

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



District 9600 Newsletter

Building On A Solid Foundation



APRIL 2010

"We must all work to provide future generations with effective, practical tools to ensure peace. We need commitment to peace that includes solving suffering. No one who is hungry can come to the table to negotiate conflict. No one who is ill can join the discussion. We need to work on suffering this year in our own way: Clubs setting goals that meet their area's needs, as well as the needs of others in the world."

-- PRIP Bhichai Rattakul

What Will Be Your Legacy?

Living forever in the physical sense is not possible or truly even desired. But to leave a *legacy* that lasts in perpetuity just might be the next best thing.

The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund enables Rotarians to create their own *legacy* to do good in the world forever. Because only a portion of the Permanent Fund's earnings — not the corpus of gifts — is spent each year, a gift to it will continue working in perpetuity. I encourage every Rotarian to consider making a gift or commitment to the Permanent Fund. While some people choose to make an outright gift, others include the Permanent Fund in their final estate plans. I am impressed by the large number of Rotarians who committed a significant percentage of their estate to the Permanent Fund.

The opportunity represented if every Rotarian creates a legacy with Rotary can't be underestimated. We would quickly surpass our next target of \$1 billion by 2025 and be able to fund substantial programs such as PolioPlus or the Rotary Peace Centres on a regular basis. We share a common creed in our Rotary membership. Why wouldn't we share and create a common legacy together? The Permanent Fund will keep the future of The Rotary Foundation's programs bright. Be a part of the Permanent Fund initiative, and your legacy will live forever.

Your Amigo,

Frank J. Devlyn

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman, 2005-06

Rotary International President, 2000-01



District Wine Project

The Rotary Club of Aspley, who are coordinating this project, have recently forwarded \$7,580 to the Polio Challenge on behalf of the 20 Clubs who participated in the project. Nearly \$116 million has so far been raised towards the \$200 million Challenge.

Polio has declined this year compared to 2009, both in terms of the number of cases and geographic restriction. 56 cases this year compared to 231 for the same period in 2009, progress in curbing type 1 is particularly significant.



Help end polio worldwide.

Rotary. Humanity in motion.

rotary.org/endpolio



Check your contribution history: go to www.rotary.org and click on member access – enter your user name and password. You must have an email address on file at RI. Submit email addresses to data@rotary.org

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PETS

1-2 May

Surfair, Marcoola Beach

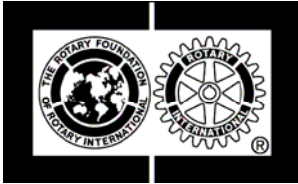
ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS SEMINAR

22 May

University of Queensland

RI EXCHANGE RATE

The exchange rate for **April** is **1.10**



The Rotary Foundation's concept of "SHARE" is probably unique among charities because it 'shares' the decision-making on Foundation funds distribution between those who raised the funds and the Trustees who hold ultimate responsibility for fund management. SHARE permits both parties to have a degree of control over funds. The concept of SHARE will continue under the Future Vision Plan, although the way in which the two portions of resulting funds are spent will differ.

Initially all funds raised for The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund are invested for up to three years. The income generated from this investment is applied to the running costs of OUR Foundation – so that in normal circumstances none of the contribution is spent on administration, program development or promotion. What other charity can boast this? Do you know the 'administration' or 'advertising' costs of other charities that you support? It is usually concealed, but is frequently 20 – 30% or more!

During this three-year investment phase, plans are made for the ultimate expenditure of the funds on Foundation programs. One half of the funds raised by any District three years previously (known as the **District Designated Fund** for obvious reasons) can be allocated by the District to the Foundation programs of its choice. And that choice is only limited by the amount of money available, i.e. the amount raised by clubs or Rotarians in that District. The more funds contributed to OUR Foundation, the greater choice the District has!

The second half goes into the World Fund where it joins the 50% from every other District in the world. The allocation of money from the World Fund is made by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and is equally available to every District in the world, regardless of how affluent (or otherwise) it is, and regardless of the District's contribution to OUR Foundation. Programs such as Group Study Exchange, Peace Fellows and all of the Humanitarian Grants are all funded through the World Fund.

Because the funds become available three years after their contribution to The Rotary Foundation, that time permits Districts to select and prepare their nominees for GSE and their Scholarship winners and to develop projects to attract Humanitarian grants.

The SHARE concept is a special feature of OUR Rotary Foundation, permitting Rotarians to play a part in the allocation of the funds that they have raised. This gives Rotarians a further sense of ownership of The Rotary Foundation, making it "**our charity of choice**".

For further information go to www.rotary.org/foundation

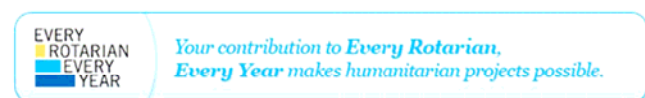


2010/11 Ambassadorial Scholar Patrick Day was born in 1985 and grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana. He graduated last year from Louisiana State University (LSU) with a business degree. Currently he is pursuing a Master's Degree in International Business at the University of Queensland. He has been involved in Rotary for more than three years, beginning in his second year of college when he revived the defunct Rotaract Club of LSU.

Since then, under his leadership and direction along with an outstanding faculty and Rotary sponsors, the Club now boasts a membership of more than 30. For the past two years it has raised over \$20,000 for the local Rescue Mission/Foodbank of Northwest Louisiana through a Black Tie or Not Benefit Ball, with the third annual ball planned for April 2010. At the end of his Scholarship Patrick wants to pursue his passion in global investments and to join Rotary where he would like to have a leadership role.

There are thousands of charitable organisations working throughout the world that make a positive impact on those in need. But The Rotary Foundation is the only charitable organisation funded by contributions from Rotarians, for programs and projects identified by Rotarians, and administered by Rotarians at the project site.

**The Rotary Foundation is YOU –
EVERY ROTARIAN, EVERY YEAR**



It's important that your club set its 2010-11 annual giving goal as soon as possible and send it to your district governor-elect using the 2010-11 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form. Forms are due no later than 1 May.

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