



*Every Rotarian, Every Year*  
 District 7610 Foundation Newsletter  
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**Y**ou are The Rotary Foundation. Yes, there is still time to make your tax deductible contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Without your continued support, the blind mother will NOT see her child; the lame child will NOT walk; the deaf child will NOT hear; and the water deprived village will NOT survive. Thank you so much for your continued support. And this is the season when we always do just a little more. I am so very proud of each of you for CARING! Thank you!



Your gifts for the hungry, the blind, the lame, the deaf

Sandy Duckworth, Foundation Chair, Stafford RC – [sandraduckworth@Hughes.net](mailto:sandraduckworth@Hughes.net)

**R**EMINDER! There is still time to donate, tax-free, up to \$100,000 to The Rotary Foundation from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) without increasing your federal gross income for this year if you are 70½ or older. For further information contact The Rotary Foundation Senior Planned Giving Officer Karena Bierman at [Karena.Bierman@Rotary.org](mailto:Karena.Bierman@Rotary.org) or Major Gifts Officer Jackie McGuire at [Jackie.McGuire@rotary.org](mailto:Jackie.McGuire@rotary.org).



**Congratulations to our top ten Star Clubs for their support of the Annual Fund.**

#1 – Middlesex	\$12,825.41	#6 – Rappahannock	\$ 5,820.00
#2 – Fair Lakes	\$11,923.00	#7 – Bull Run	\$ 4,720.00
#3 – Springfield	\$ 9,300.00	#8 – Kilmarnock	\$ 4,051.50
#4 – Stafford	\$ 6,872.00	#9 – Vienna	\$ 3,700.00
#5 – Charlottesville	\$ 5,925.00	#10- Leesburg-Day	\$ 2,870.95

**A Very Special Thank You to PDG Chuck Ylonen and PDG George Atwell** For Their Generous Gifts to the Permanent Fund. Chuck is a member of the Middlesex RC and George is a member of the Caroline RC. They both continue to “Lead The Way” for their clubs and for our district.



**Welcome to our Newest Paul Harris Society Members:**

**Ali Al-Attar – McLean RC**  
**PDG Jack Kenyon – Bailey’s RC**  
**Joe LuQuire – Bailey’s RC**  
**Kathleen Martin – McLean RC**

**You, too, can become a Paul Harris Society Member.** The Paul Harris Society is a special district recognition program designed for Rotarians who wish to support The Rotary Foundation in a more substantial way each year. The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund. Membership may be discontinued with a change in financial conditions or for any other reason. For more information contact:

**Ron Marion, Paul Harris Society Committee Chair – Crystal City RC - [ron\\_marion@vfwarners.com](mailto:ron_marion@vfwarners.com)**

**District 7610 “Leads The Way!** Congratulations to EVERYONE. Because of your generous contributions, District 7610 is leading Zone 33 as of the close of books, October 31, 2006 as follows:



**# 1 in Permanent Fund Contributions = \$110,393.00**

**# 2 in Annual Fund Per Capita = \$41.45**

**#2 in Total Contributions through October 31 = \$202,520.17**

**NOTE: We have a 73.1% increase in Annual Fund contributions over this same time last year.**

**Whatever Happened to Polio?** A recent exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History



Click here to [Take a virtual tour](#) of a past exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History called “Whatever Happened to Polio?” Click here to [Read a related story.](#)

Click the photo and follow the link. Great information. For more on our campaign to eradicate polio, contact:

**George Atwell, PolioPlus Chairman – Caroline RC - [geofatw@aol.com](mailto:geofatw@aol.com)**

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**Bull Run Rotary Club “Leading The Way”** All members already contribute \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund. Recently, Gary Dehnel, a Bull Run Member and District 7610 Annual Giving Chair, spoke to the club on the permanent fund. He briefly explained the difference between annual and permanent funds, then noted that by becoming a benefactor, one continues to support the ideals of the TRF (good will and peace) forever, even after we are gone... quite a profound legacy - especially after having just viewing an outstanding DVD. Gary had benefactor cards at each table and told the members that all they had to do was to fill in the amount and personal data. Then he would take care of all the rest... i.e., sending in the forms, making copies of the forms for the contributors, and getting a Virginia accepted codicil sample to them

Results:



- Six new benefactors: One out-right gift and five will bequests.
- One new Bequest Society member with a \$10K will bequest.
- Total new permanent fund contributions/bequests = \$17,500

If you would like to have such a presentation made to your club or if you would like to become a Benefactor or a Bequest Society member, contact:

**Gary Dehnel, annual Giving Chair – Bull Run RC - [gcdehnel@verizon.net](mailto:gcdehnel@verizon.net)**

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## **S**alaam from Sudan! An Open Letter from our Newest Peace Scholar, Kevin Melton.

Phew, finally!... a computer.. or actually... lets start with the basics... FINALLY... ELECTRICITY! It's about a quarter to nine here in Maridi, South Sudan on the Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo border. I am using a computer that is in a compound hosted by AMREF, an NGO funded by Italian aid and some USAID that is being run off a generator and satellite Internet... common for this area really. If anything, this email is to say that yes, I'm alive and doing well. It's the first time I've gotten to check email in about a week... and more than likely I will not be able to check it for at least another week if not more. At this point I'm still set on being back in Nairobi, Kenya around the 15th of December. If everything goes to plan I will be out of Africa shortly thereafter and back home in Washington after a quick stop in southern France to see my family (I unfortunately learned of the passing of my grandfather just before I left for Sudan... he had lost a fight against Alzheimer's after 3 years. I've done my best to keep grieving for after the trip).



The trip has really been an amazing opportunity and not really far from the "3 weeks of camping" description I was giving it before I left... no more fear of spiders and snakes here... In most of the towns we past through I'm actually somewhat of the local celebrity. The kids dubbed me "Kawanja".. otherwise known as white man. I'm glad to have passed my food poisoning lesson of the trip... though I will say the mangoes were good at least.



As for the work, it's definitely keeping me busy. I'm traveling with Frank, the project office manager.... it's good to have company and help. For those not up to date, we're basically trying to do a qualitative and quantitative analysis of all the businesses in South Sudan before the end of the year (how do you like that for USAID talk...) It's coming along well, although I admit we are learning lessons every day. For those interested, I will be traveling to the towns of Yambio, Rumbek, Thiet, Bor, and Juba in the next 2 weeks before I head back to Nairobi.

I will leave the majority of the stories for when I get back since I have limited access to Internet here and the connection is also quite slow. All in all, I'm taking plenty of pictures and actually keeping a daily journal so I can fill everyone in when I get back from my adventure. I do want to say that although this country has been through SOO much in the past 30 years, there is now a lot of hope. The people are very welcoming and want to keep the peace. There are plenty of resources and driving down the dirty and rough roads you can see plenty of room for growth.

In any case, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone when I get back around Christmas (will probably be home just before or after). For now I'll enjoy the starry skies, 80 degree temps, and fresh air. Warm regards and Happy Holidays, - Kevin

NOTE: If you would like Kevin to speak to your club, contact:

**Sally Lay, World Peace Scholarship Chair – Manassas RC - [sallylay@center-for-the-arts.com](mailto:sallylay@center-for-the-arts.com)**



### **Rotary Alumni Alison Starling is Grand Marshall of the Alexandria City Scottish Christmas Walk.**

At the reviewing stand ceremony, Campagna Center President Karen Hughes' WELCOME: "Here come the ROTARIANS! WELCOME, ROTARIANS!" This year's Grand Marshall, Alison Starling, earned a Rotary International Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship in 1995. Leading the Rotarians today is Bill Jarrett, President of the Rotary Club of

Alexandria, who walked with Elizabeth Anne Campagna back in the 1970's and today he walks with her grandson, Chris Campagna, who is a fellow Rotarian." President Bill makes a presentation of the Alexandria Rotary Club's Jefferson Cup on behalf of 1,200,000 Rotarians worldwide in more than 32,000 Rotary clubs, promoting our motto, 'SERVICE ABOVE SELF' in volunteer work both in local and international communities to Grand Marshall, Alison Starling.

**Congratulations to our Alumni Alison Starling and to the Alexandria RC for representing Rotary**

## **P**lease Consider Workplace Giving

If your employer offers a payroll deduction program benefiting charities, you may be able to select The Rotary Foundation as your charity of choice. All contributions made through the workplace campaigns are directed to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund.



### **Combined Federal Campaign — Government Campaigns**

For federal, state, and many municipal employees, The Rotary Foundation participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). On your workplace giving form, the Foundation's CFC number is 0350.

### **International Service Agencies Campaigns (ISA)**

The Rotary Foundation participates in the International Service Agencies Campaigns. On your workplace giving form, use number 0350.

## United Way

If your workplace works only with United Way, check to see if The Rotary Foundation is represented in your area. If it is not represented, many local United Way agencies allow donors to specify a charity under the "donor option" line on your campaign giving form. Write in The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Many United Way agencies also work in conjunction with the International Service Agencies campaigns.

If your company does not have a workplace giving program, please ask your human resources department to contact the Vice President of Business Development at International Service Agencies at 800-638-8079 or visit the International Service Agencies Web site at [www.charity.org](http://www.charity.org).



**Partnering Can Be Fun And Productive.** With the holidays here, your club may be busy planning a seasonal service project. If you have not done so already, consider partnering with another community organization to promote Rotary. The local media will also be looking for human interest stories in the next few months and you can pitch your project and the good work of Rotary during the holidays. Please click on the link below to get some ideas of what others are doing in their own communities.

<http://www.redcross.org/more/commserv/holiday.html>



## Foundation Tidbits

**Our Foundation Trustees.** They're a diverse group. One is a CEO of a tea packaging company. One worked as a coroner. Another founded a school for deaf children in Tanzania and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 2003. One appeared in the 2002 edition of Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul. Another was a member of the Thai parliament from 1969 to 2000.

They're just some of the 15 Rotarians who serve on the 2006-07 Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. They meet four times each Rotary year and are appointed, on a rotating basis, by the RI president-elect to four-year terms. They approve grants and have the final word on the Foundation's budget, fundraising goals, and program policies. Trustees are: Chair, Luis Vicente Giay - Argentina; Chair-elect - Bhichai Rattakul - Thailand; Vice Chair - Mark Daniel Maloney - Alabama, USA; Michael W. Abdalla - California, USA; Peter Bundgaard - Denmark; Ron D. Burton - Oklahoma, USA; Jayantilal K. Chande - Tanzania; Glenn E. Estess Sr. - Alabama, USA; Rudolf Hörndler - Germany; Carolyn E. Jones - Alaska, USA; Dong Kurn Lee - Korea; Jonathan B. Majiyagbe - Nigeria; K.R. Ravindran - Sri Lanka; Robert S. Scott - Canada; Sakuji Tanaka - Japan; General Secretary Edwin H. Futa - Hawaii, USA

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