

## **District Foundation Newsletter (Nov. Vol IV)**

November is celebrated as Rotary Foundation month but one can truly argue that every month could really be regarded as foundation month. We feed on the Rotary Foundation for support of our many and varied programs of humanitarian need. We engage in fund-raising activities all year round to give support to the Foundation and support our clubs' projects. And what about the outstanding 200 million Polio Challenge Effort that we hope to accomplish by convention time (New Orleans) 2011.

"You can do it – we can do it - and we will." If all clubs play their part as promised"

In this release however, I would like us to focus on one of the chief supporting avenues of the Foundation –

### **"The Permanent Fund"**

The mission of the The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

The educational and humanitarian programs of the Foundation are made possible by the enthusiastic support of Rotarians who give generously of their time and financial resources. These programs not only give Rotarians a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment, but also reinforce the powerful network that links Rotarians in local, national and international service.

### **The Purpose of the Permanent Fund**

The Permanent Fund was established in 1982 to ensure a strong future for the Foundation by providing a continuing stream of income to meet the increasing demand by Rotary Clubs and districts for Foundation Programs.

Contributing to the Permanent Fund enables Rotarians to fulfill their local and global humanitarian goals and secures the Foundation's future by providing long-term stability to its programs.

The current goal is to enable Rotarians to achieve the humanitarian objectives and build the Permanent Fund to one billion dollars by the year 2025.

The programs indentified by Rotarians as priorities are -

- Polio Plus
- Matching Grants
- Health, Hunger & Humanity (3-H)
- Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Group Study Exchange (GSE)

*“How can I leave a legacy with the Rotary Foundation?”*

With a gift to the Permanent Fund you will join a strong tradition of charity, education and community service that began in 1917 when Rotary International’s sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, called for the creation of a endowment fund for Rotary to “Do good in the World”

The world as you know is ever changing but like the Foundation it continues to build on lessons shared by leaders long ago. Foundation programs are being developed to meet future needs as they are identified and provide new solutions as they are developed.

Your Gift to the Permanent Fund will join the hopes of many others and add to the promise of what Foundation programs offer today and for generations to come.

As of June 2009

- 709 named funds (gifts of US\$25,000 or more)
- 79 endowed Ambassadorial Scholarships
- 38 endowments supporting Rotary Peace Centers
- 221 endowed funds to benefit the World Fund
- And other designations and contributions of less than US\$25,000

You can create an endowment for a specific purpose if you wish – Just let us know.

Here is a list of recognizable contributions by TRF.

- A gift of US\$1000 or more to the Permanent Fund, is recognized as a Benefactor
- A provision in your “will” of US\$10,000 or more to this fund is a member of the Bequest Society
- US\$25,000. or more – a Major Donor
- Cumulative gifts totaling US\$250,000. or more, become a Arch Klumph Society Member

As of June 30, 2009 the Foundation had recognized:-

- 238 Arch Klumph Society Members
- 11,416 Major Donors
- 6,623 Bequest Society Members
- 80,673 Benefactors

I know some of you already belong to one of these groups and other Rotarians and their friends are eager to join one of them also, Now is a good time to hear from you:-

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## Polio 200M Challenge-Latest News

Congratulations and thank you to those who responded so admirably to the “online call” for boosting this Fund.

You were exceptional and I applaud you.

Over the recent promotion period, US\$3.3 million was contributed (Canada and Brazil included) and 7020 contributions amounted to US\$47,790. This placed us as the top district in Zone 34. And second overall in the World. Isn't that fantastic?

Just as I said earlier – **WE CAN DO IT, WE JUST HAVE TO SUMMON THE WILL.**

Let's together do it **BIGGER, BETTER, BOLDER!**