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**From DG Doug's Desk**

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As you know November is Rotary Foundation month. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize clubs in our district that have gone above and beyond in their support of The Rotary Foundation. Each year the board of trustees of The Rotary Foundation recognizes the top three clubs in each district for total giving to the Annual Programs Fund and the top three clubs for Per Capita Giving to the Annual Programs Fund.

I am pleased to announce that the top three clubs in giving to the Annual Programs Fund for Rotary Year 2004-2005 are:

Kerrville Noon	\$17,189.50
Seguin	\$12,766.00
Boerne Noon	\$12,184.06

I am also pleased to announce that the top three clubs in per capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund for Rotary Year 2004-2005 are:

San Antonio Airport	\$303.82
San Antonio West	\$279.09
Boerne Noon	\$193.40

The members of the Boerne Noon Rotary Club recently received a very special recognition from the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. The Boerne Noon Rotary Club was recognized for becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. That's right every member of the Boerne Noon Club is a Paul Harris Fellow. They are the second club in the district to receive this honor. Fredericksburg Morning Club was the first club in the district to receive this distinction. In addition to receiving a

banner proclaiming the club as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club, the club's name will be engraved on a plaque that hangs in the offices office of The Rotary Foundation.



TOP LEFT: San Antonio Airport Club President Wes Alston receives the Foundation recognition for the highest per-capita giving from Governor Doug.

TOP RIGHT: Boerne Noon Club President Ruben Cardenas, Jr., Immediate Past President Kathy Woodward and Club Foundation Chair Kathy Hubbard proudly display their two banners presented by Governor Doug.

BOTTOM LEFT: Governor Doug presents Foundation Chair Kathy Hubbard and Club President Ruben Cardenas, Jr., with a banner recognizing the Boerne Noon Club as a 100 Percent Paul Harris Club.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Governor Doug presents Seguin Rotary Club President Darren Dunn with a banner recognizing the club's giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

I challenge each club to see if they have what it takes to receive recognition as a top three club in per capita giving to the Annual Programs Fund, or as a top three club in giving to the Annual Programs Fund, or as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. What does it take? It takes an **understanding** of The Rotary Foundation and how it functions. It takes a **personal commitment** to The

Rotary Foundation. That personal commitment is not only a financial one but also a time commitment. We need to take the time to learn about the programs of The Rotary Foundation and the good they are doing. Finally it takes **perseverance**. We need to pledge our support to the Foundation and follow through to fulfill that pledge.

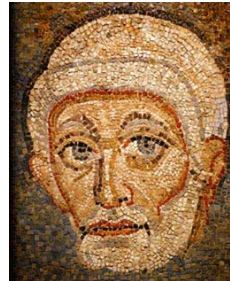
The Group Study Exchange (GSE) team that is going to represent us in Brazil has been selected. Two separate selection committees were formed. One committee selected the team leader and alternate. The second committee selected four team members and an alternate. Hats off to Stephanie Macchia who was in charge of the selection process. She saw that the committees had the documentation they needed, stayed on track, and got the selection paperwork off on time to The Rotary Foundation.

Serving as GSE Team Leader is Rosa Lavender. She was sponsored by the Kerrville Noon Club. Jan Livingston, sponsored by San Antonio Highlands Club, is the alternate team leader. Team members are: Aurora Lozano sponsored by the San Angelo Club, Michael Starnes sponsored by the Stone Oak Club, Carlos Salinas sponsored by the San Antonio Highlands Club, and Danielle Garcia sponsored by the Seguin Sunrise Club. The alternate member is Michael Edwards sponsored by the Kerrville Noon Club.

The Holidays are upon us. We will soon be caught up in the shopping, decorating, and celebrating. If you are one of the many people who shop on line for your gifts why not do two things at once? Why don't you get your shopping done online and support The Rotary Foundation at the same time? It is easy. All you have to do is visit the Rotary International online mall ([www.rotary.org/shopping](http://www.rotary.org/shopping)). Using this portal to your online shopping results in you having access to all the merchants you normally do business with and The Rotary Foundation receiving a contribution based a percentage of the sales. There are no hidden fees or added on costs. The website is open to everyone so please tell your friends and family about this opportunity to help the Rotary Foundation.

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### **From the NOR'EASTER San Antonio Northeast Rotary Club Newsletter**



*Our speaker today is Ms. Jennifer Youngblood. Ms. Youngblood will be talking to us about the Saint Peter and The Vatican exhibit that is currently on display at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. More than 300 objects, one of the largest Vatican collection ever to tour North America, are presented in the context of dramatic and immersive environments, including representations of the Tomb of Saint Peter, the Sistine Chapel, the ancient and current Saint Peter's Basilicas and other settings. From culture to history to art, explore the impact of this 2,000-year-old institution's influence on the world. The exhibit will be in San Antonio through January 8, 2006.*

*Ms. Youngblood is the Object Handler and Special Events Coordinator for the exhibit. She has worked*

*with Vatican curators, art handlers, registrars, object handlers and technicians to install the exhibit at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. She has coordinated lecture series with local speakers in conjunction with the exhibit run. She has also serve at the marketing and community liaison for the exhibit.*

*Ms. Youngblood has been a Career Counselor with The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) since 2002. She received her Bachelor of Arts in History Degree from UTSA in 1998 and a Master Certificate in Computer Programming from the , University of Denver in 2001. She is in the process of earning her Master of Arts in History degree from UTSA.*

## News from the Rotary Club of San Antonio

### US Army All-American Bowl Dinner

**The US Army All-American Bowl Awards Dinner is Friday, January 6, 2006.**

Sign up now for a table or to be on the Host Committee.

#### **Reserve Your Table**

Purchase your table now for Rotary's signature fundraising event—the US Army All-American Bowl Awards Dinner. The dinner is Friday, January 6, 2006 at the Convention Center.

Sponsorships are listed below. Please contact the Rotary office (222-8242) or more information or to purchase a table.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Head Coach—\$5,000:** Two tables near the stage (16 diners seated with four players/coaches), invitation to US Army VIP reception, option to designate someone to host an athlete as member of the Host Committee, special recognition in game and dinner programs, plus 30 special seating game tickets

\_\_\_\_\_ **Quarterback—\$2,500:** Two tables (16 diners seated with four players/coaches), plus 30 special seating games tickets, recognition in game/dinner programs

\_\_\_\_\_ **Running Back—\$1,000:** One table (8 diners seated with a player and coach), plus 10 lower level game tickets, recognition in game/dinner programs

\_\_\_\_\_ **Individual Dinner Tickets—\$100:** Includes a lower level ticket to the game the following day  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax to the Rotary office at 222-8290. We will bill you for your purchase.

#### **Sign up for the Host Committee**

Be a part of the event by participating on the Host Committee.

Host Committee members will pick up athletes, parents and coaches at the airport and deliver them to their hotels. The function of the Host Committee is to make the players, families and coaches feel welcome.

#### **Host Committee Goals:**

- To assist the Bowl organizers with welcoming all US Army All-American High School Athletes to San Antonio
- To assist the Bowl organizers with welcoming and hospitality functions for the many US Army VIPs spending game week in San Antonio for the US Army All-American Bowl
- To provide a volunteer base to work on the production, transportation, marketing, promotions and hospitality at the 2005 US Army All-American Bowl
- To assist the Bowl organizers with local ticket sales efforts to local corporations, community groups and organizations
- Past President Frank Burney is heading up the Host Committee again this year. Feel free to contact Frank

\_\_\_\_\_ or the Rotary office with questions.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to serve on the Host Committee  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please fax to the Rotary office at 222-8290.

## News from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

More than 100,000 health workers and volunteers participated in three days of door-to-door national polio immunizations targeting 16 million children under age five in Ethiopia at the end of October.

Ethiopian President Girma Wolde-Giorgis launched the event at the National Palace in the capital, Addis Ababa, on October 26, two days ahead of the official start date. Regional launches were also organized.

"Ethiopia was polio-free for four consecutive years because of the collaborative efforts exerted by health professionals, partners, and allies both in and outside Ethiopia," said Wolde-Giorgis. "To eradicate polio from Ethiopia, we need the full support and assistance of health workers and [the mobilization of] local human and material resources."

Joined by more than 35 Rotarians from Canada and the United States, members of the country's five Rotary clubs and four Rotaract clubs provided logistical support during the effort.

"We traveled throughout Ethiopia by air and over land," says Ezra Teshome, of the Rotary Club of University District of Seattle, Washington, who led the team from North America. "The Ethiopians [Rotarians and Rotaractors] have done a marvelous job. We kept a very busy schedule, but we had a magnificent time there."

According to Teshome, who is originally from Ethiopia, despite the re-infection of Ethiopia with poliovirus imported from Nigeria, there is much optimism in the country that the disease will soon be eliminated for a second time.

Ethiopia has reported 16 cases so far this year, after having only one case in 2004 and being polio-free in 2003 and 2002.

"There has been that disappointment that this has been going on longer than expected," says Teshome. "But we are going to work with Nigeria and re-infected African countries, like Sudan, to eradicate the disease. My hope is that we are going to be doing an aggressive job to close this chapter for good."

In addition to Ethiopia, seven other countries – Eritrea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen – held jointly planned, large-scale immunization campaigns in October.

### **Many thanks to Dr. Sean Hardy for his presentation.**

Dr. Hardy, the son-in-law of Marc Bennett, gave all of us the true story of what took place at Charity Hospital during hurricane Katrina. We all know what was written in the newspaper about the troubles but it was very enlightening to get the straight story from someone who had been there. Sean is a 4<sup>th</sup> year resident in emergency medicine and was on the frontlines when things turned critical. Charity Hospital is right downtown and an older hospital capable of having some 1000 beds. While it is a nice place it is somewhat outdated. It did serve as a trauma center for the 3 state area of Texas, Louisiana,

and Mississippi and has some 220,000 visits per year. The hospital did have a plan to deal with disasters which meant certain staff had to show up with clothes, water and meals until the storm passed. The backup power generator was capable of handling ½ of the hospital's needs and these generators came on after the main power went out. Late Monday, after the storm hit earlier in the day, a wall of water some 5'-8' high came down the street. Since the generators were in the basement they were the first things to fail. On the second day they had to evacuate the ER and carry some 58 patients up 2 stories, and this of course included all the associated equipment. They then found some portable generators and had to carry them and the fuel up 11 flights of stairs. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> day the radio was saying the hospital was evacuated despite the fact that everyone was still there. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> day they did start to get people out but then someone began shooting at the departing patients and it was not for another 24 hours that they got some armed troops. But it was still not enough security and some doctors had to pull shifts on security beginning the 4<sup>th</sup> night. It was not until the 5<sup>th</sup> day that the real evacuation began. On day 7 some air boats made it to the hospital and they were finally able to evacuate some 500 patients and 500 staff. It is safe to say the people that stayed there were heroic in their efforts to serve their patients. They only lost 8 patients in 7 days and the ER did not lose a single patient. The hospital now is working with the aid of Army surgical units and a field hospital given to them by the Air Force. The EMS was totally destroyed and now they work with mutual aid equipment and unfortunately it is still not a full.

## News from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

For the first time in their lives, young children in impoverished Mexican communities have access to Spanish-language storybooks, novels, biographies, and children's classic literature.

Rotarians and Rotaractors in three Rotary International districts in the United States and Mexico are providing these books to enhance literacy and education in schools and communities in the Mexican state of Sonora, adjacent to the U.S. state of Arizona. In all, 10 clubs are supporting the project, which is establishing seven separate school libraries and two children's reading rooms in community libraries.

According to Sally Montagne, president of the Rotary Club of Sierra Vista Sunrise, Arizona (District 5500), the project is making books available to several thousand disadvantaged children.

"The project grew out of friendships formed while our club was working on other Rotary projects in Mexico," says Montagne.

Members of the Rotary Club of Agua Prieta (District 4100) in northern Mexico often discussed conditions in the local schools, relating a lack of Spanish-language children's books and a shortage of other essential supplies.

To address those needs, the Sierra Vista Sunrise and Agua Prieta clubs drafted an international service project plan. They then mobilized financial support from District 5500 (Arizona, USA) and four additional Rotary clubs in the district (Bisbee, Douglas, Sierra Vista, and Sierra Vista South) and applied for matching funds from The Rotary Foundation.

With Foundation and District Designated Fund contributions, the effort received a \$12,000 budget. The original plan was to provide 1,000 new books for five school libraries in the towns of Agua Prieta and Naco. However, by searching for bargain-priced, quality used books; reaching out to Rotarian and non-Rotarian sources of donated books and supplies; and continuously publicizing the needs of the supported communities, the project team

was able to make the most use of the funding available.

As a result, the project has expanded to include the towns of Cananea and Cuauhtémoc as well. The total number of books delivered is now over 5,000, with more to come.

Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 5420 (Utah, USA) also joined the project. The Rotaract Club of Utah State University in Logan sent 25 members to Mexico to support the project. They provided paint, books, sports equipment, school supplies, and hands-on help during a "work week" at the Cuauhtémoc School. They installed carpeting and curtains and provided several cartons of books. They also painted the entire school, did construction work on a baseball diamond and sports field, and helped the teachers.

The newly rechartered Rotary Club of Cananea, Sonora, provided logistical support for the Rotaractors.

Upon learning that a photocopier was on top of the Cuauhtémoc principal's wish-list, the Rotary Club of Logan, Utah, donated one with an ample supply of ink and paper. The club also donated \$600 worth of new books and facilitated access to discounted books.

The Rotarian proprietors of a computer store in Sierra Vista donated five new computers to the Cuauhtémoc School, enabling students to learn word processing and spreadsheet programs and other applications. The Sierra Vista Sunrise Rotary club donated a heater for use at the library during winter.

## From the Fredricksburg Morning Club

### **There is a new book out which all great golfers should read**

- Chapter 1 - How to Properly Line Up Your Fourth Putt
- Chapter 2 - How to Hit a Nike from the Rough When You Hit a Titleist from the Tee when
- Chapter 3 - How to Avoid the Water When You Lie 8 in a Bunker
- Chapter 4 - How to Get More Distance Off the Shank
- Chapter 5 - When to Give the Marshal the Finger
- Chapter 6 - Using Your Shadow on the Greens to Maximize Earnings
- Chapter 7 - Crying and How to Handle it
- Chapter 8 - Proper Excuses for Drinking Beer Before 10 AM
- Chapter 9 - How to Rationalize a 6 Hour Round
- Chapter 10 - How to Find That Ball That Everyone Else Saw Go in the Water
- Chapter 11 - Why Your Spouse Doesn't Care That You Birdied the 5th
- Chapter 12 - How to Let a Foursome Play Through Your Twosome
- Chapter 13 - How to Relax When You Are Hitting Three Off the Tee
- Chapter 14 - When to Suggest Major Swing Corrections to Your Opponent
- Chapter 15 - God and the Meaning of the Birdie-to-Bogey Three Putt
- Chapter 16 - When to Regrip Your Ball Retriever

And for my Scottish friends

"Golf is a game invented by the same people who think music comes out of a bagpipe."



## News from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

After weathering back-to-back hurricanes, Rotarians throughout the devastated Gulf Coast region are using the World Wide Web to organize initial relief efforts on the ground and raise money for future projects. RI Director Bob Stuart launched the Web site [rotaryzones29-30helps.org](http://rotaryzones29-30helps.org) after Hurricane Katrina made landfall on August 29th. "Each district in the area has its own Web site, but this brings them together," Stuart explained. "It's club-to-club coordination in a structured forum." The Web site is currently being used to track ShelterBox deliveries, organize supply storage and distribution, post club and district meeting reports, and publicize grant information.

Members from other Rotary districts have been active on the site, as well. According to Stuart, there has been a fair amount of activity from individuals and clubs in need of support throughout RI zones 25 and 26. To date there have been almost 100 posts to the discussion forums, and Stuart hopes use of the Web site will increase as services throughout the devastated region improve. "We are lacking direct communication with over 30 percent of the Rotary clubs," he said. "We need to locate and establish lines of communication. Governors are telling us this is their number one priority."

A pending grant of \$25,600 made through the [Katrina Relief Fund](#) — a donor advised fund of The Rotary Foundation of RI — may help bridge the communication gap. According to Stuart, Districts 29 and 30 plan to use the grant to provide satellite phone communication to clubs that remain without direct communications. "Once we know the individual needs of the affected

communities, Rotarians can respond," Stuart said

### Rotary Moment

The Rotary Convention next June will be held in Malmö, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark. This will be the first time that a convention will take place in two cities. The two cities are only 30 minutes apart thanks to a bridge and a high speed train. Both cities are quite similar and are showcases for Nordic culture. Each city has a long history but Malmö, built around 1300 is the younger.

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante

The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness and kindness, can be trained to do most things. - Jilly Cooper

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - Alex Levine

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. - Mark Twain

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Ed Furgol

Money can't buy you happiness... but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan

What's the use of happiness? It can't buy you money. - Henny Youngman

I am opposed to millionaires... but it would be dangerous to offer me the position. - Mark Twain

Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was shut up. - Joe Namath

Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. - Herbert Henry Asquith

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope

I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. - WC. Fields

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers

Don't worry about avoiding temptation... as you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill

## **TRF**

### **The Rotary Foundation**

**I would like to ask all clubs to forward to me any records of grants that have been received by clubs in District 5840. I feel that the publishing of these grants will better everyone's understanding how TRF affects us in our part of the world.**

**I know in some clubs, Rotarians are unaware of anything that is done with these funds other than Polio Plus.**

**Send in your story about the funds and what they have done. Do a little bragging. Show what your club has done and how Rotary has made it all possible.**

**Where else in the world can you see something that needs to be done to help others, do a little work, and see your dreams come to fruition? It's done all the time through Rotary and the Foundation, but we don't do enough, in my estimation, to get the word out.**