

Rotary District 1220 – Foundation Newsletter November 2010

This is the second newsletter this Rotary year following the Committee meeting recently and it is to update Rotarians with Foundation developments and information within the District and beyond.

Group Study Exchange.

We had a very successful **incoming team from District 3230, Chennai, India** and our thanks go to the GSE Chairman Rob Gray and his Committee for putting together another superb programme. I know from experience that organising the daily programme, hosting and individual vocational days for five people for four weeks is not easy. Travel arrangements and constant luggage movement can be a logistical nightmare, particularly with the large amount of luggage that teams bring with them! They acquitted themselves well around the District and at Conference but there were critics of the Rain Dance that they performed in Southport as it certainly worked and we had a wet weekend! District 3230 paid for their team to come here from their own funds as DG Oli wanted to complete the exchange in the same year. Our team going out to Chennai in January will be paid for by the Rotary Foundation World Fund. Under the leadership of James Pinder from Mansfield, the team is well advanced with preparations and looking forward to departure on 23 January 2011 for a month. I know what challenges lie ahead for them and they will have life changing experiences as well as unforgettable memories of a very different culture and excellent Rotarian hospitality. We wish them well!



James Pinder



Carl Makins



Marianne Knight



Ben Rose



Hollie Venn

Unfortunately the Rotary Foundation change to a two year cycle for GSE means that there will not be an exchange in the next Rotary year. We will, however, have James Pinder's team back from Chennai and they will be giving presentations to clubs and Conference in Scarborough.

We know that the Foundation's Future Vision comes into effect in July 2013 and there will be major changes to the educational and grants programmes. We have been advised by Foundation that in the final year of the present system, 2012 / 2013, there can be a two way GSE if the two Districts involved both agree to pay \$5,000 from their own funds towards the cost, the remainder being paid by the Foundation. DGE David Ashley is keen to take advantage of this offer and he is actively seeking a partner District to set up an exchange.

Ambassadorial Scholars

The five incoming Ambassadorial Scholars are now settled into their studies; they all spoke well at Conference and are ready for club visits. Please do invite one or more of them to speak at your club. They have a great deal to offer and have different stories to tell about their lives. To enquire about their availability please contact the relevant Counsellor as shown below:



Yuko Homma from Japan	contact Tony Gregory, Long Eaton
Jessica Bruce from the USA	contact Graham Barnes, Clay Cross
Mari Nakamura from Japan	contact Ian Ward, Dronfield
Selina Mlambo from Zimbabwe	contact Koshy Mathew, Sutton in Ashfield
Lily Gong from China	contact Mick White, Church Wilne

Outgoing scholars

Kate Davis, our recently returned Ambassadorial Scholar from the USA is now available for speaking to clubs following her studies in South Dakota. Kate stayed at the University for the summer at her own cost to complete her research, please ask about her availability via her Counsellor Mark Huddleston, Sherwood Sunrisers.

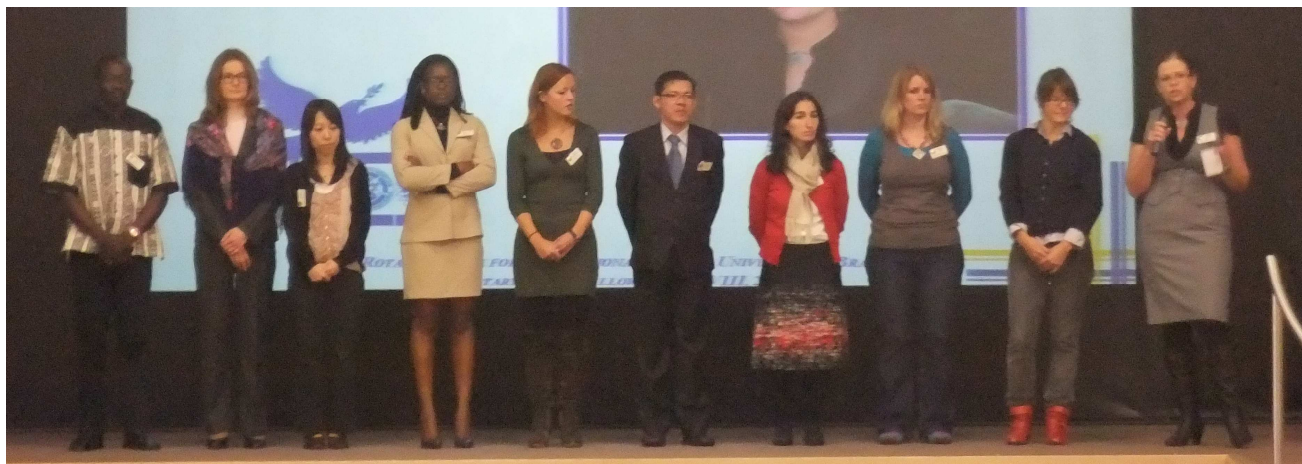
Catherine Dix completed her Masters degree in Sydney and worked for UNICEF for 6 months on social media campaigns and research before moving to an online marketing company. This is part of Catherine's long term plan to gain experience in the commercial world before, hopefully, moving to humanitarian work with the United Nations.

At the Foundation Seminar on 11 November we will make the decision whether to allocate \$26,000 from our funds to send an Ambassadorial scholar abroad to study in 2012 / 2013. Unfortunately we have not received any applications for 2011 / 2012 but we already have interested parties for 2012 / 2013. Please send applications or enquiries to Peter Halliday, Rotary Club of Bretby, before May 2011.

Peace Scholarships

A group of Rotarians from our District enjoyed the excellent presentations by the Peace Scholars at the Seminar in Bradford University recently. These truly are exceptional people from a diverse group of countries all studying various aspects of peace and conflict resolution. We are privileged to have a course here as there are only five Peace Centres throughout the world and this is soon to be reduced to four, Bradford will remain. The scholars complete a two year course with eminent lecturers and they have to do it outside their own country and in a foreign language. We have come

close to providing an applicant from our District but we are still seeking our first one. Please contact David Haspel, Rotary Club of Wirksworth, if you have a potential applicant.



These scholarships are funded by the Foundation World Fund and we have again contributed \$2,000 from our funds for this excellent cause. The Bill Huntley Endowment for World Peace Scholars which has been set up to provide a scholarship in perpetuity at Bradford is now well over half way towards the target and donations are regularly received.

District Simplified Grants

There are funds available in our District funds and I invite clubs to apply for up to a maximum £750 if you are doing a project, at home or abroad, which may qualify. It is a simple process but clubs seem to be afraid to apply and last year we returned over £3,000 to the Foundation unspent. If your club is doing a project and you are putting in over £750 then please do contact John Moffatt, District Grants Chairman, to discuss if it qualifies and the process to apply. It really is quick and easy!

Matching Grants

Fortunately the financial situation is greatly improved and the amount available from the Foundation is almost back to the usual level so the rush to present applications early is not necessary this time. Currently we have only three clubs in the District with an open Matching Grant. The minimum grant that the Foundation will approve now is US\$5,000 so a club will need to put in a minimum of £3,740. There are criteria regarding the purpose of the project and again John Moffatt will guide you.

An example: Club cash contribution	\$5,500	(£3,740)
Contribution for District 1220	\$2,750	(£1,870)
(50% of the club cash contribution)		
Foundation will contribute 50% of the cash total	\$2,750	(£1,870)
Foundation will contribute 100% of the cash total	\$2,750	(£1,870)
Total available for the project is	\$13,750	(£9,350)

Using a Foundation Matching Grant will turn your £3,740 into £9,350!! Why are we not doing more of them? Applications will be accepted from 1 July 2010 to 31 March 2011. Approvals will be given by The Rotary Foundation up to 15 May 2011.

Polio Eradication

PDG Keith Hammond and his Polio Committee are working hard to ensure that we meet our targets and Keith regularly issues newsletter which are available on the District website. In our District 56 of the 58 clubs have contributed £122, 308 and £33,324 has been added out of District funds making a total of £155,632. Our target is to reach £205,000 (\$320,000) by 30 June 2012. The RI President, Ray Klingensmith, has written in his November 2010 newsletter that “the current total raised for the \$200 Million Challenge is \$151 Million, which puts us on track to complete the full \$200 Million in time for the New Orleans Convention in May 2011”

Annual Giving

PDG David Curtis is doing a sterling job as stand in until Gary Bryant is able to take over the role of monitoring the club donations to the Foundation by way of Annual Giving. The amount that we give to Foundation this year will determine the funding available to us in 2013 / 2014. DG Val set the recommended donation for this year to be £43.00 per Rotarian and I urge clubs to make this payment to RIBI as soon as possible. Please ensure that cheques are in favour of “RFUK” and let David Curtis know that the payment has been made so that he cross check the records. As at 10 November only 8 clubs have made their contributions so far. DGE Gordon McGlone has decided to keep the same figure of £43.00 for 2011 / 2012 in view of the donations being requested for Polio Eradication and the economic climate.

Focus on the Crocus / Thanks for Life

This RIBI initiative was led in our District by Anni Gell, Rotary Club of Bingham. Twenty five of our clubs have planted 90,000 Giant Ruby crocuses and across RIBI over 6.1 million have been planted. Hopefully they will reappear and be in flower on 23 February 2011 – Rotary Day! I understand that many clubs are planning events at this time.

Link Evening 2011

The Foundation Link Evening will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 10 March 2011 at the Derbyshire Hotel near M1 junction 28. This is always a very popular event with a good meal and we will have Colin Slater from the BBC again to interview the Ambassadorial Scholars. Our Group Study Exchange team will have returned from Chennai and we look forward to hearing from them about their experiences. I have also arranged for Peter Paul Opat, a Peace Scholar from Bradford University, to



speak about his work and the genocide he encountered in Uganda. Peter is seen here with DG Val. All of these young people are most certainly worth listening to and I can thoroughly recommend this event to you.

Terry Leivers

District Foundation Chairman