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✓ November is The Rotary Foundation Month. Director PDG Harry Durey

An excerpt from Taree's bulletin:

NOVEMBER is Rotary's "THE ROTARY FOUNDATION" Month.

November – "The Rotary Foundation" Month – enables Rotarians to advance world understanding goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Why do we have a Foundation? Well, because this Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every District do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work and it brings that work to greater and greater heights.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. That 'box' we pass around each meeting for contributions is one small way you do assist The Rotary Foundation with your donation no matter how small or large.

As we celebrate The Rotary Foundation Month we should remember that The Rotary Foundation is OUR Foundation. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us. By giving to our Foundation we bring help to the places where Rotary is needed the most and fulfill the Foundation's mission of doing "good in the world".

- ✓ In 1985 Rotary International committed to ridding the world of polio. With the World Health Organisation, United Nations Children's' Fund and the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention, Rotary has immunised over **2 billion** children and reduced the incidence by 99%. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed US\$355million and Rotarians have been asked to raise US\$200m. We are nearly half way in what we believe will be the crucial last hurdle in meeting our promise to the children of the world. **For more details check the RI website: www.rotary.org/endpolio**

Club Secretary

- ✓ District Rotarians are being urged to consider buying Christmas cards distributed by Australian Rotary Health. The cards, in several designs, cost \$1 each. The Rotary Club of Waverly has managed this project for the past 15 years. In this time, more than \$660,000 has been raised and donated to Australian Rotary Health. All cards are printed in Australia. Rotarian Fred Hay has been a long-time supporter of the project. You can make orders on the form sent with Rotary Down Under this month, or contact the Rotary Club of Waverley, PO Box 3004, Syndal, Victoria, 3150. Most people buy cards anyway, and this is a good way of supporting a valuable Rotary project at the same time.
- ✓ Club Literacy Projects
Clubs will be aware that one of RI President's John Kenny's emphasises for this year is Literacy. I realise that a number of clubs have embarked on some excellent projects in their own communities and in overseas countries. It would be appreciated if clubs could briefly advise me of their literacy projects and, if possible, send me a photograph if available. My email address is jnadjja@bigpond.net.au

Publicity & Public Relations

- ✓ From PDG Dick Garner re promotional brochures People like You and Me **please consider doing a quick email to your Clubs to see if they would like to obtain some brochures. They could order direct and their quantities can be added into the bulk run. It can be very disappointing for Clubs when they contact me direct, just having found out about the brochures, to be told they have missed out. So please let's give every one a chance of having a good Rotary promotional brochure to use. PR Director Ken Hall will be ordering shortly for District 9650 and Clubs in District 9650 will receive brochures again this year from the District but if you need additional ones then please contact Ken immediately at hallkr@bigpond.net.au or hallkr@tpgi.com.au**
- ✓ Country music legend and philanthropist Dolly Parton will be a keynote speaker during the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June. Parton will speak at the morning plenary session on 23 June to promote reading among preschool children. She and the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library teamed up with Rotary International in March to help provide age-appropriate books each month to children from birth until age five. Parton will speak to Rotarians about the importance of early childhood reading and how the collaboration with Rotary International has augmented the success of the Imagination Library.
- ✓ **Attendance Reports are available for review on the District website at <http://www.rotary9650.org.au/District.htm#ATTENDANCE OFFICER>**

International Service

From: Gemma Sisia, School of St Jude, Tanzania; I have put over 30 pictures into my latest newsletter and so hope you enjoy looking at them along with reading all the news in it. To access my latest newsletter just click on the following link. [Newsletter](#)

Our 2010 calendars are currently being posted to people who have ordered them. If you would like big colourful pictures on your office or kitchen wall then click on the following link and order some before they all run out. [2010 Calendar](#)

Finally as we prepare for another 177 students to enrol into St Jude's in 2 months time we need to increase our administration team. So if you think you can offer top quality admin skills and cope with the anomalies of living and working for a few years (on a small stipend) in a distant, developing country with an eclectic bunch of passionate people striving to build the best school in Tanzania, then just email me. And if you can read that sentence without drawing breath, you're fit enough for the job!

Club Treasurer

- ✓ While none of us has a fully operational and foolproof crystal ball, it seems to me that November might be a very good time to maximize club and personal contributions to The Rotary Foundation. The current official R.I. exchange rates are, to say the least, very favourable, and while they may or may not be with us for some time, it could be wise to act now. The current R.I. rates equate to 92.59 Australian cents to the US dollar. Make your own judgment on that and act accordingly. Regards Bruce Allen, Manager, The Rotary Foundation.