

Rotary Alumni Association of Greater New England

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The charter celebration was a memorable day for our Association and an important milestone in its development. I would like to thank all of the attendees who made it to this great event. We received many congratulations and it made me feel honored to lead this young Association. Every member can be proud to be a part of it. Moreover, the organizing committee of Northeastlink did an excellent job, and I would like to thank all people who made that possible.

Once month after our official charter celebration, our board is more motivated than ever and it is also expanding. I am happy to welcome Daniella Rabino as our new Membership Chair. Please read further for more information about Daniella's professional background and experience.

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This newsletter also highlights the Rotary Future Vision plan, and the inspiring steps taken by Rotary clubs around the world to end Polio. As always, more details about our Association and its activities can be found at <http://raagne.byethost10.com>

Best regards,

Christopher Uschnig



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NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, DANIELLA RABINO

Daniella Rabino is from Larchmont, NY, USA, and was sponsored as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar by District 7230 to pursue her master's in International Education and Development in England, at the University of Sussex, during the 2011-2012 year. During the scholarship year, Daniella worked with her conservation hero, Alison Jolly, on education diplomacy, opening dialogue between active efforts throughout the island.

Daniella is concerned with the intersection of global and local perspectives for community inclusion in biodiversity conservation. Her research seeks to understand the role of education in serving as this bridge. She is now planning next steps in Madagascar, and working with children and teachers at the Solomon Schechter Day School of Greater Boston.

"I cannot wait to see what becomes of bringing diverse global voices together for the future of Rotary. I am delighted to be the new RAAGNE Membership Chair, and have the opportunity to engage our talented Alumni"

Daniella is delighted to serve as the Membership Chair, and help bring Foundation Alumni together. She is looking forward to welcoming new members to this growing online forum.



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POLIO UPDATE FROM INTERNATIONAL SERVICE CHAIR CHLOE HEUNG

October 24 is World Polio Day, and Rotary clubs worldwide are implementing different projects to raise awareness and funding to make Polio history.

The world is 99% free of Polio; if our next push is successful, this will be only the second time in history that a disease is wiped from the face of the earth.

Try finding out what the Rotary clubs are doing in your area. You can find a Rotary club nearby at <https://www.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder>

Alternatively, you can participate online by supporting the Rotary secretariat staff volunteers to raise funding for Polio eradication efforts.

From October 15 to November 15, 2013, Rotary secretariat staff will participate in a variety of health and fitness activities to raise funds for PolioPlus, culminating on November 23 when General Secretary John Hewko will reprise his 111-mile ride with Arizona Rotarians and their guests for El Tour de Tucson. To find out more, please visit: <http://ideas.rotary.org/Project/Profile/d72df09f-0076-46b2-85b2-4f210a912b93>

If you have any interesting projects that you would like to share with the Alumni, please contact me at chloe.rotary@gmail.com or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryGreaterNewEngland>



ROTARY FUTURE VISION: A NEW GRANT STRUCTURE

In 2008, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Trustees adopted the Future Vision Plan as a forward-looking, strategic approach to adapting the Foundation's programs to meet the goals and challenges of the future. The Plan is intended to

- More efficiently use resources by focusing the Foundation's efforts on specific objectives,
- Further enhance Rotary's public image as a world leader in economic and social development,
- Update grant programs that remained unchanged since their creation several decades ago, and
- Establish a more open, accessible Rotary Foundation.

The changes to the grant programs are significant. Although parallels can be drawn between previous grant programs and those implemented under Future Vision, the new grant structure reflects a broader change in thinking away from centralized control and towards autonomy and flexibility for clubs and districts.

Critical to the new Global Grants structure are the six "areas of focus," which are intended to concentrate Rotary's resources on the areas where it has the potential to do the most good. These focus areas are:

-  Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
-  Disease Prevention and Treatment
-  Water and Sanitation
-  Maternal and Child Health
-  Basic Education and Literacy
-  Economic and Community Development

(Images courtesy PDG Neil McBeth, District 6400)

Despite these changes, the most critical component of the Rotary Foundation's programs has remained unchanged: a commitment to advancing world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

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	Future Vision Grant Structure		
	District Grants	Global Grants	
		Club- and District- Developed	Packaged
Project Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humanitarian projects - Scholarships for study at any level, length, or location - Vocational Training Teams (formerly Group Study Exchange) - Projects must support the mission of TRF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Humanitarian projects - Scholarships for graduate-level study - Vocational Training Teams if within one of the six areas of focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developed by TRF and strategic partners as "ready to implement projects"
Funding Mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Districts receive a lump sum of up to 50 percent of allocated DDF* annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District contribution matched by TRF's World Fund (100% for DDF, 50% for cash) - World Fund contribution must be between \$15,000 and \$200,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fully funded by TRF and strategic partners
How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk to your Club's grant coordinator. Clubs receive funding directly from their districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk to your District Rotary Foundation Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit rotary.org

* Contributions to TRF's Annual Fund are equally divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund (DDF).