

Newsletter

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Editorial

IT sometimes comes as a surprise to new Rotarians that they are not members of Rotary International. The explanation may initially seem to be only a matter of wording. Rotarians are members of their clubs, which are the entities holding charters with Rotary International. The fundamental building block of Rotary's organizational structure is not the member, but the club. This aspect of RI's administrative design is much more than a matter of semantics, in fact, it is an essential reflection of the nature of Rotary service. Rotarians do not serve in isolation, but as a part of their local club and that is why each club is autonomous and could be attributed to the reason why our forefathers developed the classification system. The principle of 'first' the classification, then the member, is one that has served Rotary well for decades.

AS we leave Vocational Service Month and enter Rotary Foundation Month, it's time to remind ourselves that our business, professional and community life are the foundations of our clubs'.

What does it mean to serve in our vocations? according to past RI president Wilf Wilkinson, it means, simply always keeping the Four-Way-Test at the forefront of everything we think say or do. If we ask ourselves whether an action is true or fair, whether it will be beneficial to all concerned, we'll stop short of most of the ethical pitfalls that might otherwise make us stumble. Ethical standards are part and parcel of our humanitarian service.

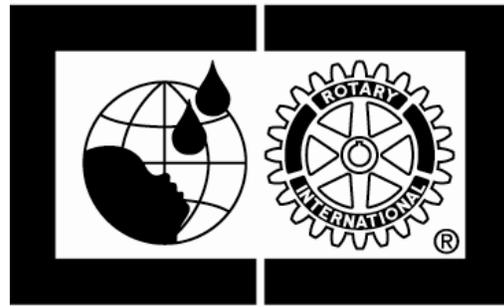
Whenever we place a Rotary pin on our lapel, we are telling the world who we are ; people who are honest, forthright and caring.

A Rotary emblem is a public message and a declaration of ourselves (sentiments expressed by RID John Smarge in a recent address to a Rotary club) It's a sign of our dedication to a shared set of ideals, and a firm commitment to the high ethical standards demanded of us by our Rotary membership.

If we maintain those high standards, we will be able to do our humanitarian work far more effectively because we would have earned the confidence of individuals, communities and the outside world.



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Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 09/24/11

Total paralysis cases	Year-to-date 2011	Thru this date in 2010	Total in 2010
Globally	401	648	1,349
- in endemic countries:	147	103	232
- in non-endemic countries:	254	545	1,117

New Polio cases reported in the last week:

Pakistan 5, Afghanistan 8, India 0, Nigeria 4, China 2, DRC 2

2011 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (Green Numbers are 2010 Totals)

**Endemic Countries – 1 India (2010-42), 31 Nigeria (2010-21)
89 Pakistan (2010-144), 27 Afghanistan (2010-25)**

+ Importation Countries – 4 Angola (2010-33), 3 Burkina Faso (2010-0), 112-Chad (2010-26), 9-China (2010-0), 1-Congo (2010-384), 35-Cote d'Ivoire (2010-0), 79 DRC (2010-100), 1 Gabon (2010-0), 2 Guinea (2010-0), 0 Kazakhstan (2010-1), 0 Liberia(2010-2), 6 Mali (2010-4), 0 Mauritania (2010-5), 0 Nepal (2010-6), 2 Niger (2010-2), 0 Russian Federation (2010-14), 0-Senegal (2010-18), 0 Sierra Leone (2010-1), 0 Tajikistan (2010-458), 0 Turkmenistan (2010-3), 0 Uganda (2010-4)

Did You Know?

Yes, reaching the \$200 Million raised mark for the Polio Challenge will be a great milestone (which we hope to far surpass by the end of 2012). But, OUR GOAL IS THE TOTAL, WORLDWIDE ERADICATION OF POLIO!

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Polio Challenge Chair – PAG Trevor Heaven

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to announce the winners of this year's Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships for the academic year 2012 – 2013.

Delia Ferguson from New Providence in the Bahamas and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nassau, will pursue studies at Queens University of Belfast, Ireland.

Lanisia Rhoden from Mandeville in Jamaica and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mandeville, will pursue studies at the University of Manchester, England.

Tashima Barzey from Road Town in Tortola and sponsored

by the Rotary Club of Tortola is the winner of the Ambassadorial Scholarship donated to district 7020 by District 6960 and will pursue studies at Edison State College in the United States.

We congratulate them on their successes and applaud their sponsor clubs for the careful work they did in processing and submitting the applications. These candidates are most deserving and will do District 7020 very proud as our Ambassadors of Goodwill.

We will be inviting applications for the 2013 – 2014 academic year Ambassadorial Scholarships, early in 2012, and are looking

forward to the participation of as many clubs as possible in the District. The Scholarship program is a fantastic opportunity that we need to utilize.

Again, heartiest congratulations to Delia, Lanisia and Tashima. We wish you every success as you go forward to represent us while increasing your knowledge and skills to the benefit of yourselves and your individual communities in district 7020.

Everton Davis
Chairman, Ambassadorial Scholarships Sub-Committee.

ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Fellows earn an advanced degree in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution at one of the seven Rotary Centers for International Studies.

- International Christian University, Tokyo Japan
- University of Queensland, Brisbane Australia
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC USA
- University of Uppsala, Sweden

APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THEIR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB.

Applicants for academic year 2013-14 will be available on Rotary's website by November 2011. For more information:

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Paul Harris Society District 7020

Can you spare \$19.23 a week? Can you afford \$2.74 a day?

Either one of these is all it takes to add up to \$1,000 in a year and all it takes to become a member of the Paul Harris Society. \$1,000 sounds like a lot of money – and it is – but when you look at it this way it becomes more affordable. As we all know, from reports on the Annual Programs Fund, The Rotary Foundation can do so much more with \$19.23 a week (or \$2.74 a day) than we can as individuals.

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) is a District Program that many Districts have adopted to better support The Rotary Foundation. District 7020's PHS program was established in Rotary year 2005-06 and officially sanctioned by PDG Tom Lightbourne, whose

amusing definition of PHS at the time was “a sustaining membership on steroids”. We currently have 115 PHS Members in District 7020, committed to contributing \$1,000 a year to The Rotary Foundation and this accounted for over 40% of the District contributions to the Annual Programs Fund of \$276,100 last year! We are targeting to add another 25 this year (we had one promise just last week).

Contributing is easy. You do not have to pay the whole \$1,000 at one time, just over the course of the Rotary Year. You can do so monthly or quarterly through TRF-Direct (see Member Access on the www.Rotary.org website) and the easiest way to do that is to have it automatically charged to your Credit Card each

month or quarter, however you prefer. The District 7020 Paul Harris Society Pledge Form and other supporting information is posted on the District website (Rotary District 7020) under Downloads.

We realize that even at \$19.23 a week, this isn't for everybody, but your club can also become a PHS member. How about getting 20 members together to contribute \$50 each through your club? or – for larger clubs – 50 members contributing \$20 each and make your club a member? We currently have 25 Clubs that are PHS Members. We have room for 55 more. Think about it!

*Murray Forde
Paul Harris Society Chair,
District 7020 2011-12*

DISTRICT ALUMNI

Over the past years we have invested in our young people within the district utilizing The Rotary Foundation's many programs. Of course Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange (GSE) World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program (Bangkok, Thailand) come quickly to mind. The question is “what has our investment proved” Have you as clubs invited these past scholars to be “Speakers” to your club? have you inducted any of them as Rotarians or

Rotaractors ? or have you left them for other service clubs to capitalize on “ Our Investment” Think about it fellow Rotarians, these are prime candidates for the asking, and certainly to ensure that these programs continue, we need to make Rotary benefit from them by way of increased membership and expanding our resources as well.

So – 'FELLOW ROTARIANS TO GROW MEMBERSHIP IS THE LIFEBLOOD OF OUR CLUBS, AND THE

FURTHERING OF OUR FOUNDATION'

Please let our Alumni Chair – Elisabeth Anderson know the names and contact number of your past Alumni.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND

Support grants and activities worldwide, and make it possible to transform lives you may never imagine. YOU CAN HELP by making a contribution TODAY..

DID YOU KNOW:

- * \$100. can buy TEXTBOOKS for one elementary school in Zambia ?
- * \$100 can buy VACCINES to immunize 200 children against Polio ?
- * \$100 can provide MOSQUITO NETS for 50 children in Tanzania ?
- * \$100 can give Microcredit loans for 3 women in the Philippines ?
- * \$100 provides TUITION and BOOKS for one school year for 2 children in Sri Lanka ?
- * \$100 can provide for three CATARACT SURGERIES in India?

THAT'S WHAT YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAN DO – HOW ABOUT IT !

WILL YOU NOT MAKE YOURS TODAY ? TELL YOU WHAT, I'M GOING TO MAKE MINE RIGHT NOW !!

APF –Chair PAG Haresh Ramchandani.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Started in 1965, Group Study Exchange (GSE) is an educational program of The Rotary Foundation wherein Rotary districts in different countries are paired together to send and receive professional study groups to each other. A traditional team consists of four non-Rotarian team members and a Rotarian team leader. Team members are 25 to 40 year old business and professional men and women in the initial years of their professional life. The program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity, designed to develop professional and leadership skills among young adults, so that they can address the needs of their communities and an increasingly global workplace.

Last Rotary year, a team from St. Maarten and Anguilla, led by Rotarian Rebecca Low of the Rotary Club of St. Maarten, visited District 1170 located in Devon England. They spent four weeks immersed in cultural, educational and vocational visits, staying in different Rotarians' homes,

which helped to broaden their minds to a different culture.

This Rotary year, the Exchange team from District 1170, with an emphasis on tourism, will visit our district for four weeks. The team, led by Rotarian Oliver Tayler, is comprised of Ben Cuddy, Colin Valance, James Hull and Lydia Stone. They arrive in Sint Maarten (Dutch) on March 1, 2012. During their two week stay, they will visit St. Martin (French), St. Barts (French) and Anguilla (British) staying in Rotarians' homes. They will also enjoy a mid tour break before departing for Tortola on Friday March 16.

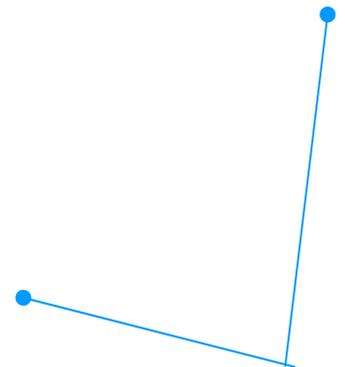
Again, they will be accommodated in Rotarians' homes during their stay, and as required, each member will spend one day in an institution of their vocation, seeing how things are done on this side of the pond. If past performance is any indication, they will depart for St. Croix on Saturday

March 24, totally frazzled from their round of parties.

St. Croix will treat them more gently at first, allowing them a quiet evening with their hosts, but will test their mettle on Sunday 25th at a rousing beach party in Frederiksted. The following week will have them doing their rounds of our various tourism products and venues on the island in keeping with their vocational theme.

They depart for home on Sunday April 1.

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