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## TWO MORE FUNDRAISERS – 45 DAYS

Well folks, we had such a good time at the last tag sale that we're going to do another one on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

We need more stuff to sell.

We need your help.

And we need it quick.

This time, however I would like to ask that you hold on to your items until Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

We won't have time to either price or carry things from Jackie's shop this time around.

When June 4<sup>th</sup> comes, please bring your things directly to Owen's church with prices already on them. Staples has packs of 350 tag sale pricing labels for \$2.79.

If you can't bring your stuff on the 4<sup>th</sup>, please come early with them on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tag sale starts at 9AM this time and ends at 2PM.

Although we're still working out the details, also be prepared for another fundraiser the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup>.

We're either going duckpin bowling, or we're going mini-golfing. Either way it will be great fun for you and your family (especially the little ones). I'd love it if you'd take the time to invite your friends, co-workers, etc.

I'll try to make it so that admission can be paid in advance for anyone who cares to. As such I'll make up tickets as soon as we have the event finalized.

This event will be much easier to pull off than the tag sale, but it's especially important that everyone participates in this event.

## THE PULSE OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC CHANGE

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News -- 5 May 2010

Canadian diplomat Donald Bobiash believes international relations is in the midst of a major shift given the tremendous rise of living standards in developing countries in Asia, South America, and parts of Africa.

As wealthier nations work to accommodate a growing global middle class, Bobiash, a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, says Rotary has the experience and structure in place for effective development assistance.

"Rotary is an incredibly international organization. It bridges race, religion, rich, poor, East, and West," says Bobiash, director-general for Africa at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. "For decades, thousands of wealthy clubs have partnered with clubs in developing countries on projects to increase literacy rates, improve health, and promote peace. It's a great example of how Rotary improves lives."

Bobiash says modern India and China represent remarkable change, emerging as economic giants from among the poorest countries in the world. He also notes that while much of Africa is still fragile, it is home to some of the fastest growing nations.

"I love international relations because there are always new countries to see and new issues to address," says Bobiash. "The themes don't change much, but there is always a novelty factor in being involved, as previously poor and developing countries, such as India and China, become stronger and more powerful."

As a career diplomat, Bobiash has traveled extensively and worked with developing nations on ways to support each other's economic development. He joined Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada in 1989 and has undertaken diplomatic projects in Japan and Pakistan. He has also worked in divisions responsible for policy planning, including South Asian Relations, Economic Relations with Developing Countries, South American Relations, and the International Organisation of La Francophonie (a group composed of French-speaking countries).

Bobiash received a doctorate in international relations from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

He began his career as a Rotary Scholar in Africa. Originally he planned to study in Europe, but Rotary asked him to go to Senegal instead. Spending his year there was life changing, he says.



"The great thing about Rotary scholarships is the opportunity to send students to places in the world they normally would never see," says Bobiash. "Working in a developing country gives you an insight into its development, politics, and culture you wouldn't get unless you lived there."

Growing up on a family farm tucked away in a small town in Saskatchewan, Canada, Bobiash dreamed of traveling the world.

"Rotary opened the door to the world for me," he says. "The richness of my year in Senegal was visiting other clubs and meeting a cross section of society, from businessmen to academics to the rich and the poor. I think in many ways each club is a microcosm of its community."

Bobiash will be a speaker at the [Rotary Alumni Celebration](#) on 19 June in Montréal, Québec, before the [RI Convention](#).

## HELPING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN BELIZE

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary International News -- 4 May 2010

Rotarians in District 6510 (Illinois, USA) have helped hundreds of children from Belize to receive orthopedic care through a program now in its fourth decade.

The Belize Children's Program was established shortly after Eugene Verdu, a member of the Rotary Club of Belleville, went to the country as a papal volunteer with the Catholic church in 1976 and was struck by the number of children needing orthopedic care and the lack of available treatment.

Verdu made arrangements to bring a few of the children to the United States for care. District leaders heard about his efforts and approached the Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis, Missouri, to establish a program and help more children.

After sending a doctor to Belize to assess the situation, hospital administrators agreed to provide free care on the condition that the Rotarians make all the travel arrangements, fill out the necessary paperwork, find host families during the kids' stay in the United States, and assume power of attorney for the children, whose parents could not afford to leave their jobs in Belize.

"That last requirement almost killed the program in the crib," recalls Don Barlow, a member of the Belleville club who agreed to take on power of attorney and later became the nonprofit organization's vice president when it incorporated 15 years later. Shriners had performed six operations on Barlow's leg when he was a child, so he was eager to help.

The organization sends a doctor to Belize every year to hold clinics to identify new patients and monitor those already in the program. In addition to the more than 300 who have been helped by the nonprofit, another 300 to 400 children have received care from other agencies as a result of being diagnosed.

The program has a working relationship with Help the Children, which takes some of the nonorthopedic cases, and the International Hospital for Children, which is in the process of setting up its own orthopedic clinic in Belize.

The Belleville club gives \$1,000 a year to the program, and the Rotary Club of Belmopan, Belize, helps run the clinics and contributes to the airfare. Barlow has spoken to hundreds of clubs to raise funds and find host families.

"It's always a grind finding host families," he admits. But the success stories are worth it. He recalls one boy who underwent multiple operations to straighten an extreme case of bowed legs, making him inches taller.

"When the child's mother was in the Belize City airport, she did not recognize her son," he says. "When she did, she wept almost hysterically."

Another early patient was able to walk normally after treatment for double clubfoot, and another ended up playing baseball in Belize eight years after recovering from a bad case of scoliosis.

Barlow says the program is an example of what any Rotary club can accomplish with determination and perseverance.

"We are not a big district," he says. "And there have been times we could have held our committee meeting in a phone booth. But if you really, truly believe in a good cause, and you stick with it and get established, you can do just about anything."

## ROTARY IDENTIFIES LONG-TERM NEEDS IN HAITI

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News -- 6 April 2010

Rotarians in Haiti are laying the groundwork for the next phase of the recovery process: sustainable restoration projects that will enable long-term rehabilitation to begin.

The [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#), a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation, has raised US\$1.3 million to help rebuild the country's infrastructure, which was shattered by the 12 January earthquake that killed up to 300,000 people and left 1.2 million more homeless.

"We are now at the crossroads as we move from immediate relief mode to sustainable development," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin, an account holder for the fund. "What is important is that we work with the needs defined by Haiti and always keep in mind that our help should strengthen their economy and not detract from it."

District 7020, which includes Haiti, has flown more than 100 planes filled with medical equipment, food, water, clothes, toys, and tents into the cities of Pignon and Port-de-Paix. The district's own account for recovery efforts has reached \$400,000, which will be used for sustainable restoration projects.



While the Haiti Task Force overseeing recovery efforts is still formulating long-term plans, committee members have identified three areas of major need: rebuilding schools, providing prosthetic limbs to amputees, and equipping thousands with adequate shelter before the rainy season arrives.

The 17 Rotary clubs in Haiti are developing a plan to restore at least one school back to operating capacity with desks, books, supplies, and other necessities. Schools are a priority because in addition to educating children, they provide at least one meal a day and help keep the students occupied and out of tent cities.

The need for prosthetics is also great. An estimated 4,000 people have undergone amputations from earthquake-related injuries and require prosthetic limbs. District 7020 appointed a committee to coordinate with organizations interested in helping to provide prosthetics. The district is looking to set up three clinics at an estimated \$50,000 each.

With the hurricane season approaching, district leaders have also appointed a committee to investigate appropriate ways to provide shelter than can withstand storms and earthquakes. The district has considered creating villages that would have all the necessary infrastructure, including water, sanitation facilities, and a clinic, school, and community center.

District leaders say they will provide more information to clubs and districts about how they can work with the donor advised fund as soon as specific details of the recovery plan are approved by the Haiti Task Force and cleared with the Haitian government. Those interested in applying for a grant from the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund should complete a grant application form, which will be available on the [District 7020 website](#).

## FOUNDATION HONORS ROTARIAN

By Dan Nixon Rotary International News -- 6 May 2010

Karien Ziegler, past governor of District 7470 (New Jersey, USA), believes in the ability of The Rotary Foundation to multiply one person's impact on the world.

On 20 April, Ziegler was inducted into the [Arch C. Klumph Society](#), which honors people who give at least US\$250,000 to the Foundation.

"I allow my contribution to be matched by 1.2 million others around the world," she wrote in a statement before her induction. "As one person, my ability to touch lives would decrease enormously [without this network]."

A member of the Rotary Club of Roseland, Ziegler has used her expertise as a clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst to serve her community in a variety of ways.

She has clinically evaluated police academy candidates, provided pro bono psychological services to incarcerated young people, helped draft legislation to safeguard youth education, and served as a member of the New Jersey adoption board.

Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. said Ziegler has been equally active in Rotary work, including her support of the [Group Study Exchange](#) program. In 1998-99, Ziegler led a team to Korea.

"In addition, Past District Governor Karien has worked on a Matching Grant to ensure educational opportunities for children in Bulgaria [and] volunteered at a Rotary-sponsored soup kitchen in Armenia, where she served meals to senior citizens," said Estess. He added that Ziegler "is also dedicated to polio eradication. Last year, she was recognized with a 2008-09 Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World."

Inspired by a sister who had the disease, Ziegler chairs the District 7470 PolioPlus Subcommittee and is leading the district's efforts to support [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#). She also took part in a National Immunization Day in Nigeria in 2002.

"I know that [my contribution] will go to where it should go, and for that I'm grateful," said Ziegler at her induction. "I'd just like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I'll try to do more."

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Paul Keating was the Labor Party Prime Minister of Australia in the early 1990s. Among his proposals was that Australia become a republic, so that Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain would no longer be the monarch of Australia, too.

So you can imagine that Keating was a little nervous when he went to visit Britain and was going to meet the Queen. They were riding together in a horse drawn carriage down Pall Mall and things seemed to be going quite well until suddenly one of the horses farted.

Keating blushed and stammered, but the Queen, who is well prepared for any eventuality, turned calmly to Keating and said, "We do beg your pardon, Prime Minister."

Much relieved, Keating replied, "That's alright, Your Ladyship. I thought it was the horse."



## MEETING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event
Mon	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Allison Rivera – VP St. Martin de Porres Academy Student of the Month Board Meeting
Mon	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eli Whitney Night
Mon	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Top 10 Scholars
Mon	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO MEETING- Happy Memorial Day</b>
Sat	Jun 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Sale @ Owen's Church
Mon	Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Athlete Night
Sun-Wed	Jun 20 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	International Convention Montreal
Sun	Jun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast @ Quinnipiac
Mon	Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fiscal 2010-11 Officer Installation Night

## CAN'T MAKE THE MONDAY MEETING?

Town	Day	Time	Location	Address
Branford	Mon	12:15 PM	Italian-American Club	40 Hamre Lane
Hamden	Mon	05:45 PM	The Playwright	1232 Whitney Ave
North Haven	Tue	07:15 AM	Breakfast Nook	448 Washington Ave
New Haven	Tue	12:15 PM	Graduate Club	155 Elm St
West Haven	Wed	12:15 PM	App's Ristorante	283 Capt. Thomas Blvd
Orange	Fri	12:15 PM	Race Brook Ctry Club	246 Derby Ave
Woodbridge	Fri	12:15 PM	Coachman Square	21 Bradley Rd
E-Club (Dist. 7890)			<a href="http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/">http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/</a>	

*“In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking.”*

*~Sir John Lubbock 1834 – 1913 British Statesman, Banker, Naturalist*

Of the things we think, say, or do...



Is it the TRUTH?  
 Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?  
 Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?