting at President Elects Training Seminar to get them to have their clubs be sponsors of the GolFun "Tee Off On Polio" Tournament. We had approximately 115 golfers on a beautiful sunny Friday afternoon. We raised approximately \$110,000. from Clubs and members that sponsored the tournament.

Australia Districts have been working with 20th Century Fox Australia to screen a sneak preview of the film ‘Valkyrie’ on 19 and 21 January 2009, as a fundraiser for Rotary’s US\$100 Million Challenge. The movie premiered 22 January 2009 in Australia. For every ticket sold, The Rotary Foundation would receive approximately AU\$12.50.

The Bozeman High School Interact Club (D5030) has been dying pinkies purple everyday at their high school during lunch periods. They hope to raise \$1000.00 to meet the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation challenge that every club raise this amount every year for 3 years. District 5030 lent them an iron lung (on loan from a museum) to put on display in their school. It has certainly been a draw.

## Future Vision Plan

### Pilot Phase Update

As of 9 January 2009, 137 districts have informed TRF that they will probably apply for consideration to be selected as a pilot district, while only 14 districts have indicated that they probably will not apply. The chart below depicts the response rate by region regarding districts’ intent on applying to be a pilot district. On 27 January 2009, TRF opened the online application process for pilot districts. RRFs are asked to help continue promoting the Future Vision Plan and encourage districts in their regions to consider applying for the pilot phase. Questions can be sent to [newgrantspilot@rotary.org](mailto:newgrantspilot@rotary.org).

REGION	# DISTRICTS PROBABLY APPLY	% OF REGION
Australia & Oceania	17 districts	59 %
North America	54 districts	33 %
Central & South America	23 districts	27 %
Europe	30 districts	23 %
Africa	3 districts	19 %
Asia and Middle East	9 districts	8 %

## **FUND DEVELOPMENT**

### **PETS and 2009-2010 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form**

All DGEs are returning home from the International Assembly (IA) and finalizing preparations for their upcoming PETS. This is an ideal time to contact the DGEs in your zone to clarify any questions they may have following the IA and offer your guidance for PETS as well as for the coming Rotary year. Please remind all your DGEs about the importance of distributing the **2009-2010 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms** at PETS and collecting them by 1 May 2009. All DGEs should forward club goals to the Secretariat by 15 May 2009. DGEs can now enter club goals online through Member Access at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). The timely submission of club goals is critical for the Trustees to set the Worldwide Annual Programs Fund Goal for announcement at the Birmingham Convention in June 2009. The **2009-2010 Fund Development Club Goal Report Forms** in nine languages are now available for download:

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/erey\\_club\\_goal\\_report\\_form09-10\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/erey_club_goal_report_form09-10_en.pdf)

### **New “Interim” Monthly Contribution Reports Online**

All zone, club, and district leaders with access to run the Monthly Contribution Reports are now able to see “Interim MCRs” with contributions updated on a daily basis. For example, contributions entered at the close of business today, will appear on the Interim MCR tomorrow. This new feature will help clubs and districts better monitor the processing of their contributions to The Rotary Foundation. “Interim MCR” reports remain “interim” until that month’s books officially close. When the books close, the “Interim MCR” for that month will move to the “Current Year” MCR. The 30 June MCR will remain available online and should be helpful to club presidents-elect when setting their Fund Development Club Goals.

### **Contribution Reports Now Available to All MGAs, SAs, and RFACs on Member Access**

All Major Gift Advisers, Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisers, and Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinators now have access to the Monthly Contribution Reports, Club Recognition Summaries, and the EREY Eligibility Reports through the Member Access Portal. An order to gain access, they must be registered on the Portal with a unique email address and security password. Access for the Zone Challenge Coordinators is currently in process and should be available shortly.

### **USA Mileage Reimbursement Rate Update**

Please be advised that effective 1 January 2009, the Internal Revenue Service increased the mileage reimbursement rate to .55 cents per mile in the United States. Notification of this change was sent to the Zone teams in the United States.

### **Goal Achievement**

As you review your RRFC Fundraising Progress Reports, are the clubs and districts in your zones at 50% of their goal achievement for the Annual Programs Fund as of 31 December? Are clubs and districts in your zone carrying a lower than expected per capita? The benchmarks listed below serve as a guideline to clubs and districts as to where each should be in achievement of their annual giving goals:

- 20% Goal Achievement by 30 September
- 33% Goal Achievement by 30 November
- 50% Goal Achievement by 31 December
- 67% Goal Achievement by 30 March
- 100% Goal Achievement by 30 June

### **Permanent Fund**

On 30 November 2008, the Permanent Fund's net assets were US\$160.2 million. As of 30 November 2008 the estimated expectancies to the Permanent Fund stood at US\$394.9 million. Therefore, the Permanent Fund's net assets and expectancies were \$555.1 million as of 30 November 2008. The goal is to reach US\$1 billion by 2025.

### **Bequest Society Update**

As of 31 December 2008, there were 6,514 Bequest Society commitments with an expected value of US\$280.9 million. These commitments represent a significant percentage of the expectancies to the Permanent Fund and an increase of 50 new bequests valued at more than US\$2.3 million since November.

### **Donor Advised Fund Update - U.S.**

As of 31 December 2008, there were 131 DAF accounts with a fair market value of US\$5.9 million.

### **Charitable IRA Rollover - U.S.**

Since the inception of the Charitable IRA Rollover in September 2008, donors used this method to contribute US\$205,000 to The Rotary Foundation as of 31 December 2008.

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **ROTARY CENTERS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

#### **Archbishop Desmond Tutu is 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. Join us at the Symposium and be inspired by a Nobel Peace Prize winner. Register for the Convention and Symposium at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

#### **New Rotary World Peace Fellowship Application Form Available**

The new Rotary World Peace Fellowship application form for 2010 is now available at the newly updated Rotary Centers website. This application form should be used for all applicants to both the master's degree and professional development certificate fellowships. Visit [www.rotary.org/rotarycenters](http://www.rotary.org/rotarycenters) to view the site and download the form along with our new brochure and program guide for Rotarians.

### **Upcoming Rotary Center Seminars:**

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

#### **Chulalongkorn University**

Thursday, 9 April 2009

#### **Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Saturday, 4 April 2009

#### **University of California, Berkeley**

Sunday, 26 April 2009

#### **Universidad del Salvador**

Tuesday, 28 April 2009

#### **University of Queensland**

Saturday, 23 May 2009

#### **International Christian University**

Saturday, 6 June 2009

#### **Sign up to receive more rotary centers news at:**

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/PeaceNetNewsletter.aspx>

Contact: Judy Gibson, Rotary Centers Department Manager, at [judy.gibson@rotary.org](mailto:judy.gibson@rotary.org) or +1-847-866-3834.

### **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS**

#### **Acceptance Packet and Handbook for 2009-10 Ambassadorial Scholars**

2009-2010 Ambassadorial Scholars will receive their scholarship Acceptance Packets in February; so it is important to note that this is the first time that the entire mailing will be sent out electronically. No material will be sent out via regular mail. Again this year, scholars are required to schedule attendance at an outbound scholar orientation seminar upon receipt of their packet.

Sponsor districts are also encouraged to assist scholars in doing so through various communications (i.e. mailing to district governors acknowledging receipt of the 2010-2011 scholarship applications from their districts; mailing to Sponsor Counselors scheduled for March 2009). 2009 Regional Scholar Orientation Seminar information is posted on the RI website at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/About.aspx>

At this time all 2009-2010 applications that were received by the 1 October deadline have been assigned and scholars have been informed of their study institution assignment.

### **GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE**

#### **2009-10 GSE Travel Information Forms**

The 2009-10 GSE pairing confirmation letters have been sent out and the 2009-10 GSE Travel Information Forms are now past-due (Travel Information Forms were due to the GSE department on 1 January 2009). If your district has not yet submitted the Travel Information Form, please confer with your partner districts to establish travel dates and then return the form to the GSE department as soon as possible so that all 2009-10 exchange records can be updated. This information is essential to the GSE coordinators as they prepare for next year's exchanges.

Should your district not be able to confirm exact travel dates for next year's exchange with your partner district, we encourage both districts to submit forms with approximate dates, indicating the month of travel instead. Once finalized dates have been determined, please contact your GSE coordinator at TRF and we will update our records accordingly.

Please contact your GSE coordinator at TRF if your district has not received a pairing confirmation letter for your 2009-10 exchange or if you have any questions regarding the Travel Information Form.

**Submission of GSE Travel Request Form for 2008-09 GSE Teams**

Similar to the 2007-08 travel season, Rotary International Travel Services (RITS) will be working with GSE teams to establish travel arrangements at the same time that the teams are working with the GSE department to submit completed pre-departure documentation.

As a cost-savings measure to TRF, effective immediately, RITS will only book travel for teams who have submitted their GSE Team Travel Request Form at least **45 days before the team's departure date**. If RITS receives this form after the 45-day deadline, they will not book the travel for GSE teams and districts will be obligated to postpone travel or purchase these tickets locally at the RITS-approved reimbursable rate.

Please submit the GSE Team Travel Request Form to both your coordinator at the GSE department, as well as to RITS. Forms can be submitted electronically to RITS at [ritsonline@rotary.org](mailto:ritsonline@rotary.org) or via fax to +1-847-866-6297.

## ALUMNI RELATIONS

### *Rotary Alumni Celebration – Birmingham, England*

The keynote speaker for the 2009 Rotary Alumni Celebration will be Jean-François Rischard, an Ambassadorial Scholar alumnus who is the retired vice president of the World Bank for Europe. Please visit the RI Web site for additional information:

[http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Alumni/Announcements/Pages/081126\\_announce\\_alumni\\_celebration.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Alumni/Announcements/Pages/081126_announce_alumni_celebration.aspx)

### *Alumni Updates*

#### **Ambassadorial Scholars**

**Richard Richardson, 1957-58 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Caruthersville, Missouri, USA (District 6060) to attend University of Dublin in Dublin, Ireland**



Richard Richardson is a teacher, scholar, administrator, public servant, and humanitarian. He was a long-time university professor and administrator, primarily at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA. Since arriving at UNC, he has made an immense impact on the students, the scholarly community as well as the state of North Carolina. In his career he received numerous research, teaching, and humanitarian service awards.

After retiring from the university as the Dean, he now devotes his time to Yoke Fellows, a local client-oriented, prison-based counseling program. He also travels across the United States to speak and coordinate efforts on behalf of Heifer International, an organization dedicated to ending hunger and caring for the Earth.

**Lee Losey, 1987-88 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Carbondale, Illinois, USA (District 6510) to attend University of St. Andrews in Scotland**

Lee Losey is a public health specialist currently working as a real estate manager in Chicago, IL. As program director of Mercy Corps in Pakistan, he provided senior oversight to large projects in support of Afghan refugees in the areas of health care, water, and sanitation.

He also served as secretariat director and regional technical advisor for CORE polio eradication initiative in Angola as representative of coalition of non-governmental organizations on national Interagency Coordinating Committee. He worked on many health projects for Catholic Relief Services there and created a health information system for CARE.



He has also been a polio consultant in Sudan to the World Health Organization monitoring and evaluating implementation of Polio National Immunization Days.

**Naoko Yamazaki, 1994-95 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Matsudo Chuoh, Chiba, Japan (D-2790) to attend University of Maryland at College Park in Maryland, USA**



Naoko Yamazaki is the second Japanese female to become an astronaut. She was selected by NASDA (the Japanese space agency, now known as JAXA) to be one of three Japanese astronaut candidates for missions to the International Space Station. She was recently assigned as a mission specialist on board the US Space Shuttle Atlantis, scheduled to be launched in 2010. She is working in the Astronaut Office Robotics Branch within NASA and is currently receiving training in preparation for a flight at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, USA.

She is also assigned to perform various experiments at the International Space Station (ISS) that is currently being assembled. As an engineer, Ms. Yamazaki has been participating in the development and experimentations of hardware and coordinating international efforts.

She has been traveling for training in USA, Russia, Europe and Canada where space projects are taking place. She believes that space mission provides people the opportunity to be away from earth to view it more objectively, just as studying abroad provides opportunity to view one's own country more objectively. Her efforts and commitment will provide us the opportunities to ponder the issues on earth and the world we live in, and encourage young people around the world to do the same.

### **Group Study Exchange**

**Scott Stover, 2006-2007 GSE team member sponsored by the Rotary Club of Columbia Capital, South Carolina, USA (D-7770) to Australia (D-9460)**

Scott Stover, a police officer in Columbia, South Carolina, recently hosted one of his GSE host families on a trip to the United States. Rotarian Frank House and his wife Jill of District 9460 (Western Australia) spent a week with Scott and his family staying with them just as he did with the House family during his GSE. Scott expressed his many thanks to his sponsor club, Rotary in general and Sheriff Leon Lott. "If it were not for them, I would not have experienced such a life changing opportunity nor would I have met Frank and Jill House", says Scott.



*(Pictured from left to right, Grant Gillespie, Jill House, Frank House, Christi Stover, and Scott Stove)*

**Homer L. Williams 1983-1984 GSE team leader sponsored by the Rotary Club of Parkville, Texas, USA (D-6040) to England (D-1250)**



After nearly 50 years of practice as an architect, Homer returned to the University of Hawaii in 2007 to receive his doctorate in architecture, awarded to him by the university's chancellor. He is now an adjunct professor of architecture at the University of Hawaii.

## Rotary Centers for International Studies

**Ms. Carla Fantini, 2004-06 Rotary World Peace Fellow at International Christian University, Japan, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brattleboro Noon, Vermont, USA (D-7870)**

A peace fellow's life is never dull. Here is a brief update from Carla Fantini, capturing her life in a nutshell in the past year.

“I returned to my native Vermont (Brattleboro) in August of 2007 and have been working on a variety of projects since then. Most of the work I do are long-term projects, and are related to cross-cultural education, youth development, and peace education. I am a Spanish instructor at the SIT Graduate Institute, where students are pursuing graduate degrees in Sustainable Development, International Education, Peace, and Conflict Transformation.”



Carla also consults for the Latino After School Initiative based in Boston developing and now implementing a program that encourages young Latino youth to stay in school and consider pursuing higher education. She continues to work with Soliya, an on-line dialogue program for students from the US, Europe, and the Middle East, coaching and training their facilitators.

## Rotary Volunteers

**Gert Brillenburg Wurth, 1996-1997 Rotary Volunteer, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eindhoven-Noord in The Netherlands (D-1550) to Nicaragua (D-4240)**

Gert Brillenburg Wurth is celebrating his 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year providing numerous means of assistance to the people of Nicaragua. Among his many projects are coordinating the donation of medical supplies and materials, eco-agricultural support for farmers in rural areas, and the building of schools in a partnership with the Rotary Club of Chinandega, Nicaragua (D-4240). A physician himself, he has helped over 240 families, and countless individual hospital patients. He is joined by his friend and fellow Rotarian Ernst Godding on many of his recent trips.



(Left to right, Ernst and Gert are pictured here with a pair of echocardiogram machines donated by the Phillips Corporation)

## Open Mind, Open Heart—The GSE Experience

By Michael Angelo Caruso



At 37 years of age, I had developed countless opinions on all sorts of topics, including those of which I knew nothing. Even more problematic, I had an uncanny and compulsive knack for identifying my conclusions as actual knowledge. Back then, my opinions were formed through a simple, three-step process:

1. Informally gather information (or not)
2. Assess the information (or not)
3. Claim my opinion as knowledge

Young and full of myself, I reserved the right to skip to step “3” at any point in the process. Flawed as it was, this system worked pretty well in my small and controlled environment. But in late 1995, this “knowledge” formula was about to be seriously challenged by a magnificent experience on the other side of the planet.

### What’s “Ro-terry?”

The newspaper advertisement promoted a trip sponsored by an organization, whose name I couldn’t pronounce. The advertisement, read:

**Rotary Calling:** Detroit-Windsor area Rotary International is seeking applicants for a five-week, all expenses-paid exchange program in South Africa. Four non-Rotarians will be selected to make the trip. After the exchange, winners will be expected to report on their trip at Rotary meetings. . .

I had a hundred questions, many of which wouldn’t be answered until we completed the trip. What would group travel with “strangers” be like? How would our racially mixed team be treated in a land that had recently abolished apartheid? Would I still have a job when I returned?

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) committee of Rotary Super District 6400 advised that we visit South Africa with a certain emotional detachment. We were coached on how to make observations without passing judgment because some of our long-standing beliefs might be called into question. My quick, three-step formula for forming opinions was about to be recalibrated into a slow, patient process.

Staying with host families was a remarkable and insightful treat. During previous trips, I’ve always stayed in hotels and eaten in restaurants. I was amazed at how much richer the travel experience can be when staying in a family’s home. We were privy to discussions and special observations that would be completely missed by typical tourists.

Since returning from the GSE adventure, I’ve had many opportunities to reflect on the question: “How was your trip?”

South Africa was an exciting place to be in 1995. The country had a new government with a dynamic leader named Nelson Mandela. In 1992, President Mandela had been released from prison to become President of the country! Recently canceled sanctions had made South Africa an overnight attraction.

The Truth and Reconciliation Committee, headed by Bishop Desmond Tutu and other new initiatives were helping South Africa take its first awkward steps toward racial equality. At the time, I heard many South Africans say they had “more hope than expectation.”

As I reflect on the wonderful GSE experience, I remember how I learned to listen and observe with emotional detachment. The willing suspension of judgment during the trip allowed me to successfully digest information that was sometimes contrary to my beliefs and foreign to my routine. Even today, this emotional detachment helps me delay reflexive decision-making. As a result, I’ve become more open to new perspectives.

The Group Study Exchange remains one of Rotary International's most successful projects. It links the citizens of different countries through cultural experiences in an attempt to further global peace and understanding. The lesson wasn't lost on me. It's true that I signed up for Rotary within thirty days of our return, but Rotary changed me before I even became a member.

Rotary opened my mind, as well as my heart. I will be a proud Rotarian the rest of my life.

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## HUMANITARIAN GRANTS PROGRAM

### Overdue Report Warning Letters

In December, the Humanitarian Grants Program sent its quarterly round of Report Warning Letters to the sponsors of grants that were more than 15 months overdue on reporting. These letters are addressed to the primary contacts, club presidents, DGs, DRFCs and DGSCs. Historically, the letters have been sent as an email attachment; however this quarter, the letter was included in the text of the email instead of as an attachment. We hope that this will help improve communication by making the letters easier and faster to read, and we welcome your feedback on this change. Feedback can be directed to Julia Clark at [julia.clark@rotary.org](mailto:julia.clark@rotary.org).

### RI/USAID Alliance

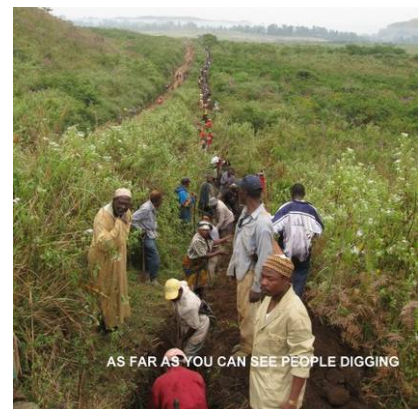
As you may be aware, RI/TRF is in the early stages of an alliance with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to implement water and sanitation projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The attached Frequently Asked Question document includes the most current information on the status of the alliance and its activities.

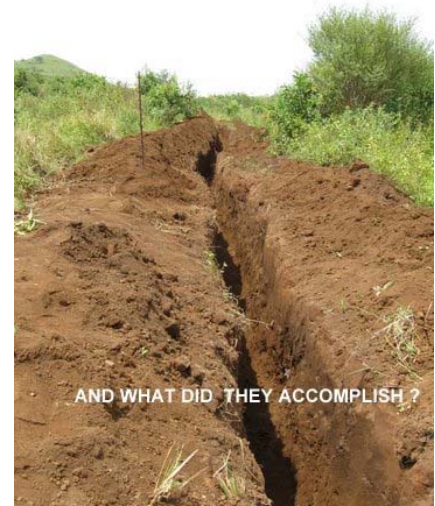
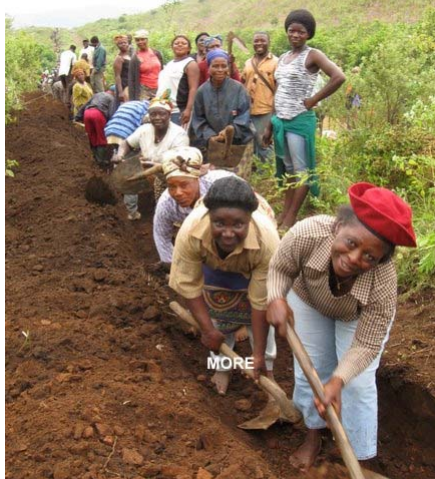


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### Humanitarian Grants Success Story

The Rotary Clubs of Bamenda, Cameroon (D-9150) and Charlottesville, Virginia, USA (D-7610) worked together to receive a Matching Grant to help provide three water storage tanks and a connective piping system to deliver water to the village of Wum, Northwest Province Mechum Divison, Cameroon. In a tremendous display of commitment to the project, nearly 4,000 community members dug a trench 2.5 km long to accommodate water pipes. The photos below tell the wonderful story:





## *Humanitarian Grants Success Story*

*story compliments of D6420 (Zone 27) and D9120 (Zone 10A)*

**“It takes so little to shift from isolation and hopelessness into engagement and hope.”**

This week I'm thrilled to be sharing with you the story of the Kaduna-Malali Rotary Club in Nigeria (D9120) that, with a visiting team of Rotarians from Zone 27 and 28 and medical volunteers, has changed the lives of an entire village! While the medical team did surgeries and wound care at St. Gerard's Hospital, the other Rotary volunteers planned to do manual labor along side the local Rotarians. They discovered that the village of Sabo Gero nearby had never been immunized....6,000 inhabitants including 2,500 children. Previous attempts to immunize were rebuffed by the village head, who said, "Polio isn't our problem." Knowing that they didn't have water, the Kaduna-Malali club had the land surveyed to find the best sites for a borehole well and continued to build a relationship with the village head and waited. Anticipating the impact of visiting Rotarians, The Kaduna-Malali club bought the makings for concrete and requested to help build a concrete floor for their school....a gesture of good will that let them know they had not been forgotten.

Visting Rotarian DGE Elise Cadigan (D6420) described: "When we got there we learned from the village head that the children are dying. He allowed me to ask him many difficult questions. When I asked what happens in the village when someone gets sick, he slowly replied that they wait for them to get well or to die. It is too far for them to walk for medical treatment as they would die in the heat. He also said that there is no water except in the rainy season. I asked him where the water is during the rainy season and he said that they drink with the cows. I asked whether they had a well and he said that the government had put in two and that they had not worked in years and no one could fix them."



In a matter of hours, the team worked with young village men on the dirt-floored school rooms and turned them into concrete floors. The government had delivered desks which now sit firmly on the concrete. They presented the teacher and children with school supplies, soccer balls and frisbies. Other team members went to the wells and, with Yankee ingenuity and a lot of luck and determination, they "fixed" one. The villagers now have cleaner water than they've had in years and fewer children will die from water-borne illness.



*The best picture of the day was seeing a young girl drinking and splashing her face with water, pumped from the well by her brother, as we drove away.(picture on right)*



One of the most heartwarming stories from this Rotary Service Project involves Mariam, the seven year old girl pictured below, whom the Rotarians met while visiting Sabo Gero. She had been severely burned by hot oil and the top of her foot was completely black. DGE Cadigan told the village head that she wanted to take Mariam to get her burn treated and that she needed a parent to accompany her. They went to the fields and found her mother. In an act of faith, Mariam's mother agreed to go to a place she'd never heard of with people she didn't know. The visiting medical team took care of her immediately, and they discovered that her mother had Malaria and would have died in the upcoming months if left untreated. St. Gerard's Hospital returned them to the village that night and now will be providing regular medical care for the villagers as part of their village out-reach program.

DGE Cadigan: "When the village head previously said that 'polio isn't our problem', he simply meant that the kids were dying every day from other sources before they could even get polio. Since our return to the U.S., a Rotary/Unicef team on an IPD has immunized all the children in the village. I thank Rotary for allowing me to participate in this wonderful team effort to help one village become a lot safer and to have hope that tomorrow can be better than today, and it was with just a little effort from each of us. We were actually in the village only a few hours but the impact will last for years. I wish that more Rotary members could experience this first-hand, face-to-face and realize how much they help by just showing up and listening. I think we sometimes get bogged down in the assumption that money and matching grants are the most effective tools we have, but this village is a good example of how much a club needs to be involved first before a project can really fly and be sustainable."



Mariam's foot as she tried to walk. Her mother and she came with our team to St. Gerard's Hospital for help.

Congratulations to the Kaduna-Malali Rotary Club President Helen Emumwen and club members, visiting Rotarians DGE Elise Cadigan, DGE John Bosco (D6630), Todd Bollig (D5950), Dr. Julia Jenkins (D6000), DGE Cal and Rachel Litwiller (D6000), DGE Neil McBeth (D6400), PDG Bob Newlon (6420), Dr. John Prahbakar, Tom and Enid Michalowski (D6420), DGN Gary Welch (D6000), and the three non-Rotarian nurses from St. Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois, who now want to join Rotary. Thank you for your extraordinary work!

*(Photos and captions by DGE Elise Cadigan)*

## OPERATIONS & ADMINISTRATION



### Message from 2009 RRFC Institute Moderator Mark Daniel Maloney

*Dear RRFCs,*

*Welcome to 2009 and what we hope will be a successful second half of the Rotary year. Back in March 2008, soon after the February RRFC training institute, I asked each of you to make your personal contribution to the Rotary Foundation's Annual programs fund early in the Rotary year.*

*In September 2008, Chairman Jonathan Majiyagbe also asked for each of you to lead by example by making your contribution to The Rotary Foundation. According to Foundation records, 31 of you have made a contribution to The Rotary Foundation as of 31 December 2008. As Rotary leaders, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for Rotarians to know that you have shown your support for our Foundation.*

*The amount does not matter, but it is important that each of you give as best you can. If you have not already done so, please make your personal contribution to the Foundation as soon as you can.*

*I look forward to seeing you in March at the 2009 Training Institute.*

### **New RRFC Training Specialist Joins the Administration Team**

On behalf of all of us in the TRF Administration Department at One Rotary Center, we introduce you to and welcome our newest RRFC training team specialist, Jane Lee. Jane joins us from the Membership Development area of RI, working to train and support the Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinators. She will be working closely with Gary Millman, Melanie Davis, Julia Windsor and Joaquin Mejia in planning the RRFC Institute, providing support to the RRFCs, and other projects as assigned. Please take a moment and welcome Jane to our team, email: [Jane.Lee@rotary.org](mailto:Jane.Lee@rotary.org)

### **SHARE Tip of the Month**

The 2010-11 *SHARE* kit will be sent via email at the end of January to all district governors, district governors-elect, and district Rotary Foundation committee chairs. Since contact information for 2010-11 district governors is not available yet, we will rely upon the current DG to forward a copy of the kit to the DGN. Each RRFC also will receive a copy of the kit, along with the *SHARE* System Reports for his or her districts.

The kit has been modified slightly from the 2009-10 version and will be discussed thoroughly during one of the breakout sessions at the upcoming RRFC Training event. Most of the contents will not be relevant for districts that are selected as pilot districts for the Foundation's Future Vision pilot. These districts will receive unique instructions at a later date for participating in the 2010-11 *SHARE* process.

Questions about *SHARE*? Contact Steve Lyons, 847-866-3362; [steve.lyons@rotary.org](mailto:steve.lyons@rotary.org).

### **RRFC Institute Housing Registration**

RRFCs expected to attend the 2009 RRFC Institute were emailed the RRFC Institute Registration Form to complete and return. Please make sure to return your registration form. If you need another copy of the registration form, contact Melanie Davis at [Melanie.davis@rotary.org](mailto:Melanie.davis@rotary.org) or (847) 866-4451.