

WEEK 33 – February 12-18,2006

WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION WORLD PEACE SCHOLARSHIP?

Established in 2002, The Rotary Foundation has partnered with eight leading universities in seven centers around the world to establish the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. The eight universities are (1) Duke University, (2) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, (3) Sciences Po in Paris, France, (4) University of Bradford in West Yorkshire, England, (5) University of Queensland in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, (6) International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan, (7) Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and (8) University of California at Berkley. Each year, Rotary selects up to 70 scholars (10 per center) to study at one of the seven Rotary Centers in a two-year master's level degree program in conflict resolution, peace studies, and international relations. Each Rotary district may nominate one candidate for this \$50,000.00 scholarship.

JUL Y 1ST, 2006 IS THE 2007-09 SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD. HAVE YOU SOMEONE IN MIND? REMEMBER THE APPLICATION PROCESS STARTS WITH YOU!

WEEK 34 – February 19-25, 2006

WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE?

Established in 1965-66, the Group Study Exchange Program is an educational program that promotes international understanding through organized travel and personal contact. The program provides travel grants for teams of young professional men and women to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own professions as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. A Group Study Exchange team is headed by a Rotarian who is joined by 4-5 non-Rotarians.

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER TO BE A GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM LEADER OR NOMINATE A NON-ROTARIAN GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM MEMBER - WHICH WILL IT BE?

WEEK 35 - February 26-March 4, 2006

WORDS FROM A GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM MEMBER:

"In Warsaw, Wojcich Sierpinski, a Rotary Club President, took me on a tour that I will never forget. We visited his parent's house - where they lived during World War II. There in the kitchen, under a dusty stack of crates was a secret wood panel in the floor. Wojcich removed the panel to reveal a tiny room underneath the kitchen floor where his parents hid their neighbors - a Jewish family - during the/war. As I stood speechless, listening to Wojcich describe how they evaded the Nazis, I realized the full value of the Group Study Exchange program."

Ian Oxman, Group Study Exchange member from California

WEEK 36 - March 5-11, 2006

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE A MEMBER OF A GSE TEAM?

A Rotary District selects a Rotarian as a team leader and then four to six men and women aged 25-40 who are not Rotarians but who would make excellent goodwill ambassadors. Successful G.S.E. Team Member candidates must be currently employed full-time in any recognized business or profession, be a citizen of the sponsoring district/country, as well as live in the sponsoring district/country. Once selected, The Rotary Foundation then matches that team with a district in another country and pays all the travel expenses. For four to six weeks, the host district takes the visiting team to points of interest and arranges for them to visit schools, courts, civic leaders, businesses and Rotary clubs. They live in Rotarians' homes, dine together, exchange family photographs, and visit those in the same trade or profession as their own. There are some 46,000 Group Study Exchange alumni.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A G.S.E. TEAM LEADER? IF NOT, DO YOU KNOW A POTENTIAL G.S.E. TEAM MEMBER TO NOMINATE? JUST LET ME KNOW!

WEEK 37 - March 12-18, 2006

WHAT IS SHARE?

Through SHARE, Rotary districts share in the decision-making process by choosing which Rotary Foundation programs they wish to support and participate in. The SHARE system is the mechanism by which Rotary Foundation program awards are distributed worldwide. Through the SHARE system, contributions to The Rotary Foundation are transformed into Ambassadorial Scholarships, Matching Grants for International Humanitarian Projects, Group Study Exchanges, and more.

YOU CAN HELP OUR DISTRICT MAKE THESE DECISIONS BY BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE VARIOUS PROJECTS - BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL.

WEEK 38 - March 19-25, 2006

LAST WEEK I TOLD YOU WHAT SHARE WAS; NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHY IT IS CALLED SHARE.

The Rotary Foundation's funding system is called SHARE because the name defines what the system does:

- (1) Rotarians SHARE their resources with their fellow Rotarians around the world;
- (2) The Rotary Foundation Trustees SHARE some of their decision-making responsibilities with the 529 Rotary Districts; and
- (3) Rotarians SHARE Rotary with the world through their Rotary Foundation.

READY TO BECOME INVOLVED? ASK ME, AND I'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW!

WEEK 39 ─ March 26-April 1, 2006

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S "WORLD FUND"?

At the end of every contribution year, each Rotary district's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are divided into two funds: 50 percent is credited to the World Fund (WF) and 50 percent is credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF).

The World Fund is used by The Rotary Foundation to pay for the worldwide programs available to all Rotary districts, regardless of specific contributions.

IT IS THIS FUNDING FORMULA WHICH TRULY MAKES THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AN INTEGRAL PART OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

WEEK 40 ─ April 2-8, 2006

WHAT IS A FOUNDATION WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT?

A World Community Service Project is born when Rotary clubs from two or more countries join together to accomplish a community service project. World Community Service projects link Rotary Clubs needing extra help with clubs in other countries that are willing to provide funds, materials and technical and professional assistance. Started in 1967, thousands of World Community Service projects have been completed around the world with Rotary clubs providing about \$26 million each year in funds and supplies. World Community Service Projects have three criteria: (1) the project must be humanitarian in nature; (2) Rotarians in two or more Rotary countries must be involved; and (3) one of the participating countries must contain the project site. The purpose of the World Community Service Project is to build goodwill and understanding among the people of the world.

ARE YOU READY TO GET INVOLVED IN A WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT?

WEEK 41 - April 9-15, 2006

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S "DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUND"?

At the end of every contribution year, each Rotary district's contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are divided into two funds: 50 percent is credited to the World Fund (WF) and 50 percent is credited to the District Designated Fund (DDF).

The District Designated Fund is used by the District to fund the Rotary Foundation programs in which it chooses to participate, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, credit toward the sponsor portion of a Matching Grant, or an extra Group Study Exchange.

IT IS THIS FUNDING FORMULA WHICH TRULY MAKES THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AN INTEGRAL PARTY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN OUR HOME COMMUNITIES.

WEEK 42 -April 16-22, 2006

WHAT ARE THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S MATCHING GRANTS?

Matching Grants provide matching funds for international service projects of Rotary clubs and districts. Since 1965, almost 20,000 Matching Grant projects in 166 countries have been funded at a cost of more than \$198,000,000.00. In Rotary year 2003-04, 1,946 new grants worth \$16,200,000.00 were approved for projects in over 122 countries.

The Rotary Foundation provides a \$1.00 to \$1.00 match of District Designated Funds and a \$0.50 to \$1.00 match of sponsor cash contributions. Sponsors must provide at least half of the project cost.

THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD ARE NEVER ENDING, AND THE WORK OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER.

WEEK 43 - April 23-29, 2006

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS — HELPING AT HOME

The Rotary Foundation's District Simplified Grants support the shortened service activities or humanitarian endeavors of districts in communities locally or internationally. This program began in Rotary year 2003-04 and 383 grants worth \$5,200,000.00 were approved for projects in 44 countries. You, too, can help your Club President and Community Service Chair identify a local worthy project to be funded with a District Simplified Grant. More money will be available this year than last.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IS TRYING TO DO GOOD WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY. PLEASE HELP THEM HELP US!

WEEK 44 - April 30-May 6, 2006

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S FUNDING CYCLE?

The Rotary Foundation has a unique funding cycle that utilizes contributions for programs three years after they are received. The three year cycle gives districts time for program planning and participant selections, and allows The Rotary Foundation to invest the contributions. The earnings from those investments pay for all administration, program operations and fund development costs.

Your contribution in Rotary year 2005-06 will be allocated in Rotary year 2006-07, and projects will be selected in Rotary year 2007-08, with the funds actually spent in Rotary year 2008-09.

WITH PLENTY OF TIME TO BE INVOLVED IN HOW YOUR DONATION IS SPENT, WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT. PLEASE SUPPORT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION NOW.

WEEK 45 - May 7-13, 2006

WHAT CAN YOUR \$100.00 DONATION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

Your **\$100.00 donation** to The Rotary Foundation can help provide textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia, purchase 1,000 trees to help reforest desolate regions of Guatemala, provide a hearing aid for a deaf child in Pakistan, buy deworming tablets for 112 children in the Philippines, pay for cataract operations for three blind people in India, or provide 230 blankets for the elderly in the winter months of Korea.

YOU CAN COMMIT TODAY TO DONATING \$100.00 PER YEAR TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND START MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. WILL YOU?

WEEK 46 - May 14-20, 2006

WHAT CAN YOUR \$500.00 DONATION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

Your **\$500.00 donation** to The Rotary Foundation can help provide a watch repair business for six disabled workers in the Philippines, purchase safety equipment for a boat providing public health services to isolated river villages in Peru, provide prosthetic limbs for 12 disabled people in Thailand/Cambodia, or buy five small sewing businesses to give poor mothers in Mexico a better ability to lead self-sufficient lives.

YOU CAN COMMIT TODAY TO DONATING \$100.00 PER YEAR TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND START MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. WILL YOU?

WEEK 47 - May 21-27, 2006

WHAT CAN YOUR \$1,000.00 DONATION TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DO?

Your \$1,000.00 donation to The Rotary Foundation can help provide all materials necessary for the construction of a deep bore well in India which supplies clean drinking water to more than 300 people, materials to treat and prevent parasites and anemia in need children in Uruguaiana, RS., Brazil, or purchase a tree nursery in Jamaica that will annually produce 5,000 tree seedlings and increase family income for 700 farmers, or provide artificial limbs to 25 disabled persons in Calcutta, India, or buy kitchen equipment for an orphanage in Peru, or provide a cow and animal husbandry training to a widow in Uganda where civil war shattered the economy and children die because of a lack of protein and calcium in their diets, or buy polio vaccine for 2,000 babies in Nigeria, or fund enough textbooks to educate 2,000 children in a school in Papua New Guinea, or provide 20 \$50.00 micro-loans enabling women in Nicaragua to start a craft business to support their families.

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WEEK 48 - May 28-June 3, 2006

WHAT TYPES OF ROTARY FOUNDATION RECOGNITION EXIST FOR CLUBS?

100 Percent Paul Harris Fellow Club Recognition: Rotary Clubs in which 100 percent of all dues paying members are Paul Harris Fellows receive special recognition from the Rotary Foundation. Qualifying Rotary Clubs receive a special club recognition banner, and the club name is engraved on a plaque in The Rotary Foundation Hall of Honor at Rotary International World Headquarters. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation also present club recognition banners each year to the three Rotary Clubs in each District with the highest per capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund, and with the highest total Annual Programs Fund contributions.

WILL OUR CLUB BE RECOGNIZED BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION THIS YEAR?

WEEK 49 - June 4-10, 2006

MATCHING MONEY WITH PEOPLE FOR POSITIVE RESULTS

The Rotary Foundation has been so effective because it matches money with people. In the words of Arch Klumph:

"Money alone does little good. Individual service is helpless without money. The two together can be a Godsend to civilization."

YOUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND YOUR TIME, ENERGY AND TALENT ARE USEFUL IN THE ROTARY MISSION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND YOUR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

WEEK 50 - June 11-17, 2006

WHAT KIND OF ROTARY FOUNDATION SERVICE AWARDS ARE THERE?

District Service Award recognizes Rotarians at the District level who serve humanity through Rotary Foundation programs and are awarded by the District Governor.

Citation for Meritorious Service recognizes one Rotarian from each District during each Rotary year for demonstrated active service to the Rotary Foundation.

Distinguished Service Award is The Rotary Foundation's highest service award and recognizes the recipients' exemplary service to The Rotary Foundation which must extend beyond the District level and over an extended period of time.

Service Award for A Polio-Free World recognizes outstanding contributions to the polio eradication effort and to encourage participation in the final eradication efforts.

YOU CAN HELP NOMINATE ANY WORTHY ROTARIAN FOR ANY OF THESE AWARDS.

WEEK 51 - June 18-25, 2006

OUR ROTARY YEAR IS ALMOST OVER, BUT THE CONTINUING MISSION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION NEVER ENDS. FOR YOU SEE, THE PROGRAMS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ARE FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AND VARIOUS SELF-HELP PROGRAMS - ALL TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PROGRAMS AND ALLOWING "THE GOOD WORK" OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TO GO FORWARD!

WEEK 52 ■ June 26-30, 2006

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION THIS PAST YEAR, AND PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE NEED FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS NEVER ENDS AND THE NEED FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION NEVER ENDS. THE MISSION OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TO DO GOOD WORK WILL CONTINUE LONG INTO THE FUTURE!

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