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## David Taylor

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**From:** <ALEXGGAB@cs.com>  
**To:** <RKuriger@finsvcs.com>  
**Cc:** <AnnEWales@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 29, 2000 8:48 PM  
**Subject:** Azamat Koumykov

Dear Dick:

We are really looking forward to your presentation of July 18th at River Oaks Rotary Club.

We would like to ask for your help in trying to mobilize as many of our district's clubs as possible in a "holy crusade" to help Azamat Koumykov in his pursuit to obtain an MBA in the USA. He has been offered an JEMBA scholarship in the Business School of University of Hawaii, with a value of \$12,500, which falls short of the \$51,000 which the university has indicated it would cost to study at U of H. This includes his lodging and food costs.

I mentioned the problem to River Oaks Rotarian Ken Nishimura, who has an MBA from Harvard, and he became very, very interested in helping Azamat. He contacted friends and Rotarians in Honolulu, and hasn't hardly stopped making contacts since I first brought the situation to his attention. He has gotten the president of the biggest Rotary club in Honolulu, to offer to help with the funding, provided that we could get clubs in Houston to also make a commitment.

As you know there is no way that Azamat can come up with funds. You know the situation in Russia, and Azamat and his family are not among those "New Russians", the mega-millionaires. His father works at three jobs to be able to just maintain a decent standard of living, with nothing left over to cover costs of education abroad.

The family's combined earnings are somewhere around four or five hundred dollars per month. And the cost of living is extremely high in Russia, as you very well know.

Azamat, nor his family, did not ask for our help. We simply got involved by asking about his efforts to be admitted at U of Hawaii, and about the scholarship, and by our contacting the university and asking questions there.

By copies of Ken Nishimura's (e-mail address [annewales@aol.com](mailto:annewales@aol.com)) and copies of my e-mail communications he has become aware of our involvement, and he is very grateful for our efforts.

Ken believes that the lodging and part of the feeding can be resolved, through his contacts in Honolulu. He estimates that the minimum that we would have to come up with would be \$5,000 from our clubs, and Honolulu Rotary would match the amount, or better. Of course, the more we can raise the better. The university will have to have commitments in order to be able to admit Azamat, and to submit documentation for the I-20 form for a USA visa. The deadline set by the university is July 21st, and classes begin on August 7th. So time is of the essence.

We will ask our club for \$1,000, so if we could get another four or more clubs to commit equal amounts, we would have a good chance to get Azamat on his way to an MBA.

6/30/2000

He and other dedicated, honest and bright young people are Russia's future, Russia's hope.

You have had an opportunity to meet Azamat, and you and your wife spent some time together with Azamat when you were in Russia.

We would very much appreciate your comments regarding the above project. Thank you and best wishes. Mr. Kinnicutt at the Honolulu Rotary club is "hot to trot" on helping Azamat, so we don't want him to cool off.

Alex Gabriles

6/30/2000

TO: David Baldwin 281 316-1202  
Re: Azamat Koumykov

FROM: David Taylor 281 332-6513

5 Jul 2000

Dear Dave:

An email follows from Alex Gabriles of the River Oaks Rotary Club dealing with an appeal for financial support to help a 21-year old Russian student who has gotten accepted into an American university M.B.A. program but cannot afford the cost. There are both general reasons and specific reasons why we might want to contribute to this cause.

In general, Russia's future is tied to the modern, western, ethical business model and bright young business people like Azamat can help lead the way. Azamat is a student prodigy who already has two college degrees in his Republic of Kabardia, speaks English fluently and will do extremely well at his studies in this program. He will succeed.

Specifically, our district knows Azamat and his father and right now his sister is a long term Rotary exchange student in Houston. She is a musical prodigy herself. His father first helped our district when Alex Gabriles began shipping supplies to the war torn parts of Russia during the first Chechnya rebellion some years ago. His father teaches at the medical school there and helped Alex to get the supplies where they belong.

His father is also the person who contacted us to host some high ranking law enforcement officials from their Republic two years ago. He accompanied that group as an interpreter. Those officials turned out to be the equivalent of the head of their F.B.I., Attorney General, Vice Minister for Criminal Justice, etc. In other words, his family has been devoted to the fabric of a new Russian society.

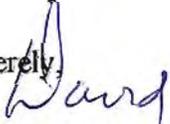
It was Slava Koumykov who said they needed help with the criminal justice system and put that project together. It was his son Azamat who did all of the emailing and negotiating with me to set up the details of the trip. I feel like I know the young man personally and he is very impressive.

I see his education as just as likely to help Russia's future as the project to enlighten their law enforcement officials. We spent thousands on that project.

So now comes Alex Gabriles, who knows Azamat and the family quite well, appealing for a \$1,000 commitment from our club to permit Azamat to accept this position in the next M.B.A. class. Would you please address this in a timely manner because the deadline for acceptance is July 21st.

I am sure you could do it as a pledge, and not send the money until it is known that he has enough to proceed. Just make a formal pledge to Alex Gabriles. If he gets in, then forward the money. It's the old adage about teaching people to fish, is it not.

Sincerely,

  
David Taylor

Andy Smallwood  
281 481-2320

Re: Azamat Koumykov

Dear Andy:

There is a copy of a letter appealing to my club president following this fax, along with an email I received from Alex Gabriles making the case that we should support Azamat Koumykov in his quest to get an MBA business degree. I think this would be good for Russia and therefore qualify as a good cause to support financially. Please take it up with your club to see if you can pitch in \$1,000. Thanks, David Taylor

Sue Hamblin  
713 521-9115

Re: Azamat Koumykov

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