

VASCOWHEEL

The official magazine of Rotary Club of Vasco da gama, Goa, India, District 3170. 2010-11 Issue 36– 18th March2011

The RI president's monthly message March 2011

Keep it simple

When I first joined Rotary in 1961, I often heard Rotary leaders say “Keep Rotary Simple.” In fact, that phrase was part of the RI theme in 1956-57! However, as Rotary has grown in both the number of members and the number of programs during the last 50 years, simplicity has become more difficult.

The revised RI Strategic Plan for 2010-13 is a refreshingly simple approach to keeping Rotary strong and vibrant in the future. The three priorities of the plan are clear and brief statements calling us to (1) support and strengthen our clubs, (2) focus and increase our humanitarian service, and (3) enhance our public image and awareness.

It is a true strategic plan because each of the three priorities has a list of measurable goals, and in turn, there is a scorecard to track progress of all the goals. We are realigning the RI budget to reflect the new priorities, and we are trying to balance the priorities in all RI activities. Even the breakout sessions at the 2011 convention in New Orleans will be balanced between the three priorities. The new plan with the simply stated priorities will not be left to merely gather dust on an office shelf!

Please note the interdependence of the three priorities. We have recognized for many years that Rotary cannot provide exemplary service projects without strong clubs and that clubs cannot recruit and retain high-quality members without significant service projects. The third priority now recognizes that in the modern world, Rotary needs the support of our communities, of partner organizations, and sometimes of governments, to conduct larger service projects, which in turn build stronger clubs.

Rotary is now on the world stage due to PolioPlus. But we are still a grassroots organization, and our strength is dependent on the health of our clubs. The three priorities of the strategic plan remind us that the success of Rotary is based on a simple formula of strong clubs, significant service projects, and a favorable public image. Thanks to Paul Harris and other Rotary pioneers, it is a simple formula that produces extraordinary results - and a better world!

RI President
Ray Klinginsmith



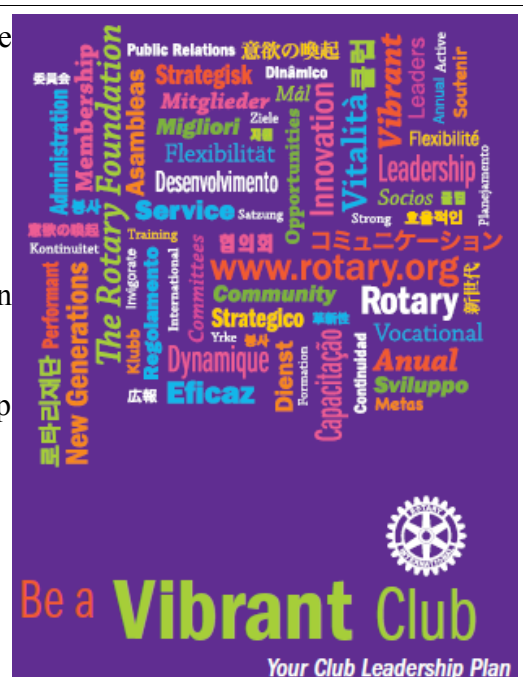
The Club Leadership Plan, though not mandatory, is the recommended administrative structure for Rotary clubs.

It is based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs.

These best practices include:

- * Developing long-range goals that address the elements of an effective club and annual goals to support them
- * Convening regular club assemblies
- * Involving all club members in the activities and fellowship of the club
- * Maintaining open lines of communication
- * Ensuring continuity in leadership
- * Providing regular, consistent training

The plan can be customized to fit each Rotary club's needs.



Message from the TRF Trustee chair - March 2011

Promoting education through Future Vision

Education was the first area that The Rotary Foundation was active in, long before humanitarian programs were added at the end of the '60s and in the '70s. Education is vital to be successful in life, and Rotary can help.

Future Vision offers tremendous freedom as far as scholarships are concerned. I would argue that Future Vision improves upon the current scholarships program significantly. Future Vision allows scholars to be funded either locally or abroad at any level, for any length of time, either for a degree or certificate program, or simply for a period of study.

The current timeline for Ambassadorial Scholarships is lengthy - 18 months. Scholarships under Future Vision offer maximum flexibility and a shortened timeline. A district can keep an 18-month timeline if it works for that particular district, but it is no longer necessary.

Under global grants, clubs and districts may use their cash or District Designated Fund to receive a World Fund match for graduate-level students studying abroad under one of the six areas of focus. Districts can opt to fund the student for a single year, or provide funding for an entire degree program, up to four years in length. The global grants budget minimum is USD30,000, but awards can be higher than that, thereby enabling talented individuals to complete needed graduate-level degree programs, which will make a difference in the world.

So let us continue our efforts in education when *Building Communities - Bridging Continents* through Service Above Self.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair



Future Vision Plan overview

In anticipation of The Rotary Foundation's 100-year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service.

The Foundation has made only slight modifications to its programs since its inception and the Trustees sought input from a wide variety of stakeholders through interviews, surveys, focus groups, and input sessions in developing the Future Vision Plan. The plan updates the Foundation's mission and creates a more effective and efficient way to help Rotarians develop diverse projects with greater impact and sustainable outcomes.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation's new mission, along with its new motto - Doing Good in the World - were approved by the Foundation Trustees and the RI Board and endorsed by the Council on Legislation.

The Future Vision Plan is designed to

- * Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- * Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians
- * Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals
- * Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts
- * Gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image

Birthdays

Sonali Salkar 14-Mar

Sanjana Lotlikar 18-Mar

Dinesh Heda 19-Mar

Sheldon Rodrigues 23-Mar

Bhavani Sundaram 25-Mar



**WE MEET EVERY FRIDAY AT 7.15 PM AT
ROTARY COMMUNITY CENTRE, TILAK
MAIDAN COMPLEX, VASCO DA GAMA**

This issue is a collaborative effort.

Please send news & articles to the Secretary

Vist our website: www.rcvasco.org

Programme for the month:

18th March – Guest Speaker

25th March – Business meet

30th March - BOD