



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
 ZONE 27 NEWSLETTER
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In the January edition of *The Rotarian* magazine TRF Chair Bill Boyd reminds us "Today's generation supports causes rather than organizations so we in Rotary should be able to clearly identify the causes that drive us." He goes on to mention a variety of things we can tell people when they ask what Rotary is. The things he mentions are those areas which became the Six Areas of Focus under the Future Vision Plan. Chairman Bill states it is easy to summarize these in twenty seconds or less and inform people about what Rotary does.

A recent survey of pilot districts indicates that they are happy with many aspects of the Future Vision Plan including having six areas of focus. Survey respondents indicated the sense of ownership has increased at both the district and club levels. Many districts have found increased participation by clubs in the District or Global Grant program. The Future Vision concept encourages smaller clubs with limited funding to partner with other clubs and thus make projects more meaningful. Those who have participated in Vocational Training Teams have indicated they felt what they did had a greater impact on the area served, was more professional and they could see the results of what they had done. Chairman Bill believes that having information about our areas of focus and how our foundation functions also gives us greater leverage with corporations when asking for a contribution. They want to know how their money will be spent. Last, and certainly not least, Rotarians can tell anyone who asks that we were the ones that led the efforts to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotary District 5710 (east Kansas) recently hosted an event in honor of Rotary's Foundation Month. Keynote speaker at the event was Past Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith who spoke about his year as RI President. He went on to talk about the impact that participation in the New Orleans convention by Youth Exchange students had on him. PRIP Ray shared with his audience video clips of Youth Exchange students singing and smiling while on stage during a plenary session.



At the convention, while these students, coming from many, many nations worldwide, were in New Orleans, Ray was able to learn just how much they accomplish during their exchanges. He indicated they often participate in volunteer and service activities. He stressed the potential of Youth Exchange students as future Rotarians and asked his audience not to forget them as excellent membership candidates.

Food for Thought – "It is unnecessary to advertise food to hungry people, fuel to cold people or houses to the homeless."

John Kenneth Galbraith

2011-12 Zone 27 Foundation Goals:

Per Capita Giving = \$105
 Annual Program Fund = \$2,750,000
 Permanent Fund = \$400,000
 Major Gifts = 15/\$300,000
 Restricted Giving = \$1,000,000
 Total Giving = \$4,150,000

2011-12 Progress as of 12/30/11:

\$28.81
 \$737,561
 \$62,018
 14/\$259,833
 \$556,056 (includes Polio Challenge)
 \$1,355,635



As of December 28, 2011, \$198,400,000 has been raised for the Polio Challenge.



Rotary Peace Fellow information – 110 Rotary Peace Fellows have been selected for 2012 – 275 applications were received, 81 for the certificate program and 194 for the Master's program. The average age of the selected Fellows is 33 years old with an average of 8.5 years of professional experience. The Class XI Fellows are from 52 different countries and 42% are from low-income countries.

New Strategic Partner Announced – Rotary clubs will be helping train engineers and scientists to solve problems in water and sanitation, particularly in developing countries, through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education! The Foundation will offer packaged grants that Rotary clubs may use to select and sponsor scholarships for professionals in the water sector. Up to eight students a year may be chosen for any of three master of science programs at the Institute in Delft, the Netherlands. The Rotary Foundation packaged global grants support large, international projects with sustainable high-impact outcomes in Rotary's area of focus.

TRF has a global contribution rate of only 25% of Rotarians. That being said, it is important to emphasize that a gift of any size to our Foundation has value. Those individuals having less money or living in high poverty areas can also contribute. For example, it only takes \$0.75 to pay for a rapid HIV test. Twenty-five dollars can pay for the intraocular lens implant that will provide sight for the blind. For those able to give a little more, \$50 will purchase an artificial hand in Sudan and \$80 can get a sewing machine in India. Many small donations can make a significant impact. Encouraging those 75% who don't give could greatly increase TRF contributions.

TRF's Cadre of Technical Advisors are individuals who volunteer to provide technical expertise and advice to Rotarians planning and implementing projects around the world. They review, monitor and evaluate projects and help ensure proper stewardship of grant funds. TRF is seeking volunteers in these areas: 1)Auditors who speak Japanese, Italian, Korean or Portuguese; 2)Auditors residing in North or Central America who speak Spanish; 3)Health and water/sanitation professionals; 4)Professionals from all sectors residing in Africa.

Cadre training will take place May 4 in Bangkok and interested members can contact Christian Pepera at 847 866-3357, or via email at Christian.pepera@rotary.org. TRF provides travel costs and a small per diem to cover expenses.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Month	Event	Location
January 13-14, 2012	Multi-District TRF Banquet/Seminar	Denver, CO
January 15-21, 2012	International Assembly	San Diego, CA
February 24-26, 2012	High Country PETS	Denver, CO
March 8-10, 2012	District 5520 PETS	Albuquerque, NM
April 12-13, 2012	District 5610 PETS	Mitchell, SD
April 12-14, 2012	Districts 5670, 5690, 5710 PETS	Salina, KS
April 20-22, 2012	District 5390 Conference	Butte, MT
April 20-22, 2012	District 5630 Conference	Kearney, NE
April 27-29, 2012	District 5450 Conference	Blackhawk, CO
April 28-29, 2012	District 5710 Conference	Overland Park, KS
May 3-5, 2012	World Peace Symposium	Bangkok, Thailand
May 4-5, 2012	Rotary Alumni Celebration	Bangkok, Thailand
May 6-9, 2012	RI Convention	Bangkok, Thailand
May 17-20, 2012	District 5520 Conference	Albuquerque, NM
May 18-19, 2012	District 5400 Conference	Sun Valley, ID
June 7-9, 2012	District 5440 Conference	Estes Park, CO
June 15-17, 2012	District 5420 Conference	Zermatt, UT

**Happy
New Year**



District Rotary Foundation Committee Manual Calendar **Second Half of 2011-2012**

JANUARY

- 15 Group Study Exchange Travel Information Forms from paired districts due to the Foundation Trustees meeting
- 15-21 International Assembly, San Diego, California, USA
- 31 *SHARE* mailing sent to districts
- Foundation Club Goal Report forms distributed to governors in PETS mailing

FEBRUARY

- 1-29 Clubs to set annual giving goal for 2012-13 at PETS
- 1 2012-13 Ambassadorial Scholarships alternate candidate applications due to the Foundation

MARCH

- 1-31 Clubs to set annual giving goal for 2012-13 at PETS
- 19-23 Trustees meeting
- 31 District Simplified Grant and Matching Grant applications due to the Foundation
- Club annual giving goals due to the Foundation
- World reporting percentages for grant reporting made available to districts

APRIL

- 15 District governors receive information on inbound scholars and appoint host counselors

MAY

- 1 Foundation Club Goal Report forms due to district governor-elect
- 6-9 RI Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
- 10 Trustees meeting
- 15 Deadline for approval of completed District Simplified Grant and Matching Grant applications
- Nominations for Citation for Meritorious Service due to the Foundation
- Deadline for fulfilling current year District Simplified Grant payment requirements
- Foundation Club Goal Report forms available for all clubs via Member Access
- 30 Notification of remaining District Designated Fund balance sent

JUNE

- 15 Submit host counselor appointments for next year's scholars to the Foundation
- 25 Certificates for returning scholars mailed to all districts
- 30 End of Rotary year, contributions due