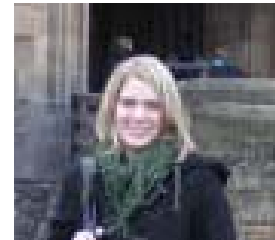




## INTERNATIONAL AND FOUNDATION

**ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS—Two ambassadorial Scholars from District 5220 have returned.** Here are some comments from the two:

**Natalie Lesly** has returned to Merced from her studies in England and Scotland. She wrote in her final report. “During my time in Great Britain, I have pursued a master’s degree in Museum Studies at the University of Leicester. I am particularly interested in management practices for cultural organizations and was able to explore areas like museum marketing and fundraising. I hope to use the knowledge I have gained to make museums more accessible, reach diverse audiences, and ensure that their missions are relevant to the communities they serve.



I will be awarded an M.A. in January 2009. I spent the final months, of my experience abroad, in Edinburgh, Scotland interning at the National Museum of Scotland. Working in their visitor studies unit, I conducted formative evaluations for interactive exhibits in development for new galleries. This was a very exciting opportunity to expand my professional skills, gain greater knowledge of the museum sector in the U.K., and work on a major renovation project at a world-class institution.” Natalie was sponsored by Merced Rotary



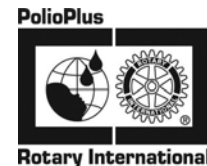
**Anne Klint** has just returned from studying art in Germany. In her reports she wrote “ I am happy to report that I helped to reforest the East German landscape (after years of strip mining for brown coal). And I was one of many Rotaracters to escort 30 disabled people one spring day in the Leipzig Zoo. As for me, there is no single life-changing moment to speak of. It is the little things, the accumulation of small moments that have changed me. It is the making of friends

willing to share their culture with me, learning that there are many more ways to live besides my way. It is the ability to discuss ideas with someone in their own language – to bridge a distance that once was impassable.” Anne was sponsored by the Tracy Rotary Club. *If you would like either of them to speak to your Rotary Club, e-mail Ellen Dunbar at [edunbar1@comcast.net](mailto:edunbar1@comcast.net) and she will put you in touch with them.*

## POLIO ERADICATION

~by Janine McClanahan—You are all well aware of Rotary’s goal to eradicate polio. It is estimated that by the time the world is certified polio free, Rotary’s contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed \$850 million. But, did you know that two-thirds of the funding to eradicate polio comes from countries around the world? From 1985 to 2009, the top ten public sector donors to the polio initiative are (in US millions):

USA	\$1,451.4	Netherlands	\$131.1
UK	\$726.7	Norway	\$51.6
Japan	\$333.8	Denmark	\$37.4
Germany	\$223.4	France	\$36.6
Canada	\$205.06	Italy	\$35.4



To think that this collaborative effort was started by Rotary is awesome! Remember, this is only the top ten. A recent donor to the Gates Challenge was the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America with \$100,000 to the cause. We are not doing this alone. We will eradicate polio!