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"Building Communities, Bridging Continents."
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I recently received a letter from the Rotary Foundation Zone 33 Coordinator, Joe Mulkerrin. The letter discusses how the Foundation giving is going in Zone 33 for the current Rotary year. Of course, Rotary District 7690 is always among the leaders in giving to the Rotary Foundation. Currently our district has a total giving of over \$800,000 at the

half-year mark. Isn't this outstanding! Our district is also first in Zone 33 in 48 new benefactors. The closest district to us has 11 new benefactors.

I wish I could take credit for all the work that is done in this district, but I cannot. It is each club and each Rotarian. I am in awe of your generosity during these slower economic times. This goes to prove whatever you find as important, you can find the means to participate. I want to extend my most sincere appreciation to all Rotarians in our district. It is very rewarding to be your district governor, and I thank you for the privilege.

Have you made your plans to attend the 2011 Rotary District Conference in Wilmington? Please visit the district website at www.rotary7690.org and click on "District Conference." We have many events planned for your fun and fellowship. There is so much to choose to do and Wilmington is such an easy drive, you might even think of coming in early or staying after the conference. The conference room rate of \$169 is available three days before and three days after our meeting. We are making this a celebration of your accomplishments during the course of this year.

I am looking forward to seeing one and all. I promise you that you will have a great time and even gain some knowledge of Rotary that will inspire you. Make your reservations today as we continue "Building Communities, Bridging Continents".



*All Rotarians in District 7690
Are Invited to Attend the
2011 Rotary District Conference
in Wilmington, NC
March 31 - April 3, 2011*

To Register:

You have two options for registering. Go to the district's website: www.rotary7690.org

You can register online with a credit card or by printing a registration form. If you use the paper registration, it must be sent with payment to the district office. Directions for mailing are on the form. If you have questions, please contact Margaret Padgett at 336-885-7690.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT EXPERIENCE!

The Foundation Corner

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As you read the article below I am in India for a National Immunization Day event. I am traveling with 22 Rotarians and guests led by D7730 PDG Nancy Barbee on District 7730 NID in INDIA. We will be in India from January 27 thru February 9, 2011. Upon my return I will have an article in next month's "The Piedmont Rotarian" about this NID event. Thank you for your continued support of Rotary's effort to eradicate polio by raising funds for or giving to the Rotary \$200 Million Challenge and PolioPlus program of the Rotary Foundation.

....DRFC PDG Charles Allen

BENEFITS OF POLIO ERADICATION UP TO \$50 BILLION

By Dan Nixon, *Rotary International News* - November 29, 2010

The Rotary Clubs of Farooqabad, Sheikhpura Aarzo, and Sucha Souda, in Punjab, Pakistan, rallied to end polio and held a polio vaccination camp during National Immunization Days in July. More than one million Rotarians worldwide have contributed to the success of the GPEI, *Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Sheikhpura Aarzo.*

A new study estimates that the Global Polio Eradication Initiative could prevent more than eight million cases of paralytic polio and save \$40 billion to \$50 billion, if the wild poliovirus is eradicated in 2012 or shortly thereafter.

Published online this month in the *Vaccine* journal, the study, "Economic Analysis of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," is based on actual and projected immunization costs and polio incidence from 1988 through 2035. Low-income countries would account for about 85 percent of the savings.

The study also estimates that the distribution of Vitamin A supplements during National Immunization Days has prevented from 1.1 million to 5.4 million child deaths and saved between \$17 billion and \$90 billion in disease treatment costs. "Polio eradication is a good deal, from both a humanitarian and an economic perspective," says the study's lead author, Radboud J. Duintjer Tebbens, of the nonprofit Kid Risk Inc. "The GPEI prevents devastating paralysis and death in children and also allows developing countries and the world to realize meaningful financial benefits."

The study focuses on 104 countries, most of them lower-income, that have directly benefited from the GPEI since 1988 through reduced polio treatment costs and the prevention of lost productivity due to disability. Not included in the study are the substantial benefits that continue to accrue in countries that have eradicated polio. In 2006, for example, estimates indicated that the United States had saved more than \$180 billion because of its investment in immunization to become polio-free.

The study was produced by Kid Risk Inc., the Delft University of Technology, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the GPEI. The incidence of polio has fallen by more than 99 percent worldwide since the GPEI began in 1988. Indigenous transmission of the wild poliovirus persists only in relatively small areas of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan. Until eradication is complete, however, all countries remain at risk for the importation of the virus, as demonstrated by the polio outbreaks in Tajikistan and the Republic of the Congo this year.

By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global eradication effort will exceed \$1.2 billion. In addition, Rotary has mobilized hundreds of thousands of volunteers in support of immunization activities. Rotary also plays a leading role in soliciting financial support from national governments, which has amounted to more than \$8.2 billion since 1988.

"This entire initiative began because of the vision of Rotary International," says Margaret Chan, director-general of the World Health Organization, who calls the more than 1.2 million Rotarians "tireless partners in the polio eradication effort." Says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee: "The positive results of this study will, I am certain, increase even further the enthusiasm of Rotarians to fulfill their promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio."

Rotary Names Attorney John Hewko As Its New Top Executive



Rotary International has named John Hewko, an attorney with extensive international experience in both the private and public sectors, to be the global humanitarian service organization's new top executive, serving as its general secretary.

In this position, Hewko will manage more than 600 employees of Rotary International and its charitable arm, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, with regional offices in seven countries, Rotary's Secretariat supports the activities of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, with a combined membership of 1.2 million men and women. The Rotary Foundation annually distributes over \$180 million to fund a variety of educational programs and humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Hewko is a former partner with the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie and was vice president at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. government agency established in 2004 to deliver U.S. foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. He begins work on July 1 at a key moment in Rotary's 106-year history. Hewko will play a lead role in the implementation of the organization's newly revised strategic plan that envisions Rotary's expanded engagement in areas such as maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, and peace studies and conflict prevention/resolution. His tenure could also see the successful conclusion of Rotary's principal humanitarian initiative: its 25-year campaign to eradicate the crippling disease polio, a goal that is more than 99% complete.

Hewko will also interact with government and business leaders to enhance Rotary's global visibility and forge new strategic partnerships worldwide to achieve common objectives and maximize the use of resources. He also will work to expand and strengthen Rotary's current relationship with organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and others.

In announcing Hewko's hiring, Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith hailed his "visionary leadership" and predicted that under Hewko's leadership Rotary will "continue to grow in numbers, stature, and involvement in making the world a better place."

"Rotary is fortunate to have attracted a candidate with John Hewko's proven ability and extensive international experience," Klinginsmith said. "His leadership will be an important asset for Rotary in the next few years."

During his 15 years at Baker & McKenzie, Hewko specialized in international corporate transactions in emerging markets. He participated in the establishment of the firm's Moscow office and was the managing partner of its offices in Kyiv and Prague. While in Ukraine in the early 1990s, Hewko assisted the working group that prepared the initial draft of the new Ukrainian post-Soviet constitution and was a charter member of the first Rotary club in Kyiv. Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie, he worked for leading Brazilian and Argentine law firms and later with Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher in Washington and New York handling Latin American and project finance transactions.

In 2004, Hewko entered public service with the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). As vice president for operations and compact development, Hewko had primary responsibility for managing MCC's relationship with its 26 partner countries in Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union. During his tenure he oversaw the development, negotiation, and approval of foreign assistance agreements with 18 countries totaling \$6.3 billion for projects in infrastructure, agriculture, water, sanitation, health, and education. For the past year, he has been a non-resident senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where his writing has focused on international development and foreign policy issues.

Hewko is a 1985 graduate of Harvard Law School, and holds a master's degree from Oxford University (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar) and a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. He speaks six languages.

"I am delighted to be joining Rotary and honored to be able to participate in the organization's mission to promote world peace and understanding by addressing some of the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and the global water and sanitation crisis," Hewko said. "Rotary's global membership of 1.2 million business and professional leaders- supported by a dedicated, professional staff- is a powerful resource that is making a meaningful global and grassroots contribution to that goal. Just look at what Rotary already has accomplished in the area of polio prevention and eradication."

Hewko emerged from a field of 440 potential candidates for Rotary's top job. The Rotary search committee worked with Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest executive search firm. Hewko replaces Edwin Futa, who is retiring after 10 years as general secretary. Hewko and his wife, Margarita have a daughter Maria, who graduates this year from high school in the Washington, DC area.

Rotary Peace Fellowship Applications Available

Applications for Rotary Peace Fellowships are now available from the District 7690.

The fellowships are for study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers to obtain a master's degree in international relations, peace studies, conflict resolution, and related areas, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies. The program is intended for individuals who have an interest in international relations, peace, and conflict resolution, who already have work experience in these areas, or who have real potential to positively impact our world. The Rotary Peace Centers have been established by The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in partnership with prestigious universities throughout the world.

During their studies, Rotary Peace Fellows will work to advance knowledge of issues related to peace, causes of conflict, and world understanding. The fellows will participate in a Rotary Peace Centers seminar and will commit to a career related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution.

Rotary Peace Fellowships cover up to two academic years and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, and other limited expenses.

For more information and a fellowship application, please contact Dr. Anne R. Hennis, hennisa@surry.edu, 336-386-3451 (Application deadline, May 15, 2011). Interested individuals can also consult the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters for more information and to download an application.

The Rotary Peace Centers are hosted at the following universities:

- Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (both universities jointly host one Rotary Center)
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Applicants selected for a fellowship will study at one of the Rotary Peace Centers in a country other than their country of citizenship or permanent residence. The current application is for study during the 2012-2014 period. Candidates may apply to their universities of preference before being selected as a Rotary Peace Fellow. However, they should be aware that admission to a Rotary Peace Center university partner does not guarantee selection as a peace fellow.

Our district wants to take full advantage of this opportunity to promote world understand and peace. Please promote the Rotary Peace Fellowship in your community and select your candidate for consideration by District 7690 by May 15th. The District Committee will review the applications and select qualified applicants to be forwarded to Rotary International Headquarters by July 1, 2011.

Thank you,

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Attendance for December 2010

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/10	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND NO.	CLUB ID
*Alamance	52	55	3	45	6090
*Alamance Bkft	17	18	2	86	23238
*Archdale/Trinity	21	20	2	58	29135
*Asheboro	89	91	3	70	6052
*Burlington	20	20	3	73	6092
*Carthage	15	17	3	69	6053
*Clemmons	109	109	5	70	29530
**Crescent	97	97	3	73	6056
*East Greensboro	16	19	3	46	55569
*Eden	26	31	3	64	6058
*Furnitureland	46	47	3	64	6059
**Gate City	65	65	2	96	27995
*Graham	33	35	2	71	6107
**Greensboro	304	301	3	72	6060
**Gboro Arpt	37	36	2	77	31667
*Guilford	54	54	3	51	22059
*High Point	138	137	4	69	6062
**Hillsdale Sunrise	22	24	2	69	99012511
*Jamestown	24	23	3	74	6063
**Jonesboro	36	35	4	73	22882
**Kernersville	85	88	5	82	25027
*King	20	19	4	74	51294
*Lexington	22	25	3	47	6065
*Liberty	22	22	1	67	6066
*Madison/Mayodan	32	33	3	67	6067
Midstate(Asheboro)	26	29	3	70	81879
*Mocksville	48	49	0	74	6069
*Mount Airy	97	97	4	61	6070
*Pinehurst	37	38	3	89	6072
*Randolph	76	84	3	67	6074
*Reidsville	58	64	2	69	6075
*Reynolda	95	98	3	52	21534
**San Lee Sunrise	21	21	4	95	30735
**Sandhills	39	43	3	77	25530
**Sanford	34	34	3	61	6078
*Siler City	44	44	0	71	6079
*Southern Guilford	11	13	3	82	61795
*Southern Pines	90	90	3	74	6080
*Stoneville	17	18	3	65	6081
*Stratford	104	102	2	37	6082
*Summit	91	89	3	85	6083
*Surry Sunrise	30	28	5	73	57326
*Thomasville	68	67	3	66	6084
*Triad	31	32	2	73	6071
*Troy	27	24	3	72	6085
*Walnut Cove	12	12	4	67	6087
*Western Forsyth	26	26	2	69	79812
**Willow Creek	16	15	3	71	60367
*Winston-Salem	257	259	2	48	6088
*Yadkin Valley	38	39	4	69	30000
*Yadkinville	23	20	3	75	51333
*Yanceyville	8	10	4	70	6134
DISTRICT	2826	2866		69%	

The District 7690 Calendar is available at www.Rotary7690.org/calendar.htm