



# ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT 1130 FOCUS

Spring 2008

## AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS

The educational, humanity, and business community, looks for the past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar's qualification as a "plus" point in their search for their employee for whichever vocation is being considered – it is realised that such scholar will be one of tomorrow's leaders.

The District's successful Applicant's forms have to be submitted by the DRFC in Evanston by 1 October. Our deadline for applications is 15 August, 2008.

## ROTARY GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

Why not consider submitting an application to provide a Grant to higher education faculty to teach at a college/university in a low-income country. Our deadline for applications is 15 August 2008.

## ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS

These undergraduates should be pursuing a one-to-two year's master's degree in international relations, peace, conflict resolution, and related subjects. Our deadline for applications is 16 May 2008.

## ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

These studies equip professionals from fields with the conflict resolution tools they need to foster peace and peaceful conflict resolution through study in short-term certificate. Our deadline for applications is twice yearly 16 May 2008 and 17 October 2008.

## ENQUIRIES

*Ambassadorial Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers, Rotary World Peace Fellows and Scholars for Peace and Conflict Studies, Clubs should direct all enquiries to Robert Hunter. Telephone: (020) 7511 2628, or email: [robert@highmeads.co.uk](mailto:robert@highmeads.co.uk)*

## GSE EXCHANGE TO BULGARIA D-2482

The GSE Sub-committee are now looking for the GSE Team that is to visit Bulgaria in the new Rotary Year. Enquiries to Michael Hodge at [gse@rotaryinlondon.org](mailto:gse@rotaryinlondon.org)

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Our GSE Team have returned from Melbourne D-9810 and are now on "tour" in the District.

Date	Area	Contact
2 April	North	Peter Cragg Friern Barnet Wh'stone
22 April	East	Alan Kerr Epping
29 April	North West	Laurence Hanison Mill Hill
13 May	Central	Kevin Coyne St Marylebone
16 May	South East & South West	Len Saker Tooting
19 May	West	Yvonne Phelops Wembley & Willesden

Please make further enquiries with the Contacts referred to above.

## GEORGIA ROTARY STUDENT PROGRAMME

We have received detail of a scholarship under the Georgia Rotary Student Programme which is open to sons or daughters of Rotarians. It is available for study ONLY in colleges and universities in the State of Georgia, USA.

Please contact me at [foundation@rotaryinlondon.org](mailto:foundation@rotaryinlondon.org) for further detail if you have some interest.

But it is the Rotary club members that need to "find" all the suitably qualified applicants so that the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) might start the applicant on his/her way.

## MATCHING GRANTS

There will be amended procedures in the new Rotary Year affecting the administrative procedures and operations of TRF. These are expected to be finalised at the April meeting of the Trustees in Evanston.

I am considering the probable necessity of whether a special additional Foundation Seminar would be of some advantage in view of the expected complications concerning Matching Grants – but later, watch this space.

## ALUMNI

When it comes to ALUMNI, when last did you invite a past Ambassadorial Scholar, a Peace Fellow, a GSE Team member, or a Rotary Volunteer, to address your club? – Do you know which of these categories of your Club's previous sponsorships have been invited to address your club – do you even know who those club sponsored people are?

By the way, are you aware that our Alumni are endeavouring to complete an environmental Project with London Wildlife Trust? Can you help?

Please enquire of Norman Brooker [fnbrooker@aol.com](mailto:fnbrooker@aol.com) detail of Alumni associated with your club and in regard to the Environmental Project.

## POLIO

We must continue to support the plans and goals of Rotary to ensure that Polio eradication remains the first priority for all of us. And now, of course, we must support the \$100 million Challenge in order to maintain and complete our Promise to the Children-of-the-World – a Polio Free World.

When last did you make an effort to support Rotary's information campaign to deepen global awareness of our Humanitarian and Educational Programme?

Have you recently emphasised the four Avenues of Service so as to expand service opportunities, especially those that might be associated with the Rotary Foundation.



The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair  
Robert S. Scott presented  
Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge  
at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego

You are aware that the Gates Foundation has recently awarded our Rotary Foundation a \$100 million Grant which is the highest grant ever given to a volunteer service organisation. This Grant is for the polio eradication initiative which needs such an infusion of funds to help us keep our promise to the children of the World – a Polio-free World.

The initial \$100 million is to be distributed by The Rotary Foundation through Grants to the World Health Organisation and UNICEF in direct support of polio immunisation activities in 2008.

Rotary has committed to raising this \$100 million of new funds over a three-year period beginning 1 January 2008. This fund-raising effort is to be known as **“Rotary's US \$100 million Challenge”** and is to be completed by 31 December 2010.

It is crucial that we Rotarians make this Challenge a success. In order to do this each Rotary club is being challenged to organise a public fund-raising event to raise a minimum of \$1000 annually for the next three years – individual Rotarians are, of course, also invited to take part in the challenge.

This is in addition to the Targets suggested for each club's Annual Giving which funds are the lifeblood of our Foundation's Educational and Humanitarian Programmes.

Please start now making plans for your Club's first annual \$1000 Challenge.

Your contributions should be forwarded to:  
Florian Weidinger, Lehman Brothers, 25 Bank Street, London, E14 5LE.

In this instance, please note as being for **“Rotary's US\$ 100 Million Challenge”**.