



ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT 1130 FOCUS

July 2007

“THE DREAM TEAM”

Chairman	Tim Raath
Financial Contributions	Florian Weidinger
Humanitarian Grants	Alan Hooton
Group Study Exchange	Michael Hodge
Inwardbound Scholars	Jeremy Jessel
Outwardbound and Peace Scholars	Robert Hunter
Alumni Relations	Norman Brooker

The purpose of this Rotary Foundation District Focus is to inspire greater awareness and more effective action by the Rotary clubs around D-1130, to generate discussion about key issues in The Foundation, Our Charity, and offer new approaches to The Foundation in general.

Use Focus as a starting point to learn more about Our Charity and how it affects people in the community and around the world. It's up to you to learn more about The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and how it relates to your club and the District.

In the meantime the new Rotary Year is upon us and it is necessary for me to bring to your attention the changes in membership responsibilities for the different aspects of the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC).

Rotary Trivia

Do you know why the Rotary year starts in July?

Dollars and some good financial sense are why the Rotary year starts 1 July. In 1913, RI's auditors found that the organisation's affairs had been managed "honestly and carefully". Still, RI was growing, and the secretary and treasurer needed more time to prepare the organisation's financial statements. The auditors recommended that Rotary International close its financial books for the year on 30 June, after the RI Convention. The Board of Directors agreed, and ever since, the Rotary year has begun on 1 July.

PLEASE DO ONPASS TO YOUR CLUB MEMBERS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY (*Three Pages*)

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

FLORIAN WEIDINGER:

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Responsibilities:

- All Foundation financial affairs
- Annual Giving contributions
- Sustaining Membership
- Gift Aid
- Bequests
- Paul Harris Fellows

FLORIAN awaits your contributions to make us the premier Foundation District. They should be at least £60 per capita per year – ideally £120 per capita per year!!! Remember it is for OUR FOUNDATION, OUR CHARITY. Am I a dreamer, or wrong, to think that we Rotarians, through TRF, Our Charity, want to give something back to our communities?

Enfield Chase has already forwarded a TRF contribution!

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS

ALAN HOOTON:

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Responsibilities:

- Humanitarian Grants
- Local Community Assisted Projects (DSG's)
- Matching Grants (MG's)
- Volunteer Service Grants

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ALAN has, inter alia, 9 DSG's, each worth up to £500, for Local Community Assisted Projects (DSG's) available for Clubs to implement not later than 31 March 2008. You should submit your Request as soon as possible.

Projects will be awarded on a competitive basis based on merit that specifically benefits a club's local community with direct involvement of club members. Rotarian involvement must include more than simply fundraising/donating. The club's Rotarians should play an active role in the implementation of the Project.

You might, of course, like to think big for a Matching Grant (MG's) by expanding your club's strength through partnership with neighbouring clubs or perhaps even with other organisations. It is time now to make Application.

ALAN waits to hear from you!

POLIO/POLIOPLUS PARTNERS

TIM RAATH

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Responsibilities:

- DRFC 1130

The only way to protect every child from polio is to eradicate it completely. And we Rotarians promised the children of the world that they would grow up in a world without polio and further that their children would not have to face the threat of such a crippling and potentially fatal disease.

As Rotarians, we simply must keep our promise and, to do so, we need to stay focused until there is no more wild polio virus.

I will be continuing my quarterly Polio News in Brief, so keep focused and continue to forward your contributions to PolioPlus Partners.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

JEREMY JESSEL

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Responsibilities:

- Inwardbound Ambassadorial Scholars

You are aware that we have sixteen young Ambassadorial Scholars visiting London for their studies this year. They are obligated to address the District's Clubs about their study subject and the effect Rotary is having on their life. But they need you to invite them to your club. Please do contact JEREMY.

ROBERT HUNTER

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Responsibilities:

- Outwardbound Ambassadorial Scholars
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships
- Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies

ROBERT will always welcome applications for any of these Scholarships. He trusts that all clubs likewise will "spread-the-word" that Rotary's Educational Programme has much to offer. If the Scholarship Programme is to continue and do the wonderful things it has done in the past, we must make more effort to put forward scholars – ROBERT is waiting for the applications.

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Responsibilities:

- Group Study Exchange

What is a Group Study Exchange?

Group Study Exchange is an educational programme of TRF wherein Rotary districts in different countries are paired to send and receive professional study groups of four to six non-Rotarian team members and one Rotarian team leader to travel for four to six weeks, staying in the homes of Rotarians when possible – please note the word “homes”.

In September/October 2007 the District will be hosting D-9810 from the North-West outskirts of Melbourne, Australia. MIKE looks forward to your support with the hosting arrangements. Then in February 2008 our District will be visiting the Australians of D-9810. Interviews for the Team will shortly be held in London – please refer to MIKE for Application forms and detailed information and don't forget to offer some home hosting.

And, please do support the visiting Australians when they make their presentations to the clubs around District AND do then support our own Team's presentations on their return.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

NORMAN BROOKER

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Responsibilities:

- Alumni Relations

A goal this year for Alumni's sub-committee is to ensure that the District 1130 clubs make our Alumni integral to the District's clubs and to urge clubs to consider an Alumnus as a potential club member or a potential contributor to OUR FOUNDATION, OUR CHARITY.

Find them and invite them into Rotary. We have a lot of inertia to overcome regarding Alumni. It will take another 2-3 years before we see substantial changes. So why not start looking now for them.

A thought for those new members and Alumni who are about to enrol: *“By joining Rotary I can help rid the world of Polio”*.

Enquire of NORMAN who were the actual Alumni originally sponsored by your club.

ASK an Alumnus to address your club and invite him/her to become a member of Rotary; use the Alumni as an effective advocate for Rotary's programmes and membership.

NORMAN is enthusiastic about Alumni – so help him improve our need to keep all Rotarians enthused about Alumni.

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HUMANITY**



Please let me have information/stories about your Foundation successes (or problems).

Thanks.

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