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Message from the Chair

Michael Webb

With the cadre now well into its audit and review season, I am grateful to those who give enthusiastically of their time and professionalism to ensure the proper stewardship of grant funds.

So far this Rotary year, we have completed seven technical reviews and 29 site visits, with 12 more to be undertaken soon. Our financial team has conducted three audits, and another 17 are in progress or being planned. The rollout of Future Vision has meant more opportunities for cadre members to use their skills.

With these new opportunities comes a need for new cadre members. I ask all district governors to consider whether they know of any suitable candidates in their district. The cadre is currently focusing recruitment efforts on:

- Rotarians living in Africa, in all areas of focus
- Maternal and child health professionals (such as nurses and obstetricians) in Africa and Asia
- Water and sanitation professionals (such as civil and mechanical engineers) in Africa and Asia
- Spanish-speaking auditors in North and Central America
- Portuguese speakers in Europe and Africa, in all areas of focus
- Rotarians with professional experience in monitoring and evaluation

In order to join the cadre, a Rotarian must be in good-standing with his/her club and The Rotary Foundation and must receive the signed authorization of the district governor. If you know of any Rotarians who fit our recruitment needs, please direct them to the Cadre Registration Form, which is available in multiple languages at www.rotary.org.

Send questions to our senior coordinator at christian.pepera@rotary.org.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for helping to safeguard the Foundation's funds, and I wish you and your families a healthy and safe New Year.

Regards,

Mike



PDG Ian Rule pitches in during a visit to Kenya where he evaluated a project providing clean water and improved sanitation.

In Our Own Words

The New China

Past RI Director Keith Barnard-Jones, Rotary Club of The Island & Royal Manor of Portland, Dorset, England, District 1200



PRID Keith Barnard-Jones took this photograph of a young beneficiary of the immunization project.

Editor's note: Some identifying details, such as names of the project location and sponsors, have been omitted, to ensure confidentiality.

I went to Chongqing, in central China, in September for a postproject site visit of a 3-H grant to immunize 200,000 children against hepatitis B. The project was managed by Rotarians from Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Malaysia.

Hepatitis B is a viral disease causing acute illness, chronic liver disease, or death. It is spread by contact with bodily fluids from childbirth, transfusions, sexual intercourse, and infected needles, similar to the way in which AIDS is spread. There are 350 million hepatitis B carriers in the world. A third of them live in China, and 300,000 die there annually. Not surprisingly, hepatitis B is classified as “highly endemic” in China, which was the reason for this project.



Schoolchildren who received immunizations enjoy lunch.

China is tackling its hepatitis B problem, but because Chongqing Province is impoverished and remote, the vaccination program is slow. Rotarians have kick-started the process in three counties in the province, and the local Chinese authorities are now extending the program to other counties and using lessons learned from this project for others, such as measles vaccination.

This project is an example of Rotary working with others — in this case, with the Chinese authorities, who have given tremendous support both politically and financially by sharing the cost of each dose of vaccine with Rotary.

I visited clinics and a superb new school, as well as a very basic village school where I asked an 8-year-old why the children were receiving the injections. “To stop us getting hepatitis” was the answer. All of the parents were given letters, with a Rotary

logo on them, to explain why the vaccination was necessary, and large banners explained what was happening. This really was Rotary in action.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the help I received from the three Hong Kong Rotarians who accompanied me on my trip (I speak no Chinese). For them, this was really just a continuation of the relationship they had built over the last few years with the Chinese authorities. It bodes well for future projects in China.

Recent Cadre Visits



PDG Vittal Rao evaluated a project at this school in India that provided toilet blocks, school furnishings, and training to teachers and parents.



Rotarian Andrea Oess traveled to a village in Benin to evaluate a water and sanitation project. During the flooding season, it is necessary to travel by pirogue — canoe-style boat.

Cadre Featured at Zone Institutes and District Conferences



The Stewardship Department thanks the cadre members who led a breakout session at the November zone institute in Izmir, Turkey: (from left) PDG Turgut Gökyiğit, Birsen Gökyiğit, DGSC Cecelia Babkirk, and DGN Korhan Atilla.

This Rotary year has already provided Rotarians with several opportunities to learn more about the cadre. In November, cadre coordinator Christian Pepera led a breakout session with regional grant officer Mary Howard at the District 5160 Conference in Napa, California, USA. The presentation covered global grants, the cadre's involvement in the stewardship of Rotary Foundation grant funds, and the evaluation of projects. Cadre member Michael Barrington, of the Rotary Club of Concord, California (District 5160), contributed an insightful presentation about his experiences and challenges during cadre assignments around the world. The session attracted about 50 attendees and included a stimulating question and answer session.

The cadre was also featured in a breakout session that drew 180 attendees at the Zone 20A Institute in Livingstone, Zambia, in July, and at the Zone 20B Institute in Izmir, Turkey, in November.

DGSC Cecelia Babkirk, of the Rotary

Club of Cupertino, California, USA (District 5170), and PDG Turgut Gökyiğit, of the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Topkapı, Turkey (District 2420), contributed to the following:

The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is not particularly well known, but it serves a very important function. Our job is to ensure that best practices and good stewardship are followed by the sponsors of larger Matching Grants, 3-H grants, and now Future Vision's global and district grants.

Twenty-one Rotarians attended an informative cadre breakout session during the Zone 20B Institute last month in Turkey. The session, featuring a panel of four cadre members, provided an overview of the cadre program and raised awareness about current recruitment needs.

PDG Turgut Gökyiğit began by describing the cadre's function, how a Rotarian becomes a member, and the criteria used to determine cadre assignments. DGN Korhan Atilla, of District 2430 (Turkey), discussed global grants and explained that the cadre evaluates a project's focus, sustainability, and financial management. He talked about the various types of cadre assignments, and attendee Abby McNear, Future Vision grants manager, clarified that cadre review is required when a global grant award exceeds US\$50,000.

DGSC Babkirk, Birsen Gökyiğit, and PDG Gökyiğit gave presentations on site visits they had performed as cadre members in Honduras, Guatemala, Kenya, and Gambia. Each discussed issues including a lack of commitment from the host and/or international sponsors, problems with the viability

and sustainability of the projects, and challenging environmental conditions and cultural issues. In spite of these issues, however, all of the projects discussed had succeeded in providing a valuable service or resource to a community in need.

Finally, panelists talked about the need to question anything that might seem amiss in a project, and to ask questions of beneficiaries in the project communities. A cadre member in the audience pointed out that, while verifying the location and existence of equipment purchased with grant funds is a requirement, it is also a good review practice to turn on or test equipment to confirm that it operates.

-Save the Date- Friday, 21 June

The next cadre training will be held on Friday, 21 June, during the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. All cadre members are welcome to attend, as well as any Rotarians interested in becoming cadre members or learning more about the stewardship of Rotary Foundation grant funds. More details will be shared as the date approaches.



The Rotary Foundation Sustainability Check



Subhranka Chakrabarti visits with a beneficiary of a heart surgery project in India as part of the Rotary Foundation sustainability check.



Rotarian Maureen Duncan makes friends at one of several projects she visited in Honduras as part of the Foundation's sustainability check.

In April and May 2012, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) undertook an evaluation of the sustainability of grant projects funded through Matching Grants and global grants in the disease prevention and treatment and basic education and literacy areas of focus. TRF contracted with Abt SRBI, a firm that specializes in program evaluations and social research, to perform the sustainability check, with assistance from the cadre.

Four cadre members visited project sites in Honduras, India, and Kenya and worked with Abt SRBI to perform data collection, conduct surveys, review extensive documentation, and perform qualitative interviews and focus groups with beneficiaries and project stakeholders. TRF is using the results and recommendations of these evaluations to strengthen the long-term sustainability of grant projects.

Subhranka Chakrabarti, of the Rotary Club of Burdwan South, West Bengal, India (District 3240), a surgeon and clinic director, was one of the cadre members assisting Abt SRBI in the field.

Chakrabarti relates his experience:

Shortly after enrolling in the cadre, I was invited to participate in the TRF sustainability check in south India. At home, a big file was waiting for me containing documents from four different projects concerning heart surgeries for children in south India. After a lot of study, a good amount of skepticism about my ability as a social scientist(!), and a few self-assurances, I was prepared for the Go!

I am bound by agreement not to divulge details, but suffice it to say that I was awed by the depth of understanding in the TRF offices in Evanston regarding the projects — the finer sides, the tricky sides, and the gray areas. My guidelines were so thorough that I seemed to know better than the primary project contacts about almost everything!

I'm glad I went through this experience in May. I'm back home now with work experience very different from my daily clinical exercise as a surgeon. I must confess that I have stopped envying the laptop/iPad-toting company executives we so often see in airports! I was doing it all the time — trying to

catch up with reporting on the go with each day full of interviews, visits, and interactions.

I have been through a learning experience once more, thanks to TRF.

Yours in Rotary
Subhranka

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