



ZONE IN on FOUNDATION

News for 17 and 18a in RIBI

Keeping Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland informed and friends of Our Rotary Foundation aware of success and good practice



Ravi meets ERIC

Champions all!

At the recent Zones 15,16,17 and 18a Rotary Institute and Foundation Seminar, honoured by the presence of RI President Ravi Ravindran, our Foundation team displayed their ERIC pop-up at our information table. President Ravi, accompanied by his host, RIBI Past President David Lydiatt, took the opportunity to visit the table and become acquainted with ERIC and the purpose behind our initiative.

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would welcome your contribution,
stories, pictures and comments.



**Seasonal Greetings
From
Your Foundation
Team**

Change the World!

Based on effectiveness, efficiency and economy, US organisation Charity Navigator ranks its top charities

Rank	Charity
1	Direct Relief
2	MAP International
3	Samaritan's Purse
4	Catholic Medical Mission Board
5	United Nations Foundation
6	The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
7	The Conservation Fund
8	Compassion International
9	United States Fund for UNICEF
10	Natural Resources Defense Council

CNBC and partners in the USA are joining together to launch "The Season of Kindness", celebrating acts of kindness large and small throughout Festive Season. Something as simple as opening a door for a stranger or writing a thank you note can completely transform someone's day for the better...and it doesn't have to cost a thing. And because kindness is contagious, together we can grow the good this festive season.

The fore going charities work throughout the USA and the world. They are large, complex organizations with budgets exceeding £75 million, and at least £50 million in net assets. They became household names in part because of their exceptional financial management, no easy feat considering the scope and size of their operations. CNBC are positive that charitable givers should feel confident that these national institutions put their donations to good use.

Rotarians will agree with that! Ed.

Tales from The Rotary Institute & Foundation Seminar

After years of scientific research analysts conclude that storytelling is our most powerful tool for effective communication. The belief in a single, immutable principle of life—storytelling is the cornerstone of the International Storytelling Center. It's president is Peace Scholar, Kiran Shah, who, in an inspiring story at the Institute and Seminar, enabled us to tap into his life story, be entertained, to share his history and culture and to advance a cause and dream a vision of the future.

Kiran writes for us in this issue Part 1 on page 3.

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From the Chair



In the November edition of the Rotarian, our Foundation leader, Ray, drew our attention to the roots of the month designated as Rotary Foundation Month.

"The idea started in May 1956 when the RI Board designated the week of 15 November as Rotary Foundation Week". Ray asks, "Why did the RI Board select the week of 15 November 1956 and then expand it in 1982 to the whole month of November starting 1983-84?"

He speculates that it was based on the realisation that many clubs in the Northern Hemisphere were not fully active during the summer months. It was therefore best to wait and give time for clubs to educate their members about our Foundation. And since Foundation contributions came from clubs, there was time to raise the funds and invest them in our Foundation in the first half of the Rotary year. A win-win situation for both clubs and our Foundation!

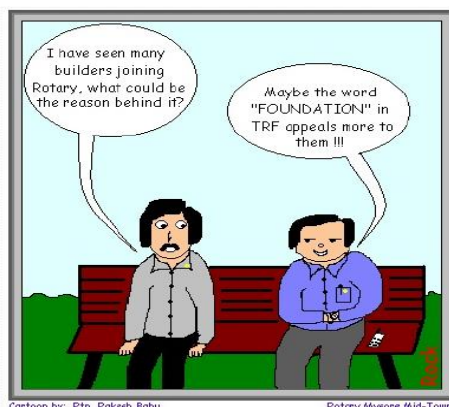
Ray believes that whether his speculation has merit, Rotary Foundation Month has and will continue to be critical to the success of our Foundation and should never be discounted.

2016-17 will be the centennial year for our Foundation, started at the Atlanta 1917 Rotary convention. Celebratory activities will kick-off at the Seoul convention in 2016.

Ray asks us all to do our part in stimulating the interest and involvement of our clubs and members.

Now is the time to demonstrate our appreciation for the assistance provided by our Foundation for clubs and districts to promote international understanding, goodwill and peace in the world.

From Chairman's "Rotarian" messages



Cartoon by: Rtn. Raksh Babu

Rotary Mysore Mid-Town

years ago of suicide bombers in Sri Lanka serves to remind us that the fanaticism of a minority can shatter the peace of many. Very often we are brought into a conflict by the mindless deeds of the extremist. Ravi reminds us that, in spite of war and conflict, of our belief that peace is obtainable. Our approach to peace through working together and committing ourselves to projects focused on the underprivileged demonstrates so often that there is much to lose where war and conflict prevail.

Ravi strikes a chord when seeing, with us, what can happen when we approach peace-making in truly radical ways. The education of our Rotary Peace Fellows help them become experts in seeking ways to prevent and resolve conflicts. Our goal is that they will find new ways not only to end wars but to prevent them before they start.

Ravi's story continues, "Among the hundreds of peace fellows who have graduated from the programme, two from Sri Lank, one from each side of the conflict (those years ago), studied together. In the first weeks of the course, both argued passionately for the rightness of their side. Yet week by week, they grew to understand each other's perspective; today they are good friends". Ravi asks, if 25 years of pain and bitterness could be overcome through Rotary, then what, indeed is beyond us? And, for this year's festive season, Ravi's message is that by sending joy out into our world, we do not sacrifice it for ourselves – we only multiply it! Through such acts of caring, kindness and generosity, in our clubs and through our Foundation, we are a gift to the world.

From the President's "Rotarian" messages



President Ravi addresses the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Malta

Allan's Focus

The Autumn period has been a hectic one for the Zones 17 & 18A Teams as ideas born earlier in the year came to fruition.

The DRFC Team attended a seminar for an update on all things OUR Foundation.

They left gripping in their hands our newly produced OUR Foundation Handbook / Directory. This is now available to all to download from the RIBI website – a jolly good and easy read, even if I say so myself. Updates will be issued throughout the year. Please have a read and send me your feedback.

DRFCs also left with a stock of Rotary Gift Cards for you to sample as a potential fundraiser for OUR Foundation. Again – feedback requested.

The Purple Crocus Planting programme is completed. One Million Corms were sold. Well done and thank you to everyone who participated.

ERIC Knowles was at Alcester last week filming a short DVD to promote Ownership and Support of OUR Foundation. Standby for a January 2016 launch date.

All of the above were created to offer you different ways of supporting OUR Foundation. At this stage giving to the Annual Programmes Fund (APF) is very slightly down on last year. My guess is that your treasurers are holding on to their cash. Please encourage them to send it to RFUK at Alcester asap.

Support for End Polio Now is significantly down on last year. This is a worry!

I know that the signs from Nigeria are very encouraging ... BUT ... Please remember that once the very last case of Polio is recorded anywhere on earth, we will still have to continue to immunise children worldwide for three years beyond that date in order to ensure that we have removed the scourge of the Polio Virus from the planet once and for all. SO ... please ask your Club to plan to support EPN until the job is done.

Next month I hope to report back to you on our involvement at a very successful Zone Institute at Kenilworth – November 18th > 22nd.

Best wishes for your Christmas and New Year Festivities.

Chairman Allan Zone17 & 18a Foundation Committees



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Are you sitting comfortably?

Our Peace Scholar's story.



As president of the International Storytelling Center, I'm very much tapped into the power that stories have to change the world. Sometimes people are surprised when I tell them I've had that awareness almost since birth.

From the time I could talk, I recognized how stories help us reshape and redefine our identities as we move from place to place.

In 1972, four years before I was born, my own family was forced, at gunpoint, to flee their homeland in Uganda. Around 50,000 Ugandan Asians fled the border and settled in new countries.

My family went to Britain. They couldn't take personal possessions with them—even mementos or objects of faith—but they could take their traditions and beliefs. Though I was born in the UK, these values were passed to me through the stories of my parents and others. They helped me form a sense of identity that was closely connected to a home that I could not then see.

Those connections were especially important when I felt disconnected from the community I could see—the one around me, in England. Sadly, I felt that way often. I grew up in a small southern English town, the first visibly Asian person born there. My father wore a bright turban and an African shirt, and my mother an even brighter sari. I wore my hair long. As a family, we stood out. There was often a lot of social unrest and racism that made me feel ostracized. But I always drew strength from the stories of family and friends. They gave me that sense of belonging to a place.

Their stories became my vehicle for understanding not just local, but global, traditions and cross-cultural connections. I began to see that there was a world beyond the divisions and labels that society imposes upon us, and that when you allow yourself to see beyond borders, you truly become a citizen of the world. My story is not unique. Many know firsthand the power of storytelling and its transformative potential to build community. From the time when humans picked up colored rocks to etch drawings onto cave walls to the day when NASA scientists inscribed a visual story onto a pioneer space probe before it was sent out into the universe, we've been using some form of story to connect with the unknown. The stories on our library shelves are incredible, but even more amazing are the stories each one of us carry with us every day. They provide a safe space in which to discuss differences, to unpack what it means to belong to a place, and even to cross a divide.

When I began my museum work, I became acutely aware of how stories can be used to break down walls of silence and other barriers to engagement. As an outsider—an Asian, English-born Sikh living in Scotland—I was able to use storytelling, and especially my own story, to form connections with community leaders, ex-paramilitary groups, territorial gang members, politicians, and police officers. I used storytelling in settings from Belfast, in Northern Ireland, to the city of Glasgow to help build empathy and peace among groups that had experienced extreme violence. Those projects helped participants tap into memories, then use those stories to build a more inclusive model of what it means to be a part of a community.

Read the second part of Kiran's story in our next edition of Zone-In

"Corm" Blimey!

Purple crocus planting 2015.



Picture with permission of Simon Horn, Exmouth Journal

RotaKids, Exmouth in Bloom and the Council gardeners assist the Rotary Club



And, as you enter our green and pleasant land.....! Rotary Club of South Foreland dib, dib, dib.



"70,000 purple crocus will be flowering in Spring 2016 across Guernsey, Alderney, Herm and Sark to raise the profile of the Rotary End Polio Now campaign. The Rotary clubs in the Islands have worked with the Floral Guernsey groups, local parish officials, schools, scouts, church groups and other community organisations to make this planting a reality. We are sure it will help swell the funds raised from our annual Purple Pinkie Day on 19th February "

Jannine

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No "Trouble with Harry"

On accepting the D1020 role of DRFC from our friend Harry (Smith), Alasdair (Seale) wrote in the D1020 Newsletter –

"On supporting our charity, The Rotary Foundation, I will be calling on all clubs to look at how they support our own charity to 'Do Good in the World.' Yes, I know other charities do wonderful work – but we have our own charity and we have clubs in this district wanting to do more projects and they'd be able to if our clubs donated more to our Rotary Foundation. I think it's peculiar to Rotary that we hand out millions of pounds every year to other charities – and hope they put it to good use. And by doing so we restrict donations to our own charity - The Rotary Foundation - and therefore restrict our most active clubs in delivering projects. Strange isn't it? Can you imagine the response if you asked the RNLI to support a dental clinic in Malawi? Yet charities come to us for money – and we say 'yes, certainly.'"

Power of Vocational Training Teams (VTT) – Calmed programme

Are you a Midwife, Nurse or Obstetrician?

Are you eager to participate in hands on volunteering programme, but concerned about the complexities of Vocational Training Team (VTT)? then please read on about the Calmed (Collaborative Action in Lowering of Maternity Encountered Deaths) programme. Its aim is to avoid delays and deficiencies in pregnant women receiving expert care, in low resource settings.

Evolution of Calmed Programme – This innovative programme concept was initiated in 2010 and evolved through Rotary collaboration (led by PDG Dr. Himansu Basu) with and support from a number of Global organisations including FIGO (International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics), GLOWM (Global Library of Women's Medicine), Laerdal and MAF (Medical Aid Films).

Components -*The programme has three components*, all based on evidence: It comprises of a Vocational Training Team (VTT) of trainer Obstetricians' and Gynaecologists' visits to an area of need – the aim is to increase the number of basic doctors and nurses trained in the emergency care of pregnant women and babies. It employs *Training the Trainer model* (VTT trains local master trainers,



who in turn train and retrain local professionals) and uses *modern methods of hands on skills transfer*.

Secondly, it raises awareness of childbirth related health issues amongst community women's groups, by health activists ASHAs (Accredited Social Health Activists), working in villages.

Thirdly, Rotarians in partnership with the Government, and health professional groups, strive to correct deficiencies in resources and public health infrastructure, highlighted through MDSR (maternal death surveillance response) and analysis of maternal deaths (monitoring and evaluation).

Pilot programme—A Rotary Foundation Global Grant helped introduction of the Calmed programme by RI Districts 1120, 3240 in Sikkim, India (pop. 0.7 million) in 2013. A similar programme was introduced by RI Districts 1130 and 3140 in 2013 in Maharashtra, India. In Sikkim maternal mortality ratio fell by half after 12 months of introduction and this response is maintained for the second year. A similar benefit was recorded in Maharashtra.

Scaling Up – Enthused by the successes of the Pilot programme, a further Global Grant VTT (RI Districts 1120 and 3051) has been established in Gujarat in 2014 – target population 2.5 million Another multi District (Districts 1120, 3040 and 3140) Global Grant VTT has been approved for introduction in Madhya Pradesh (target population 3.5 million) –preparations are in place for this visit in 2016.

Rotary Support -Calmed programme is a Rotary initiative -it continues to receive support from Rotary at all levels including senior leaders (Past Presidents, Directors, and Trustees), District and Club Rotarians, Inner Wheel, Global Networking Groups, and some Staff members at RI. Senior Rotary leaders including Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee, Government officials, academics and community leaders

pledge support for the Calmed programme in Gujarat Outcome – Calmed training programme has shown consistent statistically significant improvement in scores of knowledge and skills amongst the trainees. We are on track towards our goal of achieving the full complement of workforce numbers needed in Sikkim and Gujarat.



Way forward –The programme is being strengthened through addition of evidence based components such as use of anti-shock garments (NASG) for treatment and transport of women with serious haemorrhages, incorporation of cell phone based technology for support of pregnant women and basic health care workers. Rotarians are scaling up the Calmed programme in other parts of India and beyond.

What can you do? – if you are a professional (Obstetrician, Paediatrician or Midwife) with the appropriate knowledge/skills and ready to be a volunteer, then please contact PDG Dr. Himansu Basu, Founder and Calmed Programme Director (drhbasumd@gmail.com). If you are a Rotarian enthused by the programme, please share and publicise the successes and strength of this powerful VTT Rotary programme. You too can be a Gift to the World!

Dr. Himansu Basu, Founder and Calmed Programme Director

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Polio Progress Thirty - Years on !

We are now this close



This year we mark the 30th Anniversary of Rotary's commitment to ending polio. There is a lot to celebrate in the progress of polio eradication. When Rotary started the PolioPlus programme sixty children were contracting the disease every hour in 200 countries. This year to date (December 3rd) there have been only sixty cases in two countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan, remarkable progress. Following the success in India and SE Asia being certified polio free in 2014, progress has continued this year with Nigeria and the entire continent of Africa stopping transmission for more than a year in August. Nigeria was removed from the list of endemic countries in September. Today 80% of the world is polio-free.

But challenges remain, the Nigeria milestone is the first step towards certifying the region polio-free. Nigeria, and all the countries in the African region must work to maintain their polio free status by continuing to conduct high quality immunization campaigns, increasing the quality of the surveillance network, and improving routine immunization to ensure that no child is paralyzed by polio.

The type 2 wild poliovirus paralyzed its last victim in India in 1999 and for the first time in history there has not been type 3 poliovirus anywhere in the world for more than two years. This focuses our efforts on type 1 poliovirus.

In May, 2014, the World Health Organization declared the international spread of polio a “public health emergency of international concern” and issued recommendations to prevent further international spread of the virus. This declaration, which has been renewed several times, puts in place immunization guidelines for travelers leaving those

countries that are exporting the polio virus and are polio-affected. This deliberate action is needed to safeguard the remarkable progress the world has made toward ending polio. The role of inactivated polio vaccine-- or IPV -- is critical as we reach zero cases of polio worldwide. One dose of IPV helps boost the immunity of children and increases the efficacy of the oral polio vaccine. All countries using only the oral polio vaccine will introduce at least one dose of IPV into their routine immunization

systems by end 2015, early 2016.

This is the largest global vaccine campaign ever in 140 countries.

The polio virus continues to paralyze children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Pakistan is now the single largest threat to polio eradication, but has the plans in place to get back on track and interrupt transmission. This includes a swift and effective response to vaccinate displaced children; strong Emergency Operations Centers; and a robust plan for the low transmission season based on lessons learned accessing populations in insecure areas, engaging communities, and adding other health interventions to vaccination campaigns.

Afghanistan continues to have persistent low-level transmission in an unpredictable security environment. The country is taking additional measures to enhance surveillance, including the expansion of environmental surveillance; to vaccinate children in transit and at border crossings with a focus on missed children; and to engage community health workers. In spite of these challenges, Rotarians in Pakistan and our partners are finding creative solutions to immunize children wherever they are such as at these vaccination kiosks and Permanent Transit Points installed in public places.



Advocacy for polio by Rotarians is very important as we saw in Europe when we gained 404 signatures of MEPs for the Written Declaration on Polio following Rotarians' advocacy in 28 countries. Last month I was pleased to recognize with Paul Harris Fellows four Irish politicians in Dublin for their support including MEP Mairead McGuinness, Vice President of European Parliament.

Advocacy in polio-affected countries is also important. Trustee Michael McGovern, Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee, Aziz Memon, Chair of the Pakistan National PolioPlus Committee, and Carol Pandak, Director of PolioPlus, met with the President of Pakistan in June of this year to encourage increased support for polio eradication activities in that country.

More recently President Ravindran was speaking in Malta at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. As a result of a lot of advocacy over many months polio was also included in the final communiqué of CHOGM. At the polio press conference at CHOGM UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon noted the leadership of Rotary in the polio programme.

A polio-free world is Rotary's top priority. It is a goal in which over US\$11 billion globally have been invested so far with \$1.5 billion coming from Rotary. Pakistan is expected to stop transmission in 2016 which would mean global certification is possible by 2019. To complete the job an additional \$1.5 billion is needed to take the programme to 2019. My message to all Rotarians is clear, now is not the time to have polio fatigue, now is not the time to stop fundraising for polio, now is the time to do all in your power to ensure we finish the job and honour our promise to the children of the world.

PDG Judith Diment

International Polio Plus Committee and Chair Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force

Where are they off to now??



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A UN Peacekeeping Brief

Jannine & Paul on a New York visit!



This was an evening in New York where there was a very informal gathering for Paul and I and a Rotarian from New York to spend time with a group of about ten Rotary Peace Fellows who are now employed in New York. It was wonderful to hear what their lives were developing, what a difference the Rotary Peace programme had made to them personally, to their careers and to the people they help, directly and indirectly, through their efforts.

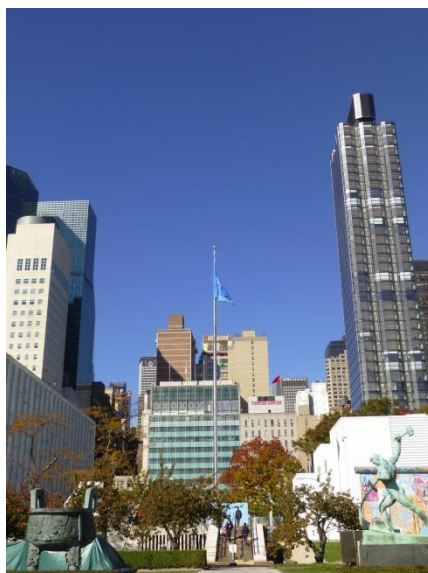


Two of the Peace Fellows were from Class 1 of the Rotary Peace Programme, the very first intake. They informed us that the group have remained in contact ever since and support each other from time to time in their work roles and are there for each other if needed.



Our hosts are working in significant roles in the United Nations. They very kindly

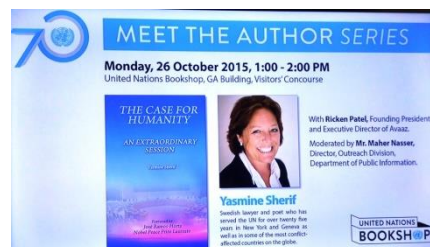
offered to give us a personal tour of the UN itself.



We accepted this very kind offer. I hope that I will be able to get a story from these Peace Fellows themselves over the next few months telling their story and how important they believe the Rotary Peace Programme to be.



It was only 3 days after the 70th Anniversary celebrations of the creation of the United Nations that we visited the UN. A series of Meet the Author events were being held and we were fortunate enough to coincide our visit with an event where Yasmine Sherif was talking about her book and her life. It was a fascinating meeting and we enjoyed our time speaking to Yasmine afterwards. We of course bought the book and I would highly recommend it to any Rotarian. It is a fascinating and inspiring read and is a book that commentators are saying should be read by anyone and everyone working in service to humanity in any whatever form. She has worked with CIDA, European Union, DFID, SDC, SIDA, USAID, United Nations. Her current area of research is ethical politics and visionary realism



Yasmine is a Swedish lawyer and UN veteran with over 25 years of experience at the UN HQs and in crisis-countries around the globe. She is author of "The Case for Humanity: An Extraordinary Session" launched at the UN in 26 October. She has direct and significant expertise in Afghanistan, Balkans, Cambodia, Sudan, Middle East, UN Headquarters in New York and Geneva.

The 2017-18 Rotary Peace Fellowship



The 2017-18 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now available. Share this [video](#) explaining the application process.

Share links for upcoming applicant webinars:

[All about the Rotary Peace Fellowship](#)
26 Jan 9:00-10:00AM CST

[How to apply: Ask the Rotary Peace Fellows](#)

23 Feb 9:00-10:00PM CST
Encourage Rotarians you know to join the following webinar:

[Rotary Peace Centers: Turning applicants into fellows](#)

11 Feb 9:00-10:00AM CST

follow us on the [Rotary Peace Centers Facebook](#) and share posts when appropriate.

Share the short [Rotary Peace Centers Overview](#) webinar.

Send personalized emails with the attached fellowship announcement to contacts within your network. Or facilitate an introduction with the Rotary Peace Centers staff (sarah.cunningham@rotary.org) and we will be happy to follow-up.

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