



Vision News

SERVICE Above Self

August 2006

August is Membership and Extension Month

In the words of President Bill Boyd, "Rotary has flourished for so long because it offers constant values to its members: fellowship, friendship, and doing good work in the world. And Rotary has been welcomed into new communities and new countries because it is not afraid to adapt and respond, to embrace different cultures, and to **hold firm to its core principles of honesty, tolerance, and unselfishness.**" What better recruitment tools than these guiding principals? Each club has the responsibility of having a net gain of one new member in 2006-07. Has your club set into place a membership plan? Remember PDG Ray Streib is our District's membership chair. You can reach him at raystreib@dfiengineering.com

President Bill Boyd further states, "While the mission and motto of Rotary remain constant, we must always be open to the need for change. Part of **our ongoing task as Rotarians is to stay aware of needs — in our own organization and in the communities we serve.** Our membership is evolving, and we are welcoming more and more new members who, a decade ago, would never have thought to join Rotary. Our work is evolving, just as our communities' needs and our ability to address them are." To recruit and retain members, we must be willing to make changes. Perhaps it is time to review our meeting locations, time, venues, agendas and offer alternatives that are more in the liking and needs of those we so desperately need to recruit.



Lead the Way — William B. Boyd, President — "In the coming Rotary year, I ask all of you to join me as we *Lead the Way* to a better Rotary and better communities."

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Words of Wisdom

The happiest people I know are those who have learned to live beyond their own special interest by discovering the rewards that come from giving of themselves.

Winfield C. Dunn, Politician



If you would like your special moment shared with the District family please send an email to pjkasuda@aol.com



District Governor Visit Schedule

The Official Visit Schedule for August 2007

August 1	5:30pm	Fredericktown	Holiday Inn Baughmans Lane
August 1	7:15am	Greater Crofton	Bob Evans Waugh Chapel
August 2	12:00pm	Bel Air	MD Golf and Country Club
August 3	7:30am	Owings Mills-Reis	Marks Deli
August 3	6:30pm	Potomac-Beth	Hunter's Inn
August 8	7:15am	Bond's Meadow	Boulevard and Beyond
August 8	6:30pm	Columbia	Eggspectation
August 9	7:15am	Capitol Hill	Hyatt Regency Hotel
August 10	12:15pm	Bladensburg	Country Club at Woodmore
August 15	6:30am	Pikesville-O.M.	Thai Orient Restaurant
August 15	12:15pm	Wheaton-Kens	Royal Mile Pub
August 16	7:30am	Catonsville-Sunrise	Paradise in a Teacup
August 16	6:30pm	College Park	Walter Raleigh Restaurant
August 17	7:30am	Anne Arundel	Kaufman's Restaurant
August 17	12:00pm	Ellicott City	Tersiquel's
August 22	6:15pm	Mount Airy	Olive Leaf Restaurant
August 23	7:30am	Cent P.G. City (D H)	Int'l House of Pancakes
August 24	7:15am	Ellicott City Sun	Tersiquel's
August 24	6:15pm	Towson	Holiday Inn Crowmwell
August 25	7:30am	North Bethesda	Hamburger Hamlet
August 28	6:30pm	Kingsville P Hall	Bayou Blues Café
August 29	7:30am	Northern PR Geo	Lambert's Restaurant
August 30	7:30am	Mont Village	Willow Tree Inn Golf Course
August 30	6:15pm	Lake Shore	Mt. Carmel United Meth. Church
August 31	12:15pm	Friendship Heights	Alfio's Restaurant

Congratulations Are in Order

Happy Birthday

- Connie Phillips (8/13)**
Rotary Club of Carroll Creek
- Kenneth Lee (8/14)**
Rotary Club of Mount Airy
- Nancy Randall (8/30)**
Rotary Club of Beltsville

Jim & Pamela Lightfoot (8/14)
Rotary Club of Charles County LaPlata

Warren & Carol Prince (8/14)
Rotary Club of Prince Frederick

Pamela & Cidambi Kumar (8/17)
Rotary Club of Columbia

Wendell & Gloria Ann Rayburn (8/19)
Rotary Club of Friendship Heights

Happy Anniversary

- Pam & Randy Roberts (8/10)**
Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center
- Robert & Sue Ann Tabler (8/12)**
Rotary Club of Sykesville-South Carroll

Tony & Stephanie Richardson (8/20)
Rotary Club of Westminster

Mussie & Frehywet Betre (8/22)
Rotary Club of Silver Spring

Robert & Joanne Schott (8/27)
Rotary Club of Olney



Is anyone following you?
LEAD THE WAY

Important Dates to Remember

- August 22, 2006 Membership Seminar in Charlotte Hall (see article for details)
- August 28, 2006 Membership Seminar in College Park (see article for details)
- September 1, 2006 Nominations for Rotary International Director due into Rotary International
- September 25 to 28, Governor Elect Training in Hershey, Pennsylvania
- September 26 District 7620 Second Annual Foundation Dinner celebrating Family of Rotary Martins Crosswinds 6:00 pm Tickets \$60 per person
- September 28 to October 1, 2006 Rotary Zone 31 and 32 Institute Hershey, Pennsylvania
- October 7, 2006 District 7620 PETS IBWI Ramada in Hanover, Maryland
- October 9, 2006 District 7620 Reception for future District Governors Belmont Conference Center, Elkridge, Maryland
- October 2006 District wide Dictionary Distribution to third graders
- November 1, 2006 Deadline for applications for Team Members for Group Study Exchange
- February 16 to 19, 2007 District 7620 RYLA at Camp Letz in Anne Arundel County
- April 1, 2007 Complete Presidential Citation Form to District Governor for signature and submission to RI
- April 13, 2007 to May 7, 2007 Inbound Group Study Exchange from Russia District 2220
- April 14, 2007 Semi-Finals for the Four Way Speech Contest Glen Burnie High School, Glen Burnie, Maryland
- May 3 to 6, 2007 District 7620 Conference at Solomons, Maryland
- May 5, 2007 Finals for the Four Way Speech Contest Solomons, Maryland
- May 25 to June 17, 2007 Outbound Group Study Exchange to Russia District 2220
- June 17 to 20, 2007 Rotary International Convention at Salt Lake City, Utah

Note: Additional dates to be added Please keep current by checking monthly and yearly calendar on District web site www.rotary7620.org



**2nd Annual Rotary
Foundation Dinner**
celebrating
The Family of Rotary
Special Guests:
**R.I. President Bill Boyd
and his wife, Lorna**

WHEN - Tuesday, September
26, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE - Martins Crosswinds
7400 Greenway Center Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770

COST - \$60 per person /
cash bar

**Reservations required
before September 12th**

*Please call, email or write
to:*

410.526.1175

Rotary7620@comcast.net

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Rotary International
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Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Rotary Newswire

ROTARACT ELECTS ALISSA STRAWCUTTER AS ROTARACT REPRESENTATIVE TO DISTRICT

I am delighted to introduce myself as the District Rotaract Representative for the 2006-2007 Rotary year. It is a pleasure to be elected to serve as a liaison between Rotaract and Rotary throughout District 7620 and I am looking forward to a wonderful upcoming year.

For those of you who aren't aware of what Rotaract is or does, Rotaract is Rotary for young people ages 18-30. Rotaract clubs can be either community or college based and are all sponsored by Rotary clubs. District 7620 currently has eight Rotaract clubs including two in the District of Columbia. Rotaract clubs are run much like Rotary clubs, which include community service projects, international service, social activities and networking with other Rotaract and Rotary clubs.

My involvement in Rotaract started in 2004 when I moved to the area. I had just graduated from Allegheny College in May 2004 and was new to the DC area. I was looking for ways to become involved in the community and knew of Rotary because I was a Rotary exchange student in high school (Germany 1999-2000). Because that was such a positive experience for me I thought that would be a great way to give back. In less than a year, I found myself not only a member of the Rotaract Club of Capitol City- Washington, D.C., but served as Secretary 2004-2005 and also became President 2005-2006. When I took over the Presidency in 2005 our club had a mere four members, but when I handed over the gavel in June 2006 we had over 40 members! It's amazing what dedication, hard work and a group of devoted people can do.

The year has already been off to a great start for Rotaract. Our district will be sending 22 Rotaractors to the 2006 U.S.C.C. (United States, Canada and Caribbean) Rotaract Conference in Los Angeles, CA in July, among other events. We look forward to collaborating on various district projects and events.

I look forward to working with our District Governor, Mr. Ceglia, and many of you Rotarians. We will be working on establishing new Rotaract clubs as well as working with those who need assistance and I'm excited to see Rotaract shining in 2006-2007 in 7620! **We are the future of Rotary!**

If you would like to get in touch with me, please don't hesitate! I can be reached at the following:

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Yours in Rotaract,

A lissa Strawcutter

DRR 2006-2007- District 7620

Rotaract Club of Capitol City

www.dcrotract.org

Words of Wisdom

I would rather fall in an attempt at something new and uncharted than safely succeed in a repeat of something I have done.

A.E. Hotchner, Writer



PR Tips for Rotary Clubs

Notes by J.W. Arnold, Washington, D.C. Rotary Club,
District 7620 Public Relations Committee Chair

Press Releases

- Use plain white 8 1/2-by-11 inch paper or your organizational letterhead.
- Identify the sender in the upper left or right hand corner, including name, telephone number and email address. If your club has a phone number with an answering machine, give YOUR phone number. Reporters don't like to get voicemail when they're on deadline and looking for more information.
- Below the identification, state For Immediate Release and today's date if the information is intended for immediate publication. If a time restriction is necessary, state For Release (date/time). This is known as an "embargo" and is typically used when a special announcement is made (e.g. awards presentation, grant announcement).
- Start the text with a clearly-stated lead paragraph, including WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY. If the reader/viewer is expected to respond to the story, don't forget that information in the release.
- Newspaper editors and news producers receive hundreds of releases each week. Make sure that your announcement is relevant to the news outlet's audience. Be concise so the editor doesn't have to spend a significant amount of his or her time to figure out what you're trying to get across.
- Never split a paragraph from one page to the next. At the bottom of the page put <more> to indicate the information is continued to the next page.
- Avoid clichés and check to make sure there are no grammatical errors and all names are spelled correctly. These can be embarrassing errors.
- Place an identifying title and page number at the top of each page after the first.
- Many reporters accept news releases transmitted via email. Place the news release information in the body of the email. Many reporters at larger news organizations will not open emails with attachments because of the fear of computer viruses. News releases should be distributed three to four weeks prior to the event. It is okay to follow-up a week or 10 days before the event, as well.

Local Newspapers

- Local community newspapers are always looking for information about local organizations and events. The more faces and names they can include in each issue, the more newspapers they can sell.
- Local newspapers usually work on a much shorter timeline than larger, urban papers. You can often get releases to them just a few days before publication, but don't count on it!
- Local newspapers often will include photographs of your club's weekly speaker, a presentation of an award or club event. Call your local paper and see if they will accept digital photographs via email. If they will, be sure to include complete information with the picture. Be sure to identify EVERYONE in the photo (left to right) and give complete information about the event. There is no reason your club can't have an item in the newspaper every couple of weeks.

If your suburban club is also served by a major metropolitan newspaper, don't send releases to the main office. Instead, send them to your local county/community bureau. The reporters there are looking for local news and are more likely to cover your event.



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PR Tips for Rotary Clubs CONTINUED

Radio and Television

- Because radio and television stations have relatively large broadcasting areas, you may be able to get coverage for your event with them. Send event announcements to the Community Calendar Producer or Public Service Director at the station. Keep these announcements to the basics: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY. Don't forget a phone number or web address where viewers/listeners can get more information.
- Most stations require a minimum of three to four weeks notice to include events in the community calendar. Also, send announcements to the News Producer. Sometimes during a slow news period, stations will produce features about local events.

Don't Forget

- Is your local newspaper editor a member of your club? How about the radio or television station managers? They should be Rotarians! Invite them personally to attend club meetings and events. You'd be surprised how much coverage your club will get if these people belong to your club.
- If you are doing a major fundraiser or event, don't forget to ask local news outlets if they will consider being a sponsor. Often they will trade free promotion in exchange for tickets, their logo on signs and promotional materials, and opportunities for executives to promote the station/newspaper. Contact the community relations manager. Generally, LESS is MORE. Don't make the editor or producer dig through your release to get to the point. Stick to the basics: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE and WHY. If they require further information, they will contact you (if you provided a good daytime phone number).

We're Here to Help

The District 7620 Public Relations Committee is here to help. We have experienced public relations and advertising professionals who are eager to help your club. Contact J.W. Arnold, District P.R. Chair, at 202-528-1275 or jw@prdconline.com, to request assistance.

The District also has a Media Guide including contact information for print and broadcast media from across District 7620. It is by no means complete and contacts tend to change frequently, but it can serve as a starting point to promote your club's activities and accomplishments. Go to the District web site for specific information www.rotary7620.org search under Public Relations.



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Words of Wisdom

When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the one which opens for us.

Alexander Graham Bell, Inventor

When I see trouble coming, I go on up ahead to meet it.

Bernice Johnson Beacon, Historian and composer

It is preferable to change the world on the basis of love of mankind. But if that quality be too rare, then common sense seems the next best thing.

Bessie Head

Governor's Update



*Make a
Difference!*



FUTURE GOVERNORS

District 7620 has many members, who are more than qualified to become District Governors. In an attempt to educate and encourage potential District Governors, a reception will be held at the Belmont Conference Center in Elkridge, Maryland. The event will take place in the evening on Monday, October the 9th. Each club in our District is to submit to Pat Kasuda no later than September 10th the name/s of individuals that may be interested in serving in the capacity. Pat has set a goal of having at least 10 candidates apply by November 30, to be District Governor for 2009-10. **Keep in mind there are only 530 District Governors in the entire world.** What a one in a life time experience this position provides!!!!!!! Contact Pat at pjkasuda@aol.com

GET TO KNOW THE ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Oops we missed a few last month...

Bette Lewis

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INSTALLATION COMPLETED - NEW OFFICERS SET TO LEAD THE WAY

Nancy Szlasa takes her oath of office as President of the Clarksville Rotary Club. For a club that is only five years old, this club has made enormous contributions to the community. Over \$50,000 was raised last year at their fund raising events.

Congratulations to all the Officers and Club members for a fantastic 2005-06 and welcome to those, who will serve in 2006-07

Rotary Program Central

LEAD THE WAY WITH A PLAN FOR THE FOUR FOCUSES OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The Family of Rotary

The Family of Rotary Resource Group will provide information and support for Rotary clubs and districts in efforts to pursue the first Object of Rotary, which is "to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service." Friendship was the foundation, the rock on which Rotary service was built. The Family of Rotary Resource Group will encourage clubs to care for Rotarians, their families, and members of the larger Rotary family, thereby strengthening clubs and instilling a sense of integrity, tolerance, and unselfishness in the next generation. Supporting the Family of Rotary is of critical importance because it:

- Builds lifelong friendships
- Enhances our personal families' relationships
- Builds world understanding and peace
- Improves international solidarity and tolerance
- Contributes to membership growth
- Contributes to diversity of age, gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion and profession
- Improves Rotary's public image
- Strengthens clubs and the commitment to service

District 7620 Resource Group Coordinator: Jim Kirk Kirkjgk@comcast.net

Water

Water is essential to human life, yet many people take the gift of safe water for granted. Today, 1.1 billion people—nearly 20 percent of the world population—lack access to safe, clean drinking water, and 2.6 billion people lack access to basic sanitation facilities. Lack of safe water and adequate sanitation exacerbates the spread of preventable waterborne illnesses that result in the death of about 6,000 people every day, the majority of whom are children. Moreover, these circumstances are leading contributors to worldwide poverty and social instability. The Water Resource Group has been appointed to support Rotary's efforts to address this important global issue.

District 7620 Resource Group Coordinator: Steve King sking@metcom.org

Literacy

Literacy empowers people. It is the foundation for virtually all forms of education and an essential component of poverty reduction, social inclusion, and economic development. Despite the importance of literacy, there are over 800 million people unable to read or write in the world today. Sadly, 64 percent of these people are women and girls. The Literacy Resource Group is part of Rotary's response to global literacy and education challenges. The Literacy resource group will provide information and support for Rotary clubs and districts to encourage participation in programs and projects that promote universal literacy and educational opportunities for all.

District 7620 Resource Group Coordinator: John Hungerford hungerfordjg@ih.navy.mil

Health & Hunger

The Health and Hunger Resource Group will help Rotary clubs and districts respond to health and hunger issues in their communities and around the world. The resource group will provide information and support to encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with governments and community partners to raise awareness and develop programs that address health and hunger issues. Resource group members will encourage service projects that specifically address the health and nutrition issues of mothers, infants, children, and the elderly. They will pay special attention to health and hunger issues like basic nutrition, preventable or treatable diseases, mental health, and hygiene and sanitation. The resource group will also help raise awareness about programs that address natural disasters, famines, and other complex emergencies that threaten health and cause hunger worldwide.

District 7620 Resource Group Coordinator (Health): John Sever jlsever@comcast.net

District 7620 Resource Group Coordinator (Hunger): Joe Slert Joeosfan@verizon.net

Health Projects

Dr. John Sever, Chairman of the Health Resource Group has made the commitment to get more clubs involved with health projects locally and around the world. To assist in this commitment, he has asked that clubs to do the following:

- Place your Health Project on the District 7620 Web Site
- Prepare a one or two paragraph summary about the project giving the title, purpose, how it was chosen/developed, current activities, how other clubs can join you or develop similar health programs, funding needed, sources of funds, who to contact for more information. Photos can be added. List other web sites for more information.
Send as an e-mail to: Rick Kuethe, District 7620 Web Master, rkuethe@cablespeed.com
- Questions to Rick about web listing - e-mail or 410-421-5118. Your project will be posted on the [District Web Site](#)
- Please let me know when you have submitted a Health Project to the District 7620 Web Site. jlsever@comcast.net.

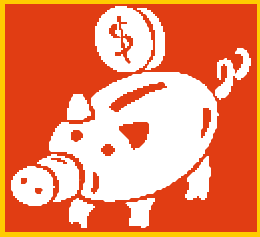
Rotary Program Central

DISTRICT WEBSITE UPDATED

WWW.ROTARY7620.ORG

Be sure to visit the District web site. Rick Kuethe has done a dynamite job of updating. You will find the latest Governor Newsletter and by popular demand a download available of the District Directory to include names and complete contact information. You will even find important dates for 2006/7.

PROJECT STUFF WEIGHS IN AFTER TWO WEEKS



Keep in mind that "Everywhere that Pat goes, her Project Stuff Pig is sure to follow." After only visiting 7 clubs, the pig has weighed in and has been emptied for the first time. 'Paulie' is certainly bringing home the bacon. You will not believe the generosity of those that have contributed to date. Keep in mind, there will be a contest at the District Conference in May to guess how much money was collected in the District Pig from July 1 through the Conference. **You must be at the conference to place your estimate.**

KUDOS TO CHRIS PERLICK, YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIR

Chris Perlick has devoted numerous hours to establishing policies and procedures required to keep our Youth Exchange Program moving forward. We received notification from Rotary International on July 12, 2006, that our program has provisional certification. That would not have been possible without Chris' dedication. **District 7620 applauds his efforts.**



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Group Study Exchange for 2007 will take place with the new Western Russia District 2220 with the theme of public health. Russia has an urgent need for public health solutions and our district has an unusual concentration of public health institutions so this should be a uniquely valuable exchange. Following is the time table:

Outbound team selection:

- Team leader applications due July 15, 2006
- Team leader selection July 31, 2006
- Team member applications due November 1, 2006
- Team member selection November 15, 2006
- Begin planning for inbound team November 15, 2006
- Begin outbound team orientation December 1, 2006
- Russian GSE team in District 7620 April 13-May 2007
- Our GSE team in District 2220 May 25-June 17, 2007



The team leader should understand public health and has connections to that community within our district. The team leader is a Rotarian who will be in charge of our delegation of 4 non-Rotarian young (18-40) public health professionals while in District 2220. For more information contact Stovy Brown stovy@chesapeake.net

MEMBERSHIP SEMINARS

Please note the following dates and locations:

- **August 22, 2006 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** Southern Maryland Child Care Resource Center located at 29958 Kill Peck Creek Court, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
- **August 28, 2006 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.** 4 H Center located at 8020 Greenmead Drive, College Park, MD 20740

**Note: Pre-Registration required District Office 410-526-1175 rotary7620@comcast.net
Cost: \$5 to cover light refreshments. (Cash or checks only)**

Rotary Program Central

VOCATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT NEEDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Community Support Foundation Apprentice Program (501c3) is designed to supply well trained and much needed technicians to Washington Area new car dealers. The program operates at **no cost** to the student apprentices who are recruited through the school systems in DC, Maryland and Northern Virginia plus returning Veterans, Immigrants and unemployed. We are also working to provide diverse populations with the life skills and training required to become productive and to have a rewarding career.

When a student has been in school for a minimum of 60 days, he or she becomes eligible to receive tools. Either a starter tool kit valued at \$1000 + is issued to the student or, if the student already has basic tools, individual tools can be ordered to add to their toolbox. **To date, sixteen (16) Rotary Clubs have agreed to purchase the tools and a committee of Rotarians is contacting clubs to involve their support.** If the student finishes the training the tools become their property. The first four (4) years our success has been 75%.

The John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation has pledged a matching grant of \$10,000 when the program raises \$20,000 from the community by December, 2006. In order to acquire these funds, Rotarians and their associates are asked to seek a community match of \$20,000 by December 2006.

This program has been supported by Rotary District Governor Raymond Raedy, (2005-2006) and Rotary District Governors, Pat Kasuda (2006-2007) and Rich Carson (2007-2008). Archie Avedisian, Rotary Club of Friendship Heights, continues as District 7620 Vocational Chair. The Rotarians serving on Archie's committee are: Mary Nagle; Carroll Creek, Melissa Richards; North Bethesda, Stuart Martens & John Bowis; Bethesda Chevy Chase, Paula Matuskey; Silver Spring, Coleen Aycock; Gaithersburg, and Robert Pelletier, Ellicott City. For additional information and contributions contact Archie Avedisian at aa@wanada.org



BECOMING A ROTARY VOLUNTEER

The call to "service above self" can take place in one's own community or in the world community. For those wishing to serve abroad, RI has developed a program to match potential volunteers to projects. The forms and publications for the program can be found on the Rotary web site at:

<http://www.rotary.org/programs/volunteers/index.html>

Signing up: Potential volunteers can register with RI as Official Volunteers by downloading and submitting the form from the RI web site. Once RI receives your Volunteer form, registered Rotary Volunteers (who have given permission) are entered in to the searchable Rotary Volunteers International Database on the RI Web site. Projects needing volunteers review this list when they are looking for qualified volunteers for their projects and may contact you. http://www.rotary.org/programs/volunteers/participate/volunteer_search_sa.html.

Review Potential Projects: All registered Rotary club and district projects that request volunteers are included in the Rotary Volunteers International Site Database. Review the information about these projects to find the one best suited for you. http://www.rotary.org/programs/volunteers/participate/project_search.html.

Making Contact with Project: When you have identified a project that interests you, contact the project's coordinator. Follow the guidelines found in the Rotary Volunteer Handbook in determining whether the project is indeed a good match for you. Your decision should take into consideration your qualifications, your schedule, adaptability and other elements.

Why Volunteer? Volunteering gives you the opportunity to exchange valuable knowledge. It also allows you to touch the lives of others and make a difference. In the process you will spread goodwill and peace and develop lifelong friendships.

See also: The Rotary Foundation's Funding Assistance for International Volunteers Web page @ - [Volunteer Service Grants](#) for information about the formerly designated Individual Grants program. This program has been reinstated as of August, 2006.

For more information contact:

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