

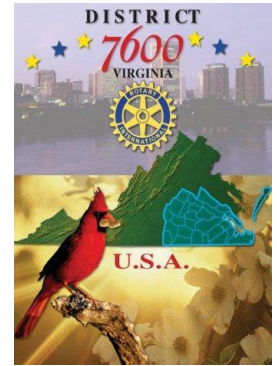


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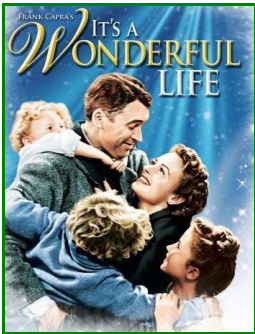
**District 7600 (Central & Southeastern VA)
Rotary Foundation Newsletter**

Happy Holidays

**Bill Pollard, District Rotary Foundation Chair
Jim Bynum, District Governor**



It is a Wonderful Life



One of my favorite things about the holiday season is watching *It's A Wonderful Life*. I guess I can relate to George Bailey, a banker with some personal issues who doesn't make much money. The movie shares with us two important messages: the importance of friends and the positive impact each of us makes on the lives of others.

At the end of the movie George Bailey finds a copy of the book *Tom Sawyer* that is a gift from his guardian angel Clarence who wrote in the book, "Remember, no man is a failure who has friends." Our membership in Rotary provides us with the opportunity to make special and lasting friendships with Rotarians in our clubs, districts, and throughout the world. It is because of these friendships we are able to work together "doing good in the world."

The movie also provides a powerful message in that we all can make a difference in the lives of others. Even though George Bailey felt he was a failure and did not live the life he had dreamed of, he was provided the gift to see how his actions, no matter how simple or insignificant, made a difference in the lives of so many. What if it had been Paul Harris standing on the bridge and his guardian angel showed him what the world would be like if he had never been born. Paul would have seen that polio would still be prevalent in the world and that there would be more hunger, poverty, and unhealthy living conditions. We are blessed that Paul Harris gave us the gift of Rotary, resulting in a global family of friends working together as we *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.

Our support of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation provides Rotarians all over the world with the resources to fight hunger, provide clean water and sanitation, reduce child mortality, promote peace, make education available for all children, and eradicate Polio. What a wonderful gift! Best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season.

PDG/DRFCC Bill Pollard

All-Time Foundation Giving in District 7600 Exceeds \$10 Million

We recently reached a new milestone as our all-time contributions since 1917 from clubs and Rotarians in District 7600 to The Rotary Foundation exceeded \$10 million. What a tremendous commitment from our clubs and Rotarians in supporting the funds and programs of The Rotary Foundation. Just think of the many lives we have positively impacted because of our support of the Foundation. Below are some Foundation figures of as June 30, 2011:

Paul Harris Fellows	5,399	145 in 2010-11	Matching Grants	43	7 in 2010-11
Benefactors	674	66 in 2010-11	District Simplified Grants	153	34 in 2010-11
Bequest Society	57	12 in 2010-11	Scholars Sponsored	186	2 in 2010-11
Major Donors	63	15 in 2010-11	Group Study Exchanges	32	
Paul Harris Society	92	18 in 2010-11			



EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Best Day in Rotary

By *Thomas M. Thorfinnson (Tom)*
 Director Rotary International 2009-11
 Rotary International Vice President 2010-11



It was July 24, 2004 and I was in the middle of my third trip to Haiti. An almost five hour car ride had landed us in rural farm country 21 miles away from our base in the town of Hinche. It was 90 plus degrees F. and we had traveled over some of the toughest roads I had ever seen. With the air conditioning out and packed four to the back seat on this bumpy ride we had long since given up on trying not to touch or sweat all over the person next to us.

It was approaching 1:00 pm as we arrived in a village called Ti Kampeche. We were there to attend a dedication ceremony for the very first well - drilled as part of our large Rotary Foundation matching grant project, which we called Haiti Safe Water Plus. I was there with seven others from the US, all with Rotary connections. Included in the group was my then 19 year old daughter, Ashley. We arrived in Ti Kampeche to find a packed church: Locals immediately got up and offered us their seats.

The church was cool: It was cinder block, but painted in a faded blue and teal. The locals danced, prayed, sang and performed a play: All along they thanked God and Rotary for the water well. The play told a story of how locals were no longer sick, the illnesses of the past having come from bad water not evil spirits. During the service, my eyes glanced to Ashley. She sat next to a little girl from the village. While my daughter smiled the warmest smile you can imagine, the little girl reached out to touch Ashley's very white skin. Ashley lightly touched her back. They giggled together.

Moments later we were at the well site, cutting the ribbon and pumping the first "official water" from the first of many wells to come. I stooped down and drank; so very cool and refreshing! One of us pumped water for the senior members of the village.

Soon we were back in the car and off again on the dusty road to two other villages scheduled for drilling. Many hours later we were at La Maguana, a bar/restaurant in Hinche and we were enjoying a meal with local Rotarians from the Hinche Rotary Club.

We quenched our thirst with Prestige beer, and we danced with the Haitian Rotarians as they taught us their favorite Caribbean step. In the middle of our dance together, Ashley said into my ear "Dad, I never knew Rotary was like this."

I doubt I will ever stop serving, because I too never knew Rotary could be like this. Our gifts and our efforts don't just change the lives of those in need. Come dance with me!

Tom was brought into the Rotary Club of Hopkins Minnesota in 1980 and served as Club President in 1992-93. He started the Eden Prairie Noon Rotary Club and in 2003 became a charter member. Tom and his wife Jamie are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and Level 4 Charter Members of the Bequest Society. Tom is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service to the Rotary Foundation. Tom has practiced corporate and real estate law for almost all of the last 30 years, and for 16 years was a business law lecturer at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management.

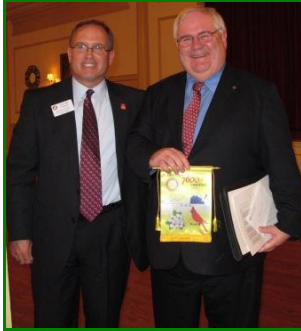


We have this much DDF so apply for a Matching Grant

Last year we provided clubs with \$113,615 in District Designated Funds (DDF) to support matching grants for international projects. This year we still have available DDF for matching grants. Some of the grants we are supporting this year are for projects in Lebanon (Goochland), Mexico (James City County), and Zambia (Hopewell/Newport News). Other possible grants include projects in Malawi (Suffolk), Guyana (South Richmond), Jamaica (Cape Henry), Philippines (South Boston), and Brazil (Norfolk). For questions and help in developing a grant, contact Bill Liepis, the District Grants Chair, at bliepis@cavtel.net or 804-553-0766. Clubs can also partner on matching grants.

Foundation Banquet Highlights

Over 120 Rotarians, spouses, and guests celebrated Foundation month in November by attending our District Foundation Banquet on Wednesday November 16 at Colonial Heritage in Williamsburg. Club and individual Foundation awards were presented followed by an inspiring speech from Past Rotary International Vice President Mike McGovern. Thanks to everyone for making the banquet a fun and enjoyable event.



PDG Bill Pollard and
Past RIVP Mike McGovern



PDG Jim Pierce recognized new Major Donors
DG Jim & Gayle Bynum and DGN Chuck & Rebecca Arnason



Annual Programs Fund Chair Ken Frantz and
IPDG Jayne with the Top Three Per Capita clubs

In 2010-11 73% of the Rotarians in District 7600 contributed to the Annual Programs Fund with 56% contributing at least \$100. Per capita giving for District 7600 was \$167 ranking us 39 out of 532 districts in per capita giving. The following clubs were recognized for their support of the Annual Programs Fund in 2010-11.

- Top Three Per Capita Clubs - #1 Newport News with \$629 per capita, #2 Hampton Roads with \$365 per capita, and #3 - Innsbrook with \$353 per capita.
- 100% Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member Club - To qualify, every club member made a contribution to the Foundation of at least \$100. Worldwide only 880 clubs received this recognition (there are over 34,000 clubs). The five 100% Sustaining Member clubs are: Emporia, Innsbrook, Norfolk-Sunrise, Northside Norfolk, Virginia Peninsula.
- 100% Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) - To qualify, every club member made a contribution to the Foundation with the club having per capita giving of at least \$100. Worldwide only 1,550 clubs received this recognition. The seventeen 100% EREY clubs are: Churchland, Emporia, Hampton Roads, Innsbrook, James City County, Melfa, Norfolk-Sunrise, North Suffolk, Northside Norfolk, Petersburg Breakfast, Princess Anne @ Town Center, Short Pump, South Hill, South Richmond, The Historic Triangle, Virginia Peninsula, Yorktown.
- \$150 Per Capita Club - The following clubs achieved per capita giving between \$150-\$199: Williamsburg \$150, Norfolk \$154, Henrico East \$155, Chester \$157, Northside Norfolk \$168, Courthouse \$172, North Suffolk \$173, Midlothian \$175, James City County \$182, Prince George County \$187, Blackstone \$188, Great Bridge \$189, West Richmond \$192, Churchland \$194, Powhatan \$197.
- \$200 per capita - The following clubs achieved per capita giving of at least \$200: Emporia \$204, Princess Anne @ Town Center \$205, Yorktown \$209, Cape Henry \$220, Hanover County \$220, The Historic Triangle \$228, Bon Air \$251, Warwick \$256, Smithfield \$272, South Richmond \$292, Western Henrico \$332, Virginia Peninsula \$339, Innsbrook \$353, Hampton Roads \$365, Newport News \$629.

Polio Challenge Grant - The following clubs contributed at least \$2,000 to PolioPlus in 2010-11: Bon Air, Brandermill, Cape Henry, Chesapeake, Chester, Churchland, Colonial Heights, Hampton Roads, Henrico East, Innsbrook, James City County, Mechanicsville, Midlothian, Newport News, Norfolk, North Suffolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Sandston, Short Pump, South Hill, South Richmond, Suffolk, The Historic Triangle, Virginia Peninsula, Western Henrico, Williamsburg, Yorktown.

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award - Because so many Rotarians serve humanity through Foundation programs, The Rotary Foundation created the District Service Award. Each year up to twenty Rotarians in a District can receive the award. This recognition has been given in District 7600 since 1997 and 112 Rotarians have received the award. The recipients for 2010-11 are: Peter Adler (Chester), Bill Billings (Franklin), Randy Cash (South Hill), Frank Ferrante (Williamsburg), Wayne McCoy (Princess Anne @ TC), Joe Mulkerrin (Hampton Roads), Cap Neilson (Virginia Peninsula), Jim Probsdorfer (Warwick), Dan Stegall (North Suffolk), and Wayne Woodcock (Midlothian).

More from the Foundation Banquet As we celebrated our support of The Rotary Foundation at the banquet, we were able to enjoy fellowship with our fellow Rotarians throughout District 7600. Next year we plan to hold another Foundation Workshop in August and a Foundation Banquet on Wednesday November 14, 2012 in Williamsburg.



Clubs that achieved at least \$200 per capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund



From left to right: Cora Huitt, Mike McGovern, Ann Mulkerrin, PDG Ted Kirby, and Wayne Woodcock



Wishing Happy Birthday to Governor Jim and Frank Ferrante



Retha Valderas and AG Lisa Hollier displaying the Innsbrook RC banners and certificates



IPDG Jayne and DG Jim with Randy Cash, Lisa Clary, Bruce Settle, and Judy Jacquelin of the South Hill RC

Three things every Rotarian should know about the Foundation

Everything that The Rotary Foundation achieves – from paying for polio vaccines to teaching children to read – is possible because of the time and contributions of Rotarians and friends of Rotary. “When Arch Klumph in 1917 put forward the idea of an endowment fund to do good in the world, he could not have imagined what our Rotary Foundation would become,” says Trustee Chair William B. Boyd.

1. The Foundation is working on our primary goal. Rotary’s top priority is to eradicate polio. Through PolioPlus, The Rotary Foundation has led a global effort to rid the world of this crippling disease. To date, Rotary has contributed more than U\$1 billion toward that goal. Rotary’s \$200 Million Challenge is the Foundation’s response to the \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to achieve a polio-free world.

2. The Foundation changes lives. Through the resources and programs of The Rotary Foundation, Rotarians carry out far-reaching projects based on Rotary’s areas of focus: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention and Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development

3. You make it possible. The Foundation is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share our vision of a better world. And because of the Foundation’s impact – and the close monitoring of projects – giving to The Rotary Foundation is a financially sound decision. “Our Rotary Foundation tells the world that we care,” says Boyd. “Be proud of our Foundation and the wonders that we achieve through it.” The 2011-12 goal for the Annual Programs Fund is \$104 million.

This article is from the November 2011 *Rotary Leader*, a multimedia online publication featuring practical information and links to help club and district officers. Any Rotarian may subscribe to the publication by visiting www.rotary.org/rotaryleader. There is no charge to subscribe.

The Best Defense Against Telemarketers

Assistant Governor and District 7600 Permanent Fund Chair Bill Billings of the Franklin Rotary club is included in the December message of Bill Boyd, Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation. The *Features* is emailed each month to many Rotarians outside of District 7600 including Trustee Chair Bill who used part of Bill Billing's EREY story from a past newsletter in his December message. You just never know who is actually reading the *Features* each month. Below is Trustee Chair Bill's December message found in the December *Rotarian* magazine and on the RI website.



Make giving to our Foundation an annual tradition

As Rotarians, we often reduce our words to initials. We talk of GSEs, VTTs, NIDs, and PHFs. Our district officers are DGs, DGEs, and DGNs, and in Evanston we have a GS. We have plenty of PDGs and an occasional PRIP. I am sure you could add many more.

This month, I would like to focus on another set of initials: EREY. The words are *Every Rotarian, Every Year*, and they encourage every one of us to make an annual contribution to our Foundation. Despite the economic problems and the awful natural disasters, our giving to the Annual Programs Fund last year was the second highest in history. Thank you for your confidence that we are building a Foundation that will be stronger and even more effective in the future.

I read a lot of district and zone newsletters, and I smiled at a quote in a recent newsletter from District 7600, in Virginia, USA. In it, Bill Billings talked about how Rotary became more important to him as he became more involved. He went on to say, "These are my brightest days in Rotary because now I am learning what I can do for Rotary. I give to The Rotary Foundation every year because it feels so good." At this point, his sense of humor came through. I am not sure if every country has telemarketing, but if yours does, you will appreciate Bill's next words: "But I also give to the Foundation because it is the best defense against annoying telemarketers. When they call me I simply say, 'I give my money to The Rotary Foundation, but thanks for calling and have a nice day.' Click!"

Bill has made our Rotary Foundation his charity of choice. I hope you will too.

Bill Boyd
Foundation Trustee Chair
December 2011

December is Family Month



In the December 2006 *Rotarian* magazine, Foundation Trustee Chair and Past RI President Bill Boyd wrote that, "Like our own family, we can count on the family of Rotary to help when help is needed and to share life's joys and sorrows. Being part of Rotary means being part of the largest extended family in the world. Rotary is an organization of people who care – about their homes, their communities, and each other. And caring is what family is all about."

"Rotary's success depends on the support of every Rotarian and everyone in the family of Rotary. In a family, no one is any more or less important than anyone else. Everyone is equally valued and equally a part of the family. That is also true in the family of Rotary. All of us are working toward the same goals of better communities and a better world. And we all know that we can accomplish more and enjoy ourselves far more when we are working side by side with our friends - and our families."

**Seasons
Greetings**



39 children who were dying from critical heart conditions in Guatemala now have a chance for a full and healthy life as a result of an \$189,000 Rotary Foundation grant. During the past two years the grant provided the resources to bring specialized pediatric cardiac resources directly to children in the highland regions of rural Guatemala.

Support for the Healing Hearts Guatemala project was provided by the Rotary Club of Suffolk, VA along with other clubs in District 7600, the Rotary Club of Guatemala East, and World Pediatric Project. Clubs in District 7600 in partnership with World Pediatric Project have also supported a \$50,000 matching grant for Healing Hearts Eastern Caribbean with the Rotary Club of Gros Islet (District 7030) and a \$50,000 matching grant for Healing Hearts Dominican Republic with the Rotary Club of Santo Domingo (District 4060).

All made possible through your contributions to the **Annual Programs Fund**.

Doing good in Guatemala

Make your annual gift today

