Information from Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation for contributions to assist Katrina victims.

1. Help With Katrina Disaster Relief

Give to the Rotary "Katrina Relief Fund" (DAF-TRF)

My Fellow Rotarians and My Amigos:

All of us have been shocked by the Hurricane Katrina disaster that affected the Gulf Coast area of the United States. The images are heartbreaking and the extent of the devastation is unbelievable . . . yet we must believe it because we see it every time we read a newspaper or turn on a television set. Each of us, in our own way, wants to do something to help those who have lost everything.

Rotary Zones 29 & 30 comprise 24 Rotary districts in 12 southern and Midwestern U.S. states. These zones include all of the areas which have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina. To assist in the relief effort, the Zones have established the "Katrina Relief Fund", a donor advised fund (DAF) with The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. This fund will serve to help streamline the flow of contributions from Rotarians and others looking to assist victims of the hurricane disaster.

A committee identified by the leadership in the two zones will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies to meet the most pressing needs of people in the affected areas.

Directors of the fund are RI Director Robert A Stuart Jr.; Immediate Past RI Vice President John Germ; Duane Sterling, a past general manager of the Foundation; Donald Collette, a past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, and Kenneth Schuppert, a Major Gift Advisor for the Foundation. Together, the directors bring outstanding experience and qualifications related to their responsibilities as custodians of the relief fund, including law, engineering, electrical power systems, management of disaster programs, and fund supervision.

The fastest way to contribute to the "Katrina Relief Fund (DAF-TRF)" is to donate online using your credit card. The company which is processing these transactions will accept all international credit cards which will automatically convert your contribution into US$ which is the only currency form the fund can receive. I encourage you to help those who have been affected by this disaster by contributing today to The Rotary Foundation “Katrina Relief Fund” (DAF-TRF).

Rotarians throughout Zones 29 and 30 and all of North America have organized and come forward to provide disaster relief including food, clothing, water and shelter. They are helping to relocate refugees and to get children registered in school. They are working around the clock. They need your help in providing supplies and services but most of all they need your financial contribution today. The Katrina Relief Fund will send your contributions directly to organizations that Rotary is working with to provide support to the biggest relief effort in the history of the United States. I urge you to give and think of a way to help. Rotarians throughout Zones 29 and 30 and all of North America have organized and come forward to provide disaster relief including food, clothing, water and shelter. They are helping to relocate refugees and to get children registered in school. They are working around the clock. They need your help in providing supplies and services but most of all they need your financial contribution today. The Katrina Relief Fund will send your contributions directly to organizations that Rotary is working with to provide support to the biggest relief effort in the history of the United States. I urge you to give and think of a way to help.
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For more information on relief efforts and other ways to help, please visit RI's World Community Service Disaster Relief page and check the RI home page frequently for updates. For complete information on Donor Advised Funds please visit the Rotary web site.

CONTRIBUTE NOW BY CLICKING HERE . . . www.rotary.org/newsroom/programs/050903_daf.html

On behalf of The Rotary Foundation and the Board of Trustees, I thank you for your generosity and for the help that your contribution will provide for the nearly 1 million people who have been left destitute and homeless by this disaster.

Through your contribution, you will be "Lending a Hand" and demonstrating Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self” as you extend the spirit of the "Family of Rotary" to all who's lives have been disrupted by this horrific disaster. For this I thank you.

Yours in Service Above Self,

Frank J. Devlyn - Chairman
The Rotary Foundation Trustees; Email: in2dtp@empnet.com; Phone: 541-388-7342; http://www.frankdevlyn.org

When you contribute to the Katrina Relief Fund using the online credit card processing system, you will receive an email confirmation of your contribution that will be appropriate for tax purposes. All contributions of $250.00 (US$) or more, from individuals and corporations, will be issued a U.S. charitable tax receipt.

2. The World Community Service program of RI provides information on the RI Web site regarding club disaster relief efforts. (www.rotary.org/programs/wcs/disaster/reliefefforts.html). These efforts will be posted on the RI web site as they are reported. Check the web site regularly for opportunities to assist those affected by this disaster. To report your club or district's relief efforts or for inquiries regarding assistance contact Megan Kondal, World community Service Program Coordinator at 847-866-4487 or kondalm@rotaryintl.org.

3. DG John McKone has indicated his intent to make a consolidated contribution from the District in the name of your Clubs. Donations will be made to the Rotary Districts and/or Clubs in the devastated areas when those Districts and Clubs are able to regenerate and identify their requirements through Rotary International. It is requested that your Club and Club Members write their checks to the District 7610 Foundation, c/o Mr. Don Wellen, Disaster Relief Chair, 6512 River Tweed Lane, Alexandria, VA 22312. Don is working hurricane relief with the Army National Guard, and he can be contacted during the day at (703) 898-5981 (Cell) or at home at (703) 658-4878.

4. All alternatives serve a specific purpose. The important thing is that we "Be A Friend," "Create Awareness and Take Action" and provide "Service Above Self."

Sandy Duckworth, Foundation Chair, Stafford – sandraduckworth@direcway.com
District 7610 GSE Team Leader Chosen. Congratulations to Rotarian Jerry Foltz of the Dulles Rotary Club, the outstanding choice to lead our GSE team to District 2230 next May. While all candidates had many fine qualifications and characteristics, Jerry’s Rotary experience is substantial and his leadership style will be beneficial as he leads our team to Poland, Belarus and the Ukraine. Thanks again to the club and Rotarians who participated in this process.

Les Schoene, GSE Chair, Annandale, les@patriot.net

District 7610 Ambassadorial One Year, Cultural and University Teacher Grant Nominees Chosen. Congratulations to the following applicants who have been nominated by District 7610 to Rotary International as our Ambassadors for 2006-2007:

I) Rotary Grant for University Teachers Nominee: Peter W. Black, PhD, Emeritus Professor, GMU, Burke RC

II) One Year Ambassadorial Scholar Nominee: Katia Peterson, Crystal City-Pentagon RC
   Back-up for the one year Ambassadorial Scholarship is: Ursula Jessee, Reston RC

III) Cultural Scholarship (3 Months) Nominees: Lauren Conn, Fairfax RC & Michelle Igbani, Albemarle RC
   Back-up for the three month cultural Scholarship is: Megan Lantz, Rotary Club of Albemarle RC

IV) Cultural Scholarship (6 months) Nominee: Courtney Knapp, Mt. Vernon RC
   Back-up for the six month Cultural Scholarship is: Siobhan Sanders, Rosslyn RC

Jim Purdon, Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair, Vienna, jimpurdon@aol.com

Foundation Seminar – The Best Ever. Rave reviews and evaluations were commonplace during and after the Foundation Seminar on August 27. Such comments as “the best seminar in ten years!” “I learned while having fun.” “This will be hard to top next year.” And many, many more. This success is thanks to those who attended and those who worked so hard putting it together. A great BIG THANK YOU to:

Ron Marion, Seminar Chair, Scott Mills and Robin Erskine Committee Members
Dot Greene, TRF Annual Fund Strategic Advisor, with her Foundation Overview & Update
Roy Strohl, Presenter of Boring Foundation Facts
John Smarge, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator and his Jeopardy Teams
Jackie McGuire, Major Gifts Officer from TRF for her Foundation update
George Atwell, PolioPlus Chair for his update and briefing on our Polio campaign
Shirley Heim, Interact Chair; Horace McCormack, Assistant Governor; and Janet Brown, Grants Records Officer for presentations on their District Simplified and Matching Grants
John Smarge, Gary Dehnel, Dot Greene, Travis White, Jackie McGuire, Sandy Duckworth for leading breakout sessions on Humanitarian Programs, Major Gifts and the Permanent Fund and a special session for Club Foundation Chairs
John Holler, Sergeant-at-Arms for selling our 50/50 tickets and keeping us organized and on time
Colonial Forge Interact Committee led by Joyce Steele, Interact Sponsor – and very special – our own Shirley Heim who continues to help make all of this possible.

Foundation Banquet – A Big Success! The beautiful flower arrangements were donated by Scott & Kim Mills – Thank you both very much. The door prizes were provided by Ron Marion, Scott Mills and Sandy Duckworth. Thank you one and all! And, every attendee received a beautifully engraved wine glass as a special souvenir of the evening. This great evening began with a reception and special music by Patrick Slevin, our D7610 $5,000 Van Cunningham Scholar Winner. After a delicious dinner, Patrick again treated us to an outstanding performance. Our special guest and keynote speaker, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator John Smarge, gave an inspiring
and motivational testimonial that touched our hearts and made the awards and recognitions even more meaningful. The recipients were:

100% Paul Harris Clubs: Crystal City-Pentagon – Dulles – Rappahannock (2nd time)

Major Donor: Ron Marion – Crystal City;

Bequest Society Members: Jim Timberlake – Warrenton; Scott Ward – Dulles;

Bill Jarrett – Alexandria; Scott & Kim Mills – McLean

Recipients of The Rotary Foundation District Service Award: George Layne – Gainesville; SuYong Min – Bailey’s; Jack Weeks – Dulles; Janet Brown – Rappahannock; Lester Schoene – Annandale; Dorothy Coffey – Alexandria; Pono Prasad – Fair Lakes; John Chapman – Dulles; Scott Ward – Dulles; David Bohmke – Rappahannock; Jim Timberlake – Warrenton; Michael Lo Presti – Sterling; Pam Danner – McLean; Elaine Farmer – Stafford

Club Foundation per capita Achievement Awards: Rosslyn - $657.14 (1st in district); Sterling - $573.25 (2nd in district); Dulles - $455.82 (3rd in district); Middlesex - $337.26; Rappahannock - $335.85; Burke - $323.61; Crystal City - $267.64; Warrenton - $258.00; Springfield - $250.03; McLean - $229.30; Stafford - $225.58; Bailey’s - $206.90; Mount Vernon - $193.00; Bull Run - $176.06; Alexandria - $159.39; Leesburg-Daybreak - $147.09; Gainesville - $121.56; Louisa - $120; Alexandria South - $116.67; Falls Church - $105.54; Culpeper - $105.13

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION!

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FOUNDATION POINTS CAN SPARK CHALLENGE GIFTS. Foundation Recognition Points are a great way to encourage Rotarians to become Paul Harris Fellows or otherwise contribute to The Rotary Foundation’s Annual Programs Fund. Foundation Recognition Points are generated when a Paul Harris Fellow contributes to the Foundation. The points are tracked in a separate account on the Club Recognition Summary and can be used to name others as Paul Harris Fellows. Rotarians can use the points to create a district or club challenge in support of the Every Rotarian, Every Year effort. At the district Foundation Seminar on August 27, DG John McKone announced 10,000 points available for match. Travis White is handling the match. Questions – contact Travis: twhite@adicon.net

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Foundation Quiz

Who was the Rotarian and what club?

Name the Rotary club and the Rotarian who was responsible for carrying a club banner in orbit around the moon?

The first person to contact Sandy Duckworth with the correct answers will win a special prize to be presented at their club. Contact: sandraduckworth@direcway.com

There was no winner in August although several of you got the second part. Here are the answers.

Fill in the blanks:

What funds participate in SHARE? 1. Annual Fund; 2. World Fund; 3. Permanent Fund (interest only)

Note: This information is available on TRF Donor Form #123

Fill in the blank:

Gifts given to SHARE in 2005-2006 will be used by our district in what year? 2008-09

Questions or information that you would like to see in this newsletter, contact Foundation Chair, Sandy Duckworth - sandraduckworth@direcway.com or call 540-361-1680