



# Canadian Rotary Committee for International Development March 2006 Newsletter



SERVICE Above Self

## CRCID's Vision

CRCID champions sustainable international development initiatives that foster the alleviation of poverty and improve the quality of life in partner countries.

## New Mission and Key Results Areas

CRCID will support Canadian Rotarians in delivering sustainable international development programs by:

1. Facilitating the development and implementation of effective programs that meet needs as identified and "owned" by partner communities;
2. Developing capacity in Canada and in partner countries;
3. Securing human and financial resources;
4. Ensuring sound governance within Canadian and partner organizations;
5. Creating and enhancing development awareness in Canada and abroad.



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## Message from the Director and Chair of the Communications Committee and Newsletter Editor, Rtn. Peter Moore



Dear Friends,

We are pleased to be able to send this Newsletter to you with the good wishes of the CRCID Directors and members of the staff.

It does need to be shared with those within your clubs and districts who are concerned about International Service. Please make sure that all Club Presidents and International Directors receive the Newsletter. In addition, we have endeavoured to make sure that every District Webmaster has received a copy so that it can be posted on the District Websites.

Thanks for all that you are doing in International Service. The world is a better and safer place because of your devotion to so many good causes.

Sincerely, Peter Moore

## **CRCID Programs**

The following programs have been submitted to CIDA in our 2006-2009 Program Proposal:

### **Health Concerns:**

- a) The RADAR OVC program which includes the ANCHOR pilot program, Mozambique;
- b) Malaria program, Tanzania;

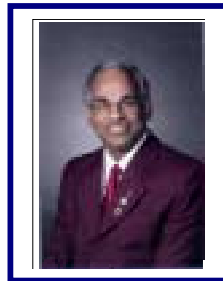
### **Literacy and Education:**

- a) The Ripple Effect, Guatemala;
- b) Project Honduras, including
  - i. Market Children Program
  - ii. Garbage Dump Children Program
  - iii. Mobile Library Program
  - iv. School Vegetable Garden Program

### **Water Management:**

- a) Water for Humanity, Ghana
- b) Nakura Region Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Program, Kenya

## **Message from our President, Raju Paul**



Greetings from Calgary, Alberta. It is almost three years since I was appointed as President of CRCID to lead you into the new century of Rotary. I want to thank the chair and past RI Director John Eberhard for giving me this opportunity. We had three wonderful years and although things have not always worked the way we wanted and we had to face a few disappointments, we have made tremendous progress on many fronts.

Allow me to list a few of our milestones:

### **The CRCID Strategic Plan**

This was presented and adopted by the general membership at the AGM in May 2004. The full document is on the CRCID website.

### **CRCID Transition Plan 2005/06**

In February 2005, a transitional program was introduced that provided 1:1 matched funding between \$30,000 and \$50,000 for up to 5 programs. Ten applications were received and six were selected – 2 for health concerns; 2 for water management and 2 for literacy and education. The total CRCID

financial commitment to these programs is \$240,617. It is expected that two of these transitional programs will be fully supported by CRCID as programs commencing this year.

### **Tsunami Relief**

The year began with one of the worst natural disasters in recent history with the devastating Tsunami that struck Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. Local Rotarians were quick to respond by providing assistance to the survivors, often in advance of the disaster relief agencies. They were also able, through their international Rotary friends, to communicate what was most urgently needed on the ground. Rotarians, in true service above self, responded. CRCID, on behalf of Rotary in Canada, took on the challenge of seeking matched funding from the Canadian Government. In September of 2005, a concept paper was submitted to CIDA on behalf of Canadian Rotarians for this program. This was rejected because the proposed program was designed to rebuild schools and not provide support, advice, training, consultation, etc... as required by the CIDA governance criteria. This was an extremely disappointing decision because an educational system cannot exist without schools. This decision is being appealed on behalf of Canadian Rotarians.

### **Institutional Evaluation**

CIDA engaged Stiles Associates to conduct the organizational review of CRCID in October 2004. In March 2005, the final report was received. It recommended many internal changes to the organization in concert with the external changes to its program for Canadian Rotarians. The Board endorsed the report and the Secretariat made 16 recommendations that were endorsed by CIDA and most of which were approved at the September 2005 Board Meeting. They will be phased in over the next few years.

### **CRCID joins Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC)**

CCIC is a coalition of Canadian voluntary sector organizations working globally to achieve sustainable human development. The Canadian Council for International Co-operation seeks to end global poverty, and to promote social justice and human dignity for all.

### **TRF Canada and CRCID**

TRF Canada and CRCID are working together, with CRCID hosting the new TRF Canada Coordinator, David Prowse, at the CRCID office. This new system is working well with the Canadian tax receipts being processed and mailed out within 5 business days.

### **Relationship with CIDA**

Benoit LeClerc has been appointed as our new Canadian Partnership Branch program officer. Benoit has been very cooperative and accommodating in working with us.

I want to thank CAO Kevin Webb and Project Consultant, Dianne Twynstra, for their dedication and hard work on a number of fronts.

I want to thank the Directors and Chair John for their support and assistance during my term as President especially during the last few months as I prepare to lead District 5360 as District Governor for 2006-07.

On a sad note, past chair and PRID Bill Gant is suffering from poly neuropathy, inflammation of the nerves causing numbness in the affected areas. Let us pray he recovers well with his medication.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you for the last three years.

Raju



## Update from the Secretariat



**CAO, Kevin Webb**



**Project Consultant,  
Dianne Twynstra**



### **CRCID 2005/06 Transitional Program Update**

As indicated in our November newsletter, the 2005/06 Transitional Program is now in place with 6 approved programs with a CRCID requested amount of \$240,617. Below is a brief description of each program. All programs have now been funded.

- 2005.001: Provide testing medications and processes, Zimbabwe, CRCID Funded: \$29,645**
- 2005.004: Public washrooms and clean, accessible water, Uganda, CRCID Funded: \$29,067**
- 2005.006: Purchase of 600 Home Health Care Kits, Malawi, CRCID Funded: \$50,000**
- 2005.007: Provide school supplies, Honduras, CRCID Funded: \$50,000**
- 2005.009: Provide education, Guatemala, CRCID Funded: \$32,718**
- 2005.008: Provide clean drinking water, South Africa, CRCID Funded: \$ 49,187**

*Please note that the parameters for this 2005/06 transitional funding are only in place for this fiscal year.*

### **Break-In at CRCID/TRF Canada Offices**

On December 23, 2005, a break-in occurred at the CRCID/TRF Canada offices. Four computers and our server were stolen. The offices were down for a short period of time and this caused some delays in TRF Canada issuing tax receipts from this location. CRCID and TRF Canada would like to thank you for your patience during this inconvenience.

### **Audit Update**

The ongoing CIDA audit of CRCID finances has finally been resolved with minimal impact on CRCID.

### **Projects Funded in 2005-2006**

Our 2001-2006 Contribution Agreement with CIDA ends March 31, 2006. Between April 2005 and March 31, 2006, CRCID has advanced \$508,600 to 36 projects with a total project value of \$2,006,578.



## TRF Canada Update



**David Prowse, TRF Canada Coordinator**

The TRF Canada and CRCID office in London Ontario was broken into on December 22, 2005 and computer equipment was stolen. Our office is now back up and running as normal. We would like to thank you for your patience during this inconvenience.

### **Year-end Contributions**

In extremely busy times such as year-end periods (tax year and Rotary year end), the volume of contributions increases significantly thus turnaround time for tax receipts will increase accordingly. Therefore in peak periods (May-June and November-December) it is advised that Rotarians try to send in their year-end contributions as early as possible - **by June 5 and Dec 5 respectively**, if possible, to ensure processing will be able to be completed in time before the year end cutoff.

Rotarians can forward any tax receipt related enquiries to my office at [trfcanada@crcid.org](mailto:trfcanada@crcid.org) or 519-473-3646. I will respond to and rectify concerns as quickly as possible.

### **Donations/Contributions**

At present, Rotarians can expect to receive a tax receipt for contributions made to the TD Bank Toronto Lockbox account within approximately 10 to 14 days. **Cheques and money orders must continue to be sent to the TD Lockbox where they are processed by the bank and then forwarded to me in London, where I process the donor data and issue the relevant receipts. Cheques or money orders sent to London cannot be processed immediately and will be sent back to TD in Toronto.**

*Cheques, faxes and credit card payments sent to Evanston are **not** received at TRF Canada so please fax US tax receipts and confirmation printouts for online credit card payments to: TRF Canada, 519-471-8982 as soon as you receive them.*

**Send all cheques and m/o's to;  
The Rotary Foundation (Canada)  
PO Box 9988  
Postal Station A  
Toronto ON  
M5W 2J2**

Make cheques and m/o's payable to "The Rotary Foundation of Canada".

### **Credit Card Donations**

Rotarians can be advised that credit card donations must continue to be made through Evanston, Illinois in US dollars at this time. I understand this has been a source of some dissatisfaction in the past, however we still cannot process Canadian credit card contributions here in Canada. There should be a mechanism in place for Canadians to be able to donate by credit card in CDN dollars via TRF Direct. This means that Canadian Rotarians will soon be able to use their credit cards for automatic monthly withdrawals in CDN funds and be able to receive a CDN tax receipt at the end of the year for the accumulated contributions. This will simplify the process from where it stands as of right now.

### **Contribution Forms**

*Rotarians should also take care to ensure that all donor/recognition forms are appropriately filled out with names and addresses that are legible.*

It is also best to include appropriate club numbers, district numbers and member ID numbers. Multiple donor forms should be clear and concise in matching contributions to individual donors. This will ensure that tax receipts can be issued promptly and accurately.

### **Clubs and Foundations**

Clubs and foundations should please specify whether official tax receipts are necessary. If not, for example, "The Foundation has already issued tax receipts to member donors so a single receipt in the total amount to the Foundation for our records will suffice" - or something to that effect - would be very helpful.

### **Future Plans**

In the future, it is anticipated that the office will expand to handling Paul Harris credits and other recognitions for Canadian Rotarians. This is currently being handled out of Evanston. As such, any questions in this regard should continue to be forwarded to Mitch Lowenstein, who continues to assist Canadian Rotarians in this area. Mitch can be reached at [lowenstm@rotaryintl.org](mailto:lowenstm@rotaryintl.org) or at (847) 866-3365. Questions pertaining to Club Summaries should be forwarded to Mitch as well.



## Millennium Development Goals

*"We will have time to reach the Millennium Development Goals – worldwide and in most, or even all individual countries – but only if we break with business as usual. We cannot win overnight. Success will require sustained action across the entire decade between now and the deadline. It takes time to train the teachers, nurses and engineers; to build the roads, schools and hospitals; to grow the small and large businesses able to create the jobs and income needed. So we must start now. And we must more than double global development assistance over the next few years. Nothing less will help to achieve the Goals."*

**United Nations Secretary-General  
Kofi A. Annan**

### The Millennium Development Goals

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- 2. Achieve universal primary education**
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

**Each newsletter will focus on one of the 8 Millennium Development Goals that were introduced in the November 2005 newsletter. This newsletter will focus on Goal #2:**

#### **“Achieve universal primary education”**

***Target: Ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling***

Education gives people choices regarding the kind of lives they wish to lead. It enables them to express themselves with confidence in their personal relationships, in the community and at work. But for more than 115 million children of primary school age who are out of school, this human right is being denied. These are mostly children from poor households, whose mothers often have no formal education either.

The loss of potential does not affect children alone. Education, especially for girls, has social and economic benefits for society as a whole. Educated women have more economic opportunities and engage more fully in public life. As mothers, they tend to have fewer and healthier children who are more likely to attend school. All of these benefits are key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Five regions are close to universal enrolment in primary education. Achieving the goal will require dramatically scaled-up efforts in sub-Saharan Africa, Southern Asia and Oceania. In these regions and elsewhere, increased enrolment needs to be accompanied by efforts to ensure that all children – especially those hardest to reach – remain in school and receive a high-quality education.

The Millennium Development Goals Report, 2005. <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mi/pdf/MDG%20Book.pdf> Accessed November 21, 2005

## **Summary of the Board of Directors Meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

The Board of Directors of CRCID met at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Toronto Airport on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman, John Eberhard thanked the Board members for their commitment to CRCID and their patience during the recent months of uncertainty regarding our relationship with CIDA. He congratulated one of his predecessors, Wilf Wilkinson, on his appointment by the nominating Committee of RI as the President Nominee for 2007-2008. It has been 55 years since a Canadian has been President of Rotary International. John mentioned the importance of the meeting with the Board of Rotary Foundation, Canada that would take place at the conclusion of the CRCID Board Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

President Raju Paul will be leaving his position as President of CRCID in July of this year, when he becomes District Governor of District 5360. As the Chairman of CRCID is obliged to appoint the President, John Eberhard announced that Dave Robinson, Vice-President of CRCID, would become President in July. We will have an opportunity at the Annual Meeting to express our appreciation to Raju for his leadership and devotion to International Service through CRCID.

CAO Kevin Webb's report was very extensive and covered a wide range of activities, which take Kevin away from the office as we become associated with a wide range of organizations. CRCID's scope of activities has increased considerably over the past few years, demanding more and more of the CAO's time. These efforts are an attempt to make CRCID better known in the world of International Service. There are so many outstanding organizations already fully involved in International aid and support. It is important that Rotary is represented at this level of International co-operation.

### **Communications Committee**

Peter Moore, Chair, reported that much of the work of the Communications Committee involves the publishing of the CRCID Newsletter four times a year. The Committee looks to other CRCID members and Rotarians generally for feedback. The major challenge is to make sure that the Newsletter is read by as many Rotarians as possible. We depend on CRCID members, District Governors and Club Presidents to read the Newsletter and then to share it with Board Members and other Rotarians. Funds are not available to mail the Newsletter to all Rotarians, so it must be shared through email. Please read this and share it with other members of your club. We welcome responses from Canadian Rotarians.

The CRCID Website has been a matter of some concern to the committee for some time. It is hoped that a plan will be presented to the Annual Meeting that will result in an improved Website.

A great deal of time was given to the reports of the three Sectoral Committees, Health Concerns, Literacy/Education and Water Management. A short synopsis of their reports follows.

## **Health Concerns Committee**

Mike Street, Chair, reported on the activity relating to this committee. The terms of reference have been approved by the Committee and outline a very extensive list of concerns that come within the scope of this committee.

While the ANCHOR Proposal was approved at the last Board meeting, the submission to the Mozambique Desk, was not successful for funding this year, but can be presented again during the 2007-08 year.

The Committee recommends to all Rotarians that Rotarians Eliminating Malaria – a Rotary Action Group, is trying to raise consciousness regarding Malaria, and deserves all attempts to promote this health concern that is often overlooked on the world scene.

CRCID is co-operating with The Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO) and a number of other concerned bodies to present “The Canadian Connection: A Model for International Healthcare Collaboration”. The program, through monitoring and evaluation, will evaluate the efficiency and efficacy of the telehealth network to provide specific healthcare interventions. Our Committee will continue to work with CISEPO to address humanitarian issues for this and the next generation.

## **Literacy and Education Committee**

Dave Robinson, Chair, reported on three areas of interest for the Committee:

- (1) Schools Re-Awaken, previously reported that CIDA had declined our application for funding. It is hoped that this issue can be reopened with the new Government.
- (2) The Royal Bank Foundation – has been sponsoring a presentation entitled, “Literacy, Sustainability and our Community” which is suitable for Rotary Clubs.

A topic that covers both Health Concerns and Education is Health Fairs. It is expected that a great deal will be heard about this subject in the future.

## **Water Management Committee**

Chair, Chuck Masur, reported that the Committee had approved the Water for Humanity program in South Africa, undertaken by the four Rotary Clubs in Oakville. Zenon, a water purification manufacturer will participate fully. A full report of the inauguration of this project and a site visit will be included in this Newsletter by Dave Angas, of the Rotary Club of Oakville West.

Chair Chuck attended the Water for People (Canada) meeting in Halifax, and arranged to visit Bolivia to learn more about Face the Challenge (Bolivia). Reports will also be forthcoming.

## Meeting with TRF Canada

A unique aspect of this meeting of the Board was the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Executive Committee of the Board of The Rotary Foundation, Canada. The Canadian office of the Foundation is now located at the CRCID offices in London, and donor receipts are sent out to Canadian Rotarians from this office. This is a three-year pilot project, which, it is hoped, will bring about a much closer relationship between CRCID and the Rotary Foundation, Canada.

## Peter Moore, Chair of the Communications Committee



Members of CRCID and TRF Canada

## Key Rotary Dates



Event	Date	Location
CRCID AGM	May 26-28, 2006	Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Toronto International Airport
RI Convention	June 11 – 14, 2006	Malmo & Copenhagen
Zone Institute, Zones 22, 27 and 28	September 6-10, 2006	Niagara Falls, ON

## CRCID Newsletter Program Highlight

*In each newsletter, we feature a program to keep readers informed about the scope of our work and the variety of programs that are undertaken by clubs and districts. This issue features a completed program that was supported by the Rotary Clubs of Oakville and Zenon Environmental Inc. Rtn. David Angas submitted the information. The program has not yet been monitored by CRCID.*



Women from the village carrying water jugs to the nearest standpipe more than 2 km away.



Workers hired from the local villages to help lay the pipe.



Marie Heintzman, President of the RC of Oakville-West, Gwenn van Schalkwyk, Past President of the RC of Tzaneen, David Angas, Chair of the Rotary Water for Humanity Committee helping dig out a water pipe trench.



The Zenon water plant arriving in a sea container and being installed at the Letsitele site.

### SUMMARY REPORT by David J. Angas, Committee Chair

In April 2003, the four Rotary Clubs of Oakville together with Zenon Environmental Inc., a world leader in membrane filtration technology launched a project initiative to install a water purification plant in Sub Sahara Africa.

In January, 2005, after a year and a half of defining the criteria for sustainability and reviewing applications received from over 30 Rotary Clubs, a small team Rotarians and Zenon engineers traveled to 5 locations in two different countries to inspect a short list of candidate sites.

The final decision was made in March 2005 to install the system in the village of Letsitele in the Municipality of Tzaneen, Limpopo, South Africa. The Rotary Clubs of Oakville, Oakville-Trafalgar, Oakville-West and Oakville-North pledged \$50,000 towards the project and qualified for matching

grants from District 7080 and Rotary International. The committee also successfully applied for program funding from CRCID. The total amount of money raised for this project was more than \$130,000 that was used to construct a 6-kilometer water pipeline to outlying villages and for the cost of an educational awareness program on water conservation to be introduced in the rural schools.

Zenon Environmental with the help of volunteer employees and the generous support of their suppliers, designed, built and shipped the water plant in a sea container to the site last October. A small team of Rotarians and volunteers traveled to Tzaneen at the end of January this year to help with the final stages of the project. They worked on the last section of trenching for the pipeline and conducted teaching classes for the grade 2 students in 9 village schools during their 4-day stay. Zenon Environmental sent 3 field engineers to commission the plant and train local operators.

The Rotary Club of Tzaneen hosted a function on, February 3<sup>rd</sup> for government officials, municipal workers, community and village representatives, contractors and suppliers, volunteers and Rotarians to celebrate the successful completion of the project. During the event, it was announced that the entire installation was completed in record time and represented the first project of this nature in South Africa.

The spokesperson estimated that the total value of the water system was approximately ZAR 3,750,000 (\$750,000 Cdn) and that the anticipated useful life is expected to be at least 40 years. This equates to a capital cost of less than \$2.00 a person for the 10,000 people now served by the system.



Ralf Soeder, RC of Oakville-North and Margy Cardamone, RC of Oakville-West giving out soccer balls and other playground equipment in one of the rural schools.



Grade 2 children in one of the village schools colouring in a booklet that is part of the educational awareness program on water conservation.



David Angas, Chair of the Rotary Water for Humanity Committee, Gwenn van Schalkwyk, Past President of the RC of Tzaneen, Maite Nkoana-Mashabane, Member of Executive Council Limpopo Provincial Government and OJ Mushwana, Mayor of Municipality of Tzaneen at the official hand-over ceremony and dinner.