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Gift of Life-Arizona receives \$15,000 donation from Michael Finney Foundation

Gary Whiting, Centennial PDG and GOL-AZ Board Vice President

In August, the 13th Annual Dry Heat Classic Golf Tournament and All-Star Comedy and Variety Show was held by The Michael Finney Foundation with the proceeds again being distributed to Gift of Life-AZ and local Arizona children charities supported by The Michael Finney Foundation.

In November, a donation of \$15,000 was presented to Gift of Life-AZ Board President, John Abbs and Board Members. In presenting the donation, Dry Head Assistant Administrator, Rickie Currens,



acknowledged the importance of life saving heart surgeries on needy children from around the world and how much it means to Michael and Lori Finney of the Michael Finney Foundation to know that the \$15,000 will help save the lives of three more children.

Mark Your Calendars

February 20th, 2010

Rotary Leadership Training Institute Session
Crown Plaza, Phoenix, Arizona

March 4th – 6th, 2010

Rotary PETS/SETS Conference
Mesa Hilton, Mesa, Arizona

May 14th – 16th, 2010

Rotary District Conference
Squire Inn, Grand Canyon, Arizona

June 20th – 23rd, 2010

Rotary International Convention
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Additionally, Mr. Currens thanked Rotarians and Gift of Life-AZ Board Members for their support with the golf tournament and show. He noted that the Golf Tournament and All-Star Comedy and Variety Show is reaching sell out capacity, and that they will need more Rotarian help at the next Dry Heat that will be held **July 29 - 31, 2010 at The Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale.**

In accepting the donation, Gift of Life-AZ Board President, John Abbs expressed a **THANK YOU** on behalf of the needy children who will soon receive life saving heart surgery intervention. John also thanked those Rotarians and Friends of Rotarians that volunteered their time and effort in August for the Dry Heat Golf Tournament.

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WATER MATTERS

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By Craig Wilson, District Water Resource Group Coordinator

Craig has borrowed, with permission, a column from the Urban Gardner, Greg Peterson. This article appeared in Your Guide To Green, Aug 23, 2009. Greg's father, Norm, is a member of Phoenix 100 Rotary.

Water, Water Everywhere

OK so the title is probably a little cliché, but here goes. I live in the desert southwest where people are beginning to see the need to conserve water. Older technologies such as greywater and rainwater harvesting are starting to be integrated to the landscapes of our homes. When I lecture, people often say to me "Hey we don't get enough rain in the desert to warrant rainwater harvesting." To that I say "Pshaw" and share that for each inch of rain that I get on my 1000 square foot rooftop I can harvest 600 gallons of rainwater. The Urban Farm sits on a 13,000 square foot lot, doing the math...

13.....1000 square foot pieces

x

600.....gallons of water per 1000 sq ft

x

7.....inches of rain

=

56,400

That is 56,400 gallons of water that fall on my property yearly. THAT is a lot of water. Add to that harvested greywater (water that goes down your shower, sink and washer drains) and I have a



significant amount of water to grow plants. The trick is, knowing what to do with it. It took me years to figure out that the harvesting of water did not require that I store it. In fact the least expensive way to manage harvested water is to design a system of irrigation that puts this harvested water directly in the ground here it is needed. Brad Lancaster, my friend and [Rainwater Harvesting](#) author has

shared in his articles Eight Principles to Harvesting Rainwater which outline the basics of creating your own rainwater harvesting system. As an added bonus Maura Yates also shares in her article [Greywater Turned Green](#) some of the basics of greywater harvesting. Here are some basic water harvesting questions to ask:

1. Think for a moment, can you begin harvesting rain & greywater where you live. What ideas do you see?
2. Name 3 possibilities for water harvesting and where you might use the water.
3. Which one are you willing to try today? It could be as simple as a bucket to catch the water in your tub while it warms up.

Water harvesting can be as simple as putting out a bucket to catch rainwater, sticking a bucket in the shower to catch the water as it gets hot or throwing a hose over a tree branch for an makeshift outdoor shower. Play with these to see what works for you. Have a great green day!

Greg Peterson

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Breaking News

Rotary Response to Haiti

1. District 7020 has Rotarians on the ground, including the DGN and AGs, providing water, food, and rescue operations. Check the D-7020 website if you want to respond through the district Rotarians. We are in communication with them via satellite phones—purchased for this very reason.
2. RIDE John Smarge has just set up a Donor Advised Fund for Haiti in our Rotary Foundation, which you can access later tonight with online contributions. These funds will be used for medium and long-term aid—administered by local Rotarians. Check the RI website by 9 p.m. EST to see what you can do.
3. Shelter Box and Aqua Box both have their kits en route to Haiti—about 400-500 units each—way under what is needed. Check out their websites if you want to contribute online. (For a year and just within the past 24 hours I have been working with Shelter Box CEO Tom Henderson trying to get the U.S. Government to donate two C-130s to support his operation).
4. Rotary has a Rotarian Action Group for Disaster Response (DRRAG). You might want to join this RAG and/or check its website...to keep up to date. Check the www.drrag.org website.

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Area 8 **Dennis Van**

Area 9 **Jim Bultema**

Area 11 **David Shelton**

Area 11 **Valerie DiSciascio**

ShelterBox

To The Rescue!

In January 2010 ShelterBox will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary!!!! It's hard to believe that in ten short years, ShelterBox has firmly established itself at the forefront of international disaster relief, providing aid to survivors of over 100 disasters in more than 62 countries, and is the largest Rotary Club project in the world.

Donations should be sent to:
ShelterBox USA
8374 Market Street #203
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202





TRF Direct – Way to Give!

Charlie Tegarden District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

If you are like most Rotarians in our District, your club dues include your regular donations to the Rotary Foundation (sometimes referred to by Rotarians as their “Paul Harris” contribution). This places an undue amount of administrative overhead on the club because someone in the club has to keep track of each member’s individual giving, and then make those donations in individual member names to the Rotary Foundation. Your club does not have to act as the middle man – there IS a better way.

When the club acts as the middle man, errors can and do happen. Sometimes members don’t get proper credit to for their donations, and in almost all cases, member donations are delayed significantly, sometimes by many months. Eliminate these potential problems with TRF Direct.

TRF Direct is a fully automated way for Rotarians to make their regular donations to The Rotary Foundation. TRF Direct allows individual Rotarians to choose how and when they want to give - automatically. You can choose to make regular donations in any amount from a credit card or checking account. You can also choose how often: on the same day each month (the 1st or the 15th), the 1st of each quarter, or once annually.

For example, a member who is currently being billed \$25 per quarter from their club for The Rotary Foundation can do the same thing using TRF Direct instead.

Paul Harris Fellow credit and total club giving credit is identical whether you make your contributions through your club or through TRF Direct – with TRF Direct, you just get your credit quicker. Imagine if every member in your club utilized TRF Direct and every new member was encouraged to sign-up – your club would instantly be rid of a burdensome administrative task forever and every member’s donation would be credited immediately.

Alos, with TRF direct, you can get a current statement of your individual giving anytime by logging into “member access” on the RI website. And your club officers have access to total member and club giving reports every month so all the record keeping is done for you and your club.

I have personally been donating through TRF Direct for several years now, every month without any problems for me or my club. It’s easy to sign up so why not have a club program to create awareness and get everyone to sign up on the same day! Sign-up forms [998-US] can be ordered for free from the “Shop” section of the RI website. Be sure to order enough for every member in your club.

This is a great opportunity to do something great for your club and for The Foundation. It’s easy and secure so why not get started today!

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The Foundation establishes Haiti earthquake fund

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News -- 13 January 2010

The Rotary Foundation has established the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#) for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate toward recovery efforts after a powerful earthquake rocked Haiti on 12 January. Use your cell phone to make a one-time US\$5 donation to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. [Text ROTARY to 90999](#).

Haiti government officials are estimating that as many as 200,000 people are dead and millions more injured after the quake, the impoverished nation's strongest in 200 years, crumbled government buildings, hospitals, schools, and shantytowns. Most of the capital, Port-au-Prince, is in ruins.

A ShelterBox response team of two U.S. Rotarians and one from the United Kingdom has already mobilized and delivered 1,700 containers of supplies to the affected areas. Another 1,600 will be dispatched from the U.K. to Port-au-Prince. Also, more than 100 Aquaboxes are being delivered to Haiti to provide safe water. Claude Surena, a member of the Rotary Club of Petion-Ville and president of the Haitian Medical Association, is sheltering more than 100 people in his damaged home in Port-au-Prince. He is also leading the efforts of the 17 Haitian Rotary clubs to ensure that the ShelterBox containers will be deployed effectively to the thousands left homeless. The Rotary Club of Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, has committed US\$50,000 to clubs in the affected areas.

"Rotarians are working hard and fast to get help to those in Haiti," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin,

of Nassau, Bahamas, who has previously coordinated relief efforts in the country. "We're at the same time working on long-term efforts."

More than \$75,000 has been donated to District 7020 in the Caribbean, according to Past District Governor Dick McCombe. The district will be

coordinating much of the Rotarian relief effort through its Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation.

A six-member team of Rotarians from District 5890 (Texas, USA) has reported in safe after landing in Haiti for a humanitarian mission 45 minutes before the quake struck. They were scheduled to be there a week but returned to Houston, Texas, on 15 January.

Dawn Johnson, president of the Rotary Club of Verrettes, L'Artibonite, Haiti, says the infrastructure couldn't handle a quake this massive.

"The government is highly centralized in Port-au-Prince, which is now entombed in rubble," says Johnson, who was in the U.S. while the quake struck. "The scale of this disaster is so huge. It is way beyond anything Haiti has ever dealt with before."

Johnson plans to return to Haiti at the end of the month. Her club is already working on getting clean water to victims. "I cringe a little at

what I might see when I get back."

RI President John Kenny and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. have sent a joint letter conveying Rotary's condolences to victims of the quake and asking for more information on how Rotarians can help.



Top: Thousands of people are feared dead after a powerful earthquake crumbled government buildings, hospitals, schools, and shantytowns in Haiti. Bottom: Elda Exeuatug holds her 20-day-old baby, waiting for relief to arrive. Photos by Mark Pearson/ShelterBox

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2nd Annual Polio Immunization Trip To Hermosillo, Mexico Now...Arizona Tri-District for 2010!

Trip Dates: Friday, February 19- Sunday, February 21, 2010

Registration Costs: \$235 per person.

(Includes Transportation, Friday Lunch & Dinner Event, Saturday Lunch & Dinner Event, Sunday Breakfast and Lunch, Drinks & Snacks on the Bus). (Saturday breakfast with host families or included at hotel).

Lodging: Home hosting for those who would like that fellowship.

Hotel at approximately \$75.00-\$90.00 per night double occupancy room, includes breakfast.

All reservations are first to respond, first served. When full a waiting list will be started.

- All payments must be in no later than January 31, 2010 to hold your reservation.
- All payments are NON-REFUNDABLE. If cancelled and your paid reservation is filled from the waiting list, that person will reimburse you directly.
- Trip fee is \$235.00 per person.
- Make checks out to "Rotary District 5490"
- Note on check "2010 Hermosillo Polio Trip"

Mail Checks to:

PDG Don Schiller,

1195 Fox Trail, Prescott, AZ 86303

Questions? Please contact: Chairs Don & Annette Schiller (D-5490) at: 928-717-1000 or email:

schiller@commspeed.net

Current valid USA passport is required!

Any one under the age of 21 must have an adult chaperone on the trip.

Please include the following information with your payment:

1. Full names of each participant as shown on passport
2. email address
3. cell phone number and home phone number
4. Rotary Club Name and District
5. Mailing address
6. Date of Birth: month/day/year
7. Passport number & Country
8. Indicate choice of home hosting or hotel
9. Indicate level of speaking Spanish. (Fluent – speaks and understands Spanish very well, Good- speaks and understands most conversational Spanish, Limited- speaks and understands very small amount of Spanish, None – does not speak or understand any Spanish)
10. Indicate if you have a Polio Apron from a previous Arizona Polio Trip

Note: Our Polio Trips are not NIDs in the sense that most Rotarians think of an NID.

We work with the local Rotarians and health officials to do Polio immunizations in rural, inner city, or remote areas. It's a relatively small group of 50 or so Rotarians and we immunize perhaps a few hundred children on the trip. Frankly, the locals could do the job without our help. But the main benefit is that our Arizona Rotarians get to have a first hand experience giving Polio drops to children.

This translates into greater support for the overall global Polio eradication efforts of Rotary because everyone who goes on these trips becomes a strong advocate for Polio eradication. They also get perspective on international service. The local Rotarians (either in Caborca or Hermosillo) hosts us fantastically and throw great parties in our honor making the trips a lot of fun. Additional benefits include projects done in these Mexico communities, medical funding to help children, matching grants and other great community projects. A trip like this will help to make a "real Rotarian" out of a "member of a Rotary Club".



Rotary Leadership Institute

The next Rotary Leadership Institute Training has been set for Saturday, February 20th at the Crown Plaza Hotel (I-17 & Peoria Avenue) in Phoenix. All three sessions will be offered. The hotel has given us a \$79 rate for those who will need accommodations on Friday evening. The training is open to all District Rotarians regardless of their number of years in Rotary. Each club should promote this exceptional training to your club members. Question should be directed to PDG George Wheeler (623 546-2647/ georgewheeler@cox.net) or Kevin Pitts (928 778-4512/ kevin.pitts@wachoviasec.com) Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Rotary from a perspective beyond the Club Level. The knowledge gained will be "beneficial to all concerned!"

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