



District Governors June Newsletter.

For circulation to all Rotarians in District 1220.

Dear Rotarian

This is my last newsletter and I thank you all for the support you have given me and you're District Team in this Rotary year. Jill and I will be travelling to Montreal on the 19th to attend the RI Convention and give our support to RI President John Kenny and enjoy a few days holiday. Please let us know if you are going and we will look out for you.

Good news on "End Polio Now". The details are in PDG Keith Hammond's Polio Newsletter out this week. But remember as long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are high. Our District is playing its part; to date we have achieved 54% of our share to match the Bill Gates donation. I had hoped to achieve 50% in this Rotary year, you have done better, very well done all of you.

Good news from the Rotary Foundation. The financial picture for RI and our Foundation continues to improve. The Foundation has recouped more than half of its 2009 losses and has a positive operating reserve. The Foundation Trustees have now approved a Matching Grant Fund budget of US \$21.5 million for 2010-11. This amount represents an 82% increase over this year's budget of \$11.8 million. The Trustees were able to restore the Matching Grant budget largely because Rotarians and other friends of Rotary donated a record amount to the Annual Programs Fund in 2007-8. This money is for us to use so please don't miss out. Also remember that our regular donations to our Rotary Foundation provide the funds for Matching Grants. The members of our Clubs are from their local communities and this year have achieved a very great deal in supporting local people and projects. The international projects that only Rotary can accomplish have also not been forgotten. The June issue of the District Magazine will now be in your Club it is an outstanding example of Rotary at work, please take the time to read it and you will understand better the outstanding work done by our District during the year.

I finish by thanking you all again for your hard work in helping to make our organisation the best in the world and wish you a very pleasant summer and a great Rotary year to come.

Yours in Rotary

Best wishes.

Tony Simpson