Foundation Chair Greetings
Thanks!

I could end my message here, believing what else could I possibly say to convey my heartfelt gratitude to everyone from District 7630 who has contributed to our overwhelming Rotary Foundation success these past three years? But perhaps a few more words would help me say thank you to so many people who have opened their thoughts and their hearts to others through our Rotary Foundation.

I dare say many of us were uncertain of the future of our Rotary Foundation three years ago when we began our Future Vision adventure. Our district had been selected to help lead the Rotary world into uncharted territory, boldly going where no Rotarian had gone before. Our district’s leadership had selected someone to lead our Rotary Foundation committee, someone who had not served on the committee in many years and had never chaired the district TRF committee before. We collectively stepped off the precipice of the unknown and ventured forth blazing a trail of service to others, and we never looked back. And what a wonderful journey it has been!

It will be impossible in this short space to identify every district Rotarian that has contributed to our committee’s success these past three years, but I want each to know I am thinking of you and your generous support to our Rotary Foundation by giving your time and talents to our TRF committee. I would, however, like to say thanks to a few of our committee chairs and acknowledge their contributions in leading this committee. Many thanks to Governors Don Hackett and Roger Harrell for inviting me to serve as your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair.

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Burangi community members who cleared the bush for the access road.

Salisbury Sunrise Rotary
Global Grant - Burangi, Kenya

The Salisbury Sunrise Club and the Malindi Rotary Club of Kenya have just completed the process to apply for a Rotary global grant for over $98,000. This funding will support economic development, clean water and sanitation projects. The grant has been enthusiastically supported not only by our district and area 60 clubs, but also district 5400 in Boise Idaho and other clubs in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Illinois. Clubs contributed anywhere from $250 to $3,000, which demonstrates the power of global matching grants. Relatively small club contributions matched with DDF dollars and TRF World Fund dollars add up to sizable funding that can make a difference in the lives of people trapped in the cycle of poverty.

Tracy Ritter, a Salisbury Sunrise member, is also the International Director of Genesis World Mission a non-profit located in Boise, Idaho. (Continued on page 6)
The Centreville Rotary Club has purchased a supply of flash drives for distribution to the community via the Library and schools. The flash drives are for those enrolled in beginning computer classes offered by the Library and others "in need" as determined by Library staff.

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for having the confidence in my abilities to lead our district in a new direction. And a special thank you to Governor Jim Roney who “inherited” me after his selection as our District Governor. All three of these past Governors have been a joy to work with, and I am deeply honored to have served three wonderful, caring Rotary leaders.

Thank you to Jen Reider who chaired our Grants Committee, Jill Gordy; our Global Grants Chair and Cathy Anderson, our District Grants Chair, for creating, organizing and setting into motion a completely new grant structure within D.7630. The process appeared seamless to our Rotarians, but significant effort was put into our grant control committee to assure every project would be given the attention that project truly deserves. Speaking of new committees, a special thank you to Kai Lassen for serving as the editor of “Miracle”, our District 7630 Rotary Foundation Committee newsletter. Kai and especially Linda Chick, who has generously donated her printing capabilities to print free copies of our newsletter for your information and Rotary Foundation inspiration, are well deserving of praise for agreeing to share our Rotary Foundation information with everyone in District 7630.

Thanks to my Advocates; Keith Smith, Keith Marsh, Donna Friswell, Jen Reider, Ed Wilchinski, Susan Giove, Roger Clavette, Steve Kasperski, Tom Bickerstaff, Harold Reece, Roger Harrell and Don Hackett. The Advocate position is a new concept for our district, and these dedicated Rotary volunteers stepped up to the plate and really have defined this Rotary Foundation position through their many hours of service to the Rotarians and the clubs in their respective areas. Our district and our Rotary Foundation are stronger because of their leadership and their devotion to service above self.

Our Annual Programs, Endowment and Polio fundraising committees have seen significant increased awareness and support through the leadership of Robin Broomall, Tom Bickerstaff, Cliff Berg, the late John Hentkowski and Tom Talley. Margo Johnson has created an increased awareness of our Paul Harris Society where an individual Rotarian agrees to contribute at least $1,000 cumulative annually to our Rotary Foundation.

Nearly four years ago, I asked Tom Talley and John Mager to help me determine what path would be best for our district Rotarians to travel for the subsequent three years. Tom and John met regularly with me, giving me advice and volunteering more than any other when a task needed to be accomplished. Their support, their wisdom and their Rotary can-do spirit has benefitted each Rotarian in District 7630 as well as many thousands of Rotary Foundation recipients around the world. I am forever indebted to these two friends. For the many people these two dedicated Rotarians have touched these past four years, I want to sincerely say thanks.

With the tragic loss of PDG John Hentkowski early in Future Vision, Tom Talley agreed to step up and fill the void left in our Rotary Foundation Committee senior leadership. Tom has developed one of the strongest committees in the district with his Polio Committee, has implemented innovative fund raisers, and has been recognized by leadership at the Zone and internationally for his unflagging efforts to see the last case of reported polio. We Rotarians continue to lead the fight against polio, and I am glad Tom Talley is the leading cheerleader for Rotary’s promise to the world that we will never stop until we conquer the disease and can declare our world polio free.

And lastly, I want to thank every Rotarian who has contributed something to our Rotary Foundation these last three years. It is easy for Rotarians to open their hearts to assist another person in our community or in a community at the far ends of the earth. Being a Rotarian means giving back to others so they can have more of what we have. A good Rotarian also understands and appreciates that what we do with our Rotary Foundation is not an entitlement, but rather something that requires our constant unflagging attention and our financial support. Without our contributions to our Rotary Foundation, there would be no funds to support our many varied worldwide projects. Without opening your wallet and making a donation to your Rotary Foundation, our words of good deeds would be empty and meaningless. We back up our words of good will with our generous giving to our Rotary Foundation to financially support the programs people around the world so desperately need. Thanks for opening your heart. Thank you for opening your wallet and giving both your heart and your much needed hard-earned dollars to our Rotary Foundation. The children of the world thank you. I thank you.

**Centreville Rotary Provides Flash Drives for Library Patrons**

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**Newark Club’s District Grant Medical Supplies to Cameroon**

The Newark Rotary Club used its District Grant award to help in its project to assemble, pack and ship medical supplies and equipment to four health centers in Cameroon in west central Africa. This was done in partnership with Mission Relief Services, Coatesville, PA and Empowering Solutions, Inc. The container arrived in Cameroon in February 2013.
In this final Miracle issue of the Foundation's 2012-2013 year, we recognize two Rotarians, Eric Grubb and Tom Bickerstaff, for their Extraordinary Service to the Rotary Foundation:

**ERIC GRUBB**  
**DISTRICT FOUNDATION CHAIR**

Eric served with distinction as District 7630's Rotary Foundation Chair during the Rotary Foundation’s Future Vision Pilot Years 2010-2013, and has taken District support for, and District involvement in, the Foundation's work to record highs. Under his passionate and dedicated leadership, Eric has shepherded the District through the challenging pilot years with incredible success. Under his guidance the District's clubs have successfully qualified for and received numerous District Grants and Global Grants for a wide variety of extraordinary projects throughout the District and the world. Through his inspiration, the District Foundation's newsletter *Miracle* was launched.

Eric is the recipient of Rotary Foundation's Citation of Meritorious Service, and this year of Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award, and of Rotary's highest honor: the Service Above Self Award, for his invaluable leadership and contributions to the Foundation and the District.

Eric has been a Rotarian since 1983 when he was invited to join the Rotary Club of Elkton, Maryland, where he served as that Club's president in 1988-89. He has served the District as the Governor's Area Representative 1989-90, GSE Incoming Team Chair 1991-97, Newsletter Editor 1993-94, Matching Grants Co-Chair 1998-99, District Governor 1999-2000, Permanent Fund Chair 2002-03 and District Trainer 2009-10.

Additionally, he has served Zones 31-32 in many capacities including Membership Coordinator, Foundation Training Team Chair, Co-Founder and General Chair of the Mid-Atlantic PETS, General Chair of the Multi-District PETS Alliance, and currently serves as the Multi-District PETS Alliance Treasurer, which encompasses 138 Districts representing over 325,000 Rotarians, to name only a few of his many Rotary accomplishments.

Eric is a lifelong resident of Cecil County and runs a family own construction and construction management business founded in 1880. His wife Irene is also a dedicated Rotarian. Eric's commitment of time, energy and dedication to Rotary knows no bounds. Eric epitomizes Rotary's guiding principle of Service Above Self through his leadership and example.

*Congratulations and Thanks, Eric!*

**TOM BICKERSTAFF**  
**ARCH KLUMPF SOCIETY MEMBER**

Only 200 Rotarians in the World have achieved the honor of becoming members of the Arch Klumpf Society, the Rotary Foundation society that recognizes those Rotarians who have committed themselves to extraordinary levels of support to the Rotary Foundation and its humanitarian work around the world. The Arch Klumpf Society recognizes Major Donors who have made contributions to the Foundation of $250,000.00 or greater. The Society was named for RI Past President Arch C. Klumpf (1916-17) who proposed that Rotary form a foundation creating "endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world", thus beginning the Rotary Foundation later renamed to honor Rotary Founder Paul Harris.

Tom Bickerstaff has become District 7630's first Arch Klumpf Society member. Although Tom has only been a member of the Ocean City – Berlin Rotary Club for seven years, serving as its president two years ago, he has been in Rotary for 33 years and has leadership experience at both the club and district levels. At the club level, the only position he hasn’t held is Sergeant-at-Arms. He has also chaired the four “avenues of service” committees (before youth services came along as the fifth avenue). His district level experience includes serving for 3½ years as an Assistant Governor in District 7430 (S.E. Pennsylvania), as District 7430’s District Treasurer from 2001-2002, and on various District Foundation subcommittees for Districts 7430 and 7630. He is the Rotary Foundation Advocate for the Area 51 clubs - Cambridge, St. Michaels and the two clubs in Easton - and he now chairs the District’s Permanent Fund Committee. Tom is also a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute and now serves as an RLI faculty member.

Tom has an obvious passion for The Rotary Foundation (TRF). He and wife Marian are both multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Tom is also a Benefactor of the Permanent Fund and a Level 2 member of the Bequest Society; he was a charter member of the Paul Harris Society (PHS) in District 7430; Tom and Marian are both charter members of District 7630’s Paul Harris Society; they also became Level 4 major donors in 2011 (Level 4 comprises contributors of $100,000.00 to $499,999.99). He recently led the Area 60 clubs in the “Strike Out Polio” baseball game fundraiser at the Shorebirds on August 18, 2012. It sent $3,076 to the TRF.

Tom and Marian Bickerstaff

*Congratulations and Thanks. Tom!*
Greetings from DG
Jim Roney

My Fellow Rotarians;

It is hard to believe that this Rotary year has come to a close. Some say time is a constant in our lives, but I certainly hope that the rest of my life doesn’t go past as quickly as these past three and a half years. January, 2010 was when I was selected to serve as your Governor for this year, and it seems like yesterday.

During that time I have learned so much, not only about Rotary and our District, but also about the quality of the individual Rotarians serving in our clubs. We have so much talent and dedication within our clubs that it was overwhelming to me. Particularly this talent lies in those who truly practice “Service Above Self” in the many projects that have been accomplished this year. We have seen our communities made stronger, our children better educated and our international partners touched by our commitment to Rotary. I truly believe that we have made an impact at home and internationally and given many a little bit of peace in their lives that would not have been there except for your efforts.

Many of these projects would not have been successful, or even gotten off the ground, without the support and drive of our District Foundation Committee. DRFC Eric Grubb has so ably led this committee for the past three years and we all owe Eric our thanks. However it is the team of dedicated Rotarians serving on the Foundation Committee that made this year successful, from Tom Talley’s enthusiasm for Polio Plus, to AG Margo Johnson’s persistence in adding members to the Paul Harris Society, and each Foundation Advocate coaching our clubs in the effective use of the Foundation, this committee functions at peak capacity. Thank you to everyone serving our District. Our District shines with The Rotary Foundation because of you!

I also must thank each and every one of you who contributed to our Foundation this year. Whether your gifts qualify you for “Every Rotarian, Every Year” or the Arch Klumph Society, every gift is significant in changing the life of someone, either across the street or across the ocean.

Much continues to be made of our District’s aim to achieve $100 per capita to the annual fund. This is a goal, a realistic number that can be achieved, but it is not the point. As I said in my address to each club, we have chosen Rotary as vehicle to serve our community, and our Rotary Foundation should be an integral part of our life. Without our gifts to our Foundation, and without our clubs’ taking advantage of the money returned to the District, we would not do a quarter of the good we do. Whether the best we can do is a gift of $25 or $250,000, it shows our commitment as Rotarians to the good we and our fellow Rotarians do in the world. It shows we really do care about “Peace Through Service”.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Governor this year, and I wish you all continued success in your Rotary careers.

Yours in Rotary Service, Jim Roney
District Governor 2012-2013, Rotary District 7630

The Road to Bountiful
Future Vision Global Grants

By Jill Gordy, Global Grants Subcommittee Chair

It is hard to believe that another year has passed under Future Vision. In fact, it is our last year as a pilot district. Beginning July 1, Foundation Grants become District Grants and Global Grants. What an experience it has been! As some of you may remember, I began my education of ‘global grants’ in year one of our pilot district status. I had the fortune of partnering with a non-Future Vision district to complete a project in Kapsowar Kenya. I wrote several articles for the Foundation’s quarterly newsletter. I referred then to the experience as ‘it takes a village’. With this Rotary year and pilot project coming to a close, I am reflective and feel that I have been on a road to bountiful. Let me explain.

After our District Conference in DG Roger’s year, I began as a member of the District Foundation Committee by working on global grants. Several projects were in launch mode: Dover Colonial Rotary Club had ‘A Water is Life Project’ in Kenya with Muthaiga Rotary Club. The Elkton Rotary Club had a Water project in Uganda with Kaapala North Rotary Club. Both of these touched on more than just water. Their focus included Water & Sanitation, Maternal & Child Health, Basic Education & Literacy, and Economic & Community Development. These projects would impact the lives of many for years to come.

I rode along with Jen Reider one day in April, 2012 to visit the Long Neck Sunrise Club which was partnering with the Emmaus PA Rotary Club (another non-Future Vision club) to assist the Rotary Club of Poona North, India. The project was called Blindness Prevention Project – a Disease Prevention and Treatment area of focus. The goal was to expand the hospital’s capacity to perform corrective eye surgeries and treatments which were in high demand. The goal was to handle 4,500 additional surgeries. The project was approved June 29, 2012. As of this writing, the hospital has confirmed that within the first six months we accomplished that goal. With the final report due in September, 2013, we are in high anticipation of the progress this project will have made to the community.

At the same time the Newark Evening Club, through the leadership of Arlene Kerrigan and Jen Reider, was embarking on a Global Grant Scholarship in Basic Education and Literacy. They engaged a wonderful young lady by the name of Katie Smith who represents everything that is good about not only young people, but Rotarians. Katie extended her studies at The University of Edinburgh (Rotary District 1020) and is in Monrovia, Liberia working.

Newark Morning Club stepped forward under Mary Konwinski’s leadership to partner with non-Future Vision Charlottesville, VA Rotary Club and the University of Virginia to work on a water project in Limpopo, South Africa.

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Lightning never strikes the same place twice …

At a District Leadership meeting, Eric Grubb asked for someone to be the International Sponsor for a Global Grant. Volunteers volunteer, and so, without hesitation, I stood up for District 7630 and for the Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club. We were a Future Vision Pilot District, as was District 3131 in India. Additionally, the Emmaus Rotary Club in Allentown PA, District 7430, was involved with the financial piece of the Global Grant. This Grant was for the purchase of medical equipment, specifically for eye surgery and diagnosis. A portion of the grant was allocated for education and training of staff.

It was a thrill to experience the process and the path we traveled. I had the future vision training, but had not expected that I and my new Rotary Club in Long Neck, Delaware would be part of anything to do with a Global Grant. To be the International sponsor has been extremely rewarding to all of us. We have made a difference to our community, and to a community on the other side of the world! And, by the way, lightning does strike the same place more than once.

In early January of 2013, the RC of Poona North, India District 3131, approached District 7630 once again and asked to work with me and my club on another Global Grant. All hands in 7630 and Long Neck said “yes”, and off we went on another wonderful experience. The GG request is for $30,000.00. The Poona North RC and The Emmaus RC are each providing $15,000.00 of DDF.

GG# 2 is to provide 100 Hybrid Cross Breed Cows to 100 Marginal Lady Farmers. They will raise these animals, sell their milk and also be able to sell the offspring. This initiative has been done successfully more than a half dozen times in other areas of India, and under the eyes and direction of the Poona North Rotary Club, this will succeed once more.

The last week of May, the Rotary Club of Pune-India asked, "Can we do any Global project between your club and our club?" I answered affirmatively, of course. I will share that story next Rotary Year.

- Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club - Photos supplied by Kunar Shinagare of the Poona North Club of District 3131
Global Grant (Continued from page 1)

She works from her home in Salisbury, traveling frequently to Kenya to coordinate humanitarian efforts. Rotary has been an active partner with Genesis World Mission providing funding for various projects since 2010, living out the Rotarian motto, “Service Above Self”.

Genesis World Mission has been working in Kenya for over 10 years, coordinating networks of like-minded partners to empower underserved communities to improve their living conditions. Genesis does this in a very unique way – by assisting in self-sufficiency and giving the marginalized a voice rather than speaking for them. The empowerment process prevents the proverbial “black hole” of the never-ending need of donations. A key of the empowerment model is the active participation of community members in all aspects of the project, giving them control of their future. That control restores respect and dignity which drive sustainable improvements in day-to-day living. Genesis World Mission shares Rotary International’s passion and commitment to sustainable projects that can be maintained by the community that will benefit from them.

Life in Burangi Kenya is hard, but the people are resilient and hopeful, despite the fact that they experience absolute poverty. But poverty does not stop this community from wanting the same things we want – food, clean water, shelter, a way to make a living and health care – just the basic needs of life.

The members of the Burangi community have demonstrated the success of an empowerment model. For example, they cleared 10 miles of dense bush with hand tools to build a road that unfortunately has 2 low-lying areas that flood during the rainy season, preventing them access to the local markets to sell produce and fish. To add insult to injury, the flooded road makes it nearly impossible to transport construction materials for desperately needed medical center that is being built by the community.

As one Grandmother in Burangi told Tracy, “I will be here every day to help build this clinic. I lost my daughter to complications of childbirth, and now I am raising her child. Her life could have been saved if we had a clinic and with our work we will have one!”

This matching grant will fund the placement of 2 culverts to divert the flooding so that their access road can be used year around to get to the markets, increase their incomes and finish building their clinic. It also includes agriculture training to increase crop yields and the organization of micro-lending farmer cooperatives. The water projects include water catchment systems to supply water for crop irrigation and drinking, as well as fish ponds. The funding will provide a comprehensive strategy enabling the Burangi community to break the cycle of poverty.

To assure sustainability, these efforts in Burangi Kenya will be monitored and evaluated to measure outcomes. Genesis World Mission and its partners have a 7-year MOU and will continue to welcome on-going Rotary participation. If your club would like to join us or hear more about this grant, please contact either Steve Smith (premierplanninggroup@comcast.net) Salisbury Sunrise PE and chair of the grant committee or Tracy Ritter (tracy@genesisworldmission.org).

Tracy Ritter, with Malindi Rotarians, signing MOU for global grant.

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Africa. Steve Waidley took on the team leader role in Newark Morning Rotary and worked diligently to assist the Louis Trichardt Rotary Club in South Africa and the team from the University of Virginia to meet the criteria of a global grant for Water and Sanitation. This will provide safe water supply to standpipes within 100 meters of each household in the community of Mutale of Tshipasha/Tshibvomo, South Africa. This project is in final submission stage with RI and awaits the green light to begin.

Meanwhile, Long Neck Sunrise Rotary Club once again stepped forward to assist Poona North, India with a project called “Cow thro’ Microcredit to Marginal Lady Farmers”. The focus is Economic and Community Development, and it is under final review at RI. This project has had me chuckling from time to time because it involves what I call ‘super cows’ - technically called hybrids that have been bred to exist in extreme environments and are micro-chipped for study. I am most anxious to watch this project as I remember growing up with my grandparents who were pig farmers. I can just imagine the expression on my PopPop’s face as I told him about ‘super cows’.

Salisbury-Sunrise Rotary Club has partnered with the Malindi Rotary Club in Burangi Kenya. This is a true from the ground up Global Grant that encompasses partnerships with the people of the Malindi District which houses Burangi, Genesis World Mission and our Rotary Clubs to work in the area of focus for Economic & Community Development. Stephen Smith is the international team leader for Salisbury-Sunrise and Eric Mwashighadi of the Malindi Rotary Club is the host team leader. This project is in final submission stage with RI and awaits the green light to begin. Many people have worked long days on this project none the least Jen Reider, Margo Johnson and Tracy Ritter. There will be many reports on this project as we work to bring a better life to Burangi Kenya.

So you might be asking yourself, what does this have to do with the road to bountiful? Think back to all these projects I have named and their impact to the people they serve. Our district has a big heart. We have pursued many paths. A bountiful crop of results has occurred from our efforts.

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District 7630 PolioPlus Report

The Global Picture as of May 29, 2013:
Current Wild Polio Virus (WPV) case numbers versus the same time period in 2012:
- Global total 2013: 41 (64)
- Endemic and re-established:
  - Global WPV Type1: 41 (51)
  - Global WPV Type3: 0 (13)
- Outbreak: 6 (3)
- Four new wild poliovirus cases have been confirmed in Somalia and two in Kenya in a refugee camp in the Dadaab area, close to the border with Somalia, where a child was paralyzed by polio near the capital Mogadishu in April. Outbreak response activities are continuing in both countries. In Kenya, immunization activities are targeting nearly 440,000 children aged less than 15 years across Dadaab. Additional immunizations are planned for a wider area followed by large-scale sub-national immunization days (SNIDs) in late June.
- Immunization campaigns are also planned and being conducted in other areas of the Horn of Africa, notably Ethiopia and Yemen, to urgently boost population immunity levels and minimize the risk of spread of the outbreak. In Ethiopia, in border areas with Kenya and Somalia, an immunization activity is planned to start on 31 May (targeting children aged less than 15 years). Focus will be particularly on reaching children in refugee camps. Broader activities are planned for late June.
- Yemen is planning two activities in early and late June.

Global Vaccine Summit in April 2013

At the summit in Abu Dhabi, attendees heard about the Endgame Strategic Plan. National governments, nongovernmental organizations, foundations and other donors pledged $4 billion toward the $5.5 billion estimated total cost. Rotary has committed $35 million per year during the next 5 years. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match Rotary’s contributions 2:1 up to $35 million per year.

**What is The Bottom Line?** We really are on the brink of eradicating polio once and for all. Since the beginning of this long journey back in 1985, District 7630 Rotary Clubs and Rotarians have contributed just under $1 million dollars, participated in National Immunization Days, held public awareness and fund raising events, all focused on helping to bring the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to this final phase.

As we enter the new Rotary year, let’s give generously to PolioPlus in support of our great Rotary organization’s commitment to contribute $35 million per year for the next 5 years. Each club is encouraged to have a PolioPlus leader and team to develop strategy and plans to raise funds from club members, the public, corporations, foundations and individual major givers. The District Advocates and PolioPlus Team members are available to help and provide resources for each club.

We must make generous giving to our Rotary Foundation all inclusive - to the Annual Program Fund, the Permanent Fund and PolioPlus Fund - not one at the expense of the other. Let us think creatively and build fundraising strategies and plans around achieving our all-inclusive goals instead of doing the same ole.

Finally, D7630 Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Eric Grubb has eloquently stated, “Just as we make a promise to a lender when borrowing for a home mortgage to repay that debt in full, in 1985 Rotarians agreed to a "mortgage" a sacred promise with all people of the planet to eliminate Polio. Now, 28 years after our original promise to eradicate polio was first made, Rotary is on the brink of seeing that promise fulfilled. No one knows for sure when or where the last case of polio will be reported, but all experts do agree, because of Rotary, we soon will report the final case. As with any mortgage, Rotarians cannot stop making payments to our PolioPlus campaign until we have reached that goal. Imagine having only one or two house payments remaining on your home mortgage and declaring making mortgage payments has become too fatiguing. Through the generosity of Rotarians worldwide, the Rotary Foundation is ready to burn our mortgage, but only if we continue to make those few final payments.”

Thank you, PDG Eric, for your leadership and support these past 3 years.
Rotary Microcredit Sponsor Opportunities

Would your club like to sponsor a new Rotary microcredit project? International Partner Lead Clubs are needed for the proposed projects listed below. International Partner Clubs help plan the microcredit project, assist with the Global Grant application, and provide the primary source of financing for the project.

Potential Rotary microcredit projects have been identified in the countries below, through a RAGM* outreach effort. We encourage you to write to the contact person directly if you would like more information on any of these microcredit project opportunities.

**Rotary Club of Asokoro, Abuja, Nigeria:** This club is currently operating its own microcredit program in seven communities. They want to expand their program with a Global Grant. An MFI has been identified. Loans will average $250. Contact Kanayo Chukwumezie at sokanayo@yahoo.com

**Rotary Club of Nanganallur, Chennai, India:** This project is for a loan program of $30,000 to provide small loans to fruit, vegetable and flower vendors. This club has provided loans to these vendors in the past. Contact K.S. Srinivasan at nglkss@yahoo.com

**Rotary Club of Masaka, Uganda:** This club currently has a successful microcredit program with an MFI they established. They would like to expand their program. Contact J.E. Sekaggya at jesekaggya@gmail.com

**District 2031 (Northern Piedmont and Aosta Valley), Italy:** This District is organizing a Job Emergency and Microcredit project to provide $12,000 loans each to 50-60 businesses. Contact DGE Sergio Bortolani at Sergio.bortolani@unito.it

**Rotary Club of Real de Minas Tegucigalpa, Honduras:** This club will work with Fundacion Uniendo America to provide both group and individual loans. They want to assist several areas of Honduras. Contact Carmen Villalta at carmenvillalta@hotmail.com

**Rotary Club of Poon North, Pune, India:** This club previously sponsored a large 3-H project which included a microcredit program. They would like to build on this experience with a new Global Grant project. Contact Kumar Shinagare at kumar@kumarenterprises.com

Information to assist clubs in planning Rotary microcredit projects is available on the RAGM* website. This information is located in the “Our Publications” section of the RAGM website www.ragm.org.

The “Our Publications” section includes a step-by-step guide on how to develop a Rotary microcredit project using the Global Grant program. Guidelines are also provided on the requirements for the Microfinance Organization (MFI) operating a Rotary microcredit program. The Publications section also provides information on the sustainability of microcredit projects, and shares success stories about some successful Rotary Club and District microcredit programs.

*Rotarian Action Group on Microfinance and Community Development*
2011 Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholar Kaitlin Thomas

Kaitlin Thomas was Rotary District 7630’s first global grant scholar. She studied at New York University in Madrid, Spain where she earned her M.A. in Latin American and Spanish Language and Literature in September, 2011. Here area of focus was basic education and literacy and her goal was to eventually return to Maryland’s Eastern Shore and help the underserved Latino immigrant/migrant community in the field of education. Upon returning to the States Kaitlin landed an adjunct position teaching Spanish at Washington College in Chestertown, MD and began designing educational and outreach programs for the Latino community.

Here is her most recent update (as of May, 2013):

I am still teaching at Washington College but now as a Visiting Instructor of Spanish (full-time versus part-time as an Adjunct). I’ve started a campus-community wide initiative called the "WC-Latino Community Volunteer Program" to place students studying any level of Spanish with several partnering agencies who do extensive hands-on work with the local Latino community. I am currently coordinating between four agencies and fifteen students.

I have also designed and am currently teaching a professional development workshop course called "Cross-Cultural Education and Training". The objective is to "train" and educate professionals in community agencies towards basic Spanish language skills (survival Spanish, if you will), and provide important cultural background information to better understand the migrant/immigrant demographic. For example, I am currently running this class for the local Board of Education, and we focus a great deal on what the education system looks like in Mexico and Central America in addition to many other relevant topics. The idea is to encourage more cultural exchange and improve relations since the current participants will all be faculty or staff for this summer’s Migrant Summer School in Sudlersville, MD, or work for Kent/Queen Anne’s Counties as ESL teachers. So far it has been extremely well-received, and it looks like it may be picked up as a year-long program for the 2013-2014 year in Queen Anne’s County.

Besides those undertakings, I am a Spanish interpreter for the MD Judiciary System, Kent County Board of Education, Queen Anne’s County Board of Education, and a Hispanic Consultant for an immigration lawyer based of Philadelphia. I am looking at PhD programs and hope to return to school in the fall of 2014 to pursue my doctorate in Latin American Studies. As a stepping stone back to school, and in an effort to "fill some gaps" in my qualifications to work in the bilingual education field, I just enrolled in a Graduate Certificate Program with UMBC to earn a TESOL Graduate Certificate (it’s one year, four courses).

Truly, receiving the scholarship from Rotary, and having the opportunity to collaborate with the Foundation in so many capacities, has made all of these endeavors possible. From the moment I returned from Spain, the reality of having earned an M.A. and having lived abroad for an entire year has been life-changing, and I can’t thank District 7630 and Rotary International enough for affording me these opportunities. The scholarship has been quite a springboard for me, and I constantly think of myself as a representative of the organization, and hope to continue to do so in a doctoral program very soon. – – – Kaitlin Thomas

The Road to Bountiful (Continued from page 6)

This is just the beginning. Already we have the Rotary Club of Easton, Maryland partnering with the Rotary Club of Bangalore, India to improve the opportunities of Orphaned Children Placement. Rehoboth Beach Sunrise is working to partner with the Rotary Club of Yellapur, India to increase the capacity of urological disorders care within the local community. Newark Evening Rotary Club is exploring with Empowering Solutions and the Bamenda Rotary Club the possibility of a global grant for Water and Sanitation. Another Grants Scholar is in the works. And from what I have learned about our District this past year, there are many other projects that I don’t know about but you do. We are a giving District.

I love a great story, thus I love a great movie. There is an Academy Award nominated movie called A Trip to Bountiful - one of my favorites. Thus, I give credit for my theme in this article. I have this moment every day when I stop and pause to reflect on my blessings. I have been blessed with ‘bountiful blessings’. Being an active Rotarian at Christian Rotary and in District 7630 has given me far more ‘bounty’ than I could ever expect. I thank each club and each member for your efforts.
### Top APF Per Capita Clubs 2012-13 Unofficial Interim Giving

Every APF Dollar Shown Below Can Come Back to Our District in Grants!

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