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A ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Ernie and Sally Montagne have helped sow the seeds for Rotary Foundation grant projects that are bringing clean water, sanitation, better health, and economic development to two of the world's poorest countries, Niger and Togo. Ernie, governor-elect of District 5500 (Arizona, USA), and Sally, a member of the Rotary Club of Sierra Vista Sunrise, served as Rotary Volunteers to the two countries in 2005. They have since traveled, at their own expense, back to Africa to oversee the work being done and around the United States to promote the projects that are helping to break the cycle of hunger and grinding poverty.

"After working in grants all my life, I have never seen an organization that handles and distributes money as well as The Rotary Foundation," says Sally, the district's Foundation grants subcommittee chair. "I have seen nothing compared to the Foundation in terms of how careful it is about distributing money and how effective it is at making long-term differences in the lives of people all over the world. Ernie and I are incredibly impressed, and because of that, the Foundation is our charity of choice." [Share your EREY story at My.EREY.Story@rotary.org.](http://My.EREY.Story@rotary.org)

Long-term sustainable development projects supported by Foundation grants are helping to reduce disease and improve the quality of life for children and their families in Niger.



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OPENING DOORS TO BETTER HEALTH



A doctor demonstrates cardiopulmonary resuscitation during a mobile health fair in Ulyanovsk, Russia. Disease prevention and treatment are vital to improving the quality of life and comprise one of the six focus areas of The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan, set to begin on a pilot basis on 1 July 2010.

At a health fair in Korolev City near Moscow in December, several youths watched intently as a doctor specialized in treating addictions used an exhibit of healthy and diseased lungs to demonstrate the damage caused by smoking. Other children tried on blurred eyeglasses and took part in games that tested their reflexes to simulate the effects of alcohol abuse.

The health fair was among more than 100 in Russia made possible since 2006 by a US\$300,000 Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grant project that has established five new health fair centers and expanded existing ones.

Sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Vladivostok, Russia, and Homer-Kachemak Bay, Alaska, USA, the centers train health fair organizers, form volunteer teams of health professionals, and publicize the fairs in the media.

The fairs offer a range of health screenings, diagnostic tests, treatment, and preventive services, including educational exhibits and games like those at the Korolev City fair. All told, the fairs have received logistical support from more than 20 Rotary clubs and served an estimated 20,000 people.

"Explicit medical exhibits and powerful visual aids have achieved tremendous impact on local youth and teenagers," said project co-coordinator Evgenia Klokova, a member of the Rotary Club of Vladivostok Central, Primor'ye Kray. "Some young people have voluntarily left unfinished packs of cigarettes, deciding on the spot to quit smoking after seeing a smoker's lung."

THE BOTTOM LINE

2008-09 Interim Annual Programs Fund Contribution Totals

US\$98.7M

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

RECOGNITION POINT MINIMUM REDUCED

At their April meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees made the following changes to Paul Harris Fellow recognition effective 1 July:

- Foundation Recognition Points (FRPs) may only be transferred for transactions of 100 points or more.
- Individual FRPs will expire upon the death of the donor or death of the surviving spouse of a major donor.
- The individual donor will be the only person authorized to transfer FRPs. For a club account, the club president may authorize the transfer of points; for a district account, the district governor may authorize the transfer.
- Paul Harris Fellow medallions are available from the RI Distribution Center

or International Office at a cost of US\$15 each (including shipping). Certificates and lapel pins are still provided gratis by the Foundation.

"This [policy] will be beneficial for all Rotarians globally and serve to help club and district leaders who are asking for contributions during this global economic slowdown," said Louis Piconi, vice chair of the Trustees' Fund Development Committee. "The adjusted policy will enable and encourage everyone to use their personal recognition points in concert with an additional contribution of US\$100 for either the polio eradication challenge or the Annual Programs Fund to recognize a family member or friend or a local community volunteer."

CLUB ACCESS TO FOUNDATION REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Club Recognition Summary, EREY Eligibility Report, and Monthly Contribution Report are useful tools for verifying contributions to the Foundation. Recently, the Foundation extended access to these reports to club Foundation chairs and club treasurers. To provide access, the club president or secretary should go to www.rotary.org and click on Member Access in the upper right-hand corner, then enter the name and e-mail address of the club Foundation chair and club treasurer.

ROTARY SCHOLAR EXCELS IN COMPASSION



Courtesy Juliana Hagembe

Juliana Hagembe with a leprosy patient in China

Juliana Hagembe, a 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholar from Kenya, calls the year she spent studying to obtain her master's degree in public health at the University of Hong Kong "an amazing, life-changing year. I am really proud to be the first African scholar hosted by District 3450 [Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia] and so grateful to District 6220 [parts of Michigan and Wisconsin, USA] for sponsoring me."

During her scholarship year, Hagembe mentored members of RYLA, spoke at District 3450's annual conference, and taught children about her country. Accompanied by members of her host Rotary Club of Peninsula Sunrise, Hong Kong, she also visited leprosy patients at a village in China. That experience, she said,

helped fuel a desire "to utilize my talents and abilities to help people less fortunate than me. It also increased my determination to pursue my ultimate goal — to contribute towards decreasing health care inequity at an international level."

Now nearing completion of her master's degree in biochemistry at Northern Michigan University, in Marquette, Michigan, Hagembe says she looks forward "to hopefully taking up a position at an international health organization to work towards this goal."

GET TO KNOW THE FOUNDATION'S 2009-10 GOALS

1. Keep the promise to eradicate polio.
2. Work through the Foundation to achieve a better world, through the six areas of focus in the Future Vision Plan.
3. Implement the Future Vision Plan, which will help revitalize and strengthen the Foundation so it can adequately support another century of Rotary service.
4. Support Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund.

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