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WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE

The Rotary World Peace Fellows (WPF) program is an initiative that's really working and helping Rotary to achieve its mission of world understanding, goodwill and peace.

We are now graduating 60 to 70 World Peace Fellows (WPF) each year. These graduates have completed peace and conflict resolution studies at Rotary's prestigious Peace Centers while attaining their Masters Degrees and many of are now working in the civic, corporate and charitable world and "making a difference"

The WPF program aims to:

- Inspire people to work for a culture of peace and tolerance while enhancing their capacity, knowledge, and skill to do so, in part by generating interaction between practitioners and academics
- Provide advanced international educational opportunities for Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participants chosen from differ-

ent countries and cultures on the basis of their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professions

- Provide a means for The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians to increase their effectiveness in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world understanding and peace.



PRRFC EDDIE BLENDER, 2002-04

**PLEASE READ SOME OF OUR
WPF GRADUATE'S STORIES
ON PAGES 2 TO 3.**

**NEED SOME HELP IN
PROMOTING OUR
AMBASSADORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?
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**EVERY ROTARY DISTRICT IN
THE WORLD CAN SPONSOR
A WPF APPLICANT TO RI
AT NO COST TO THEIR DISTRICT.
SEE THE SCHOLARSHIP
TIMELINE ON PAGE 5.**



MEET TWO OF ROTARY'S WORLD PEACE FELLOWS



Soon after he began working for the World Bank in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, former Rotary World Peace Fellow Stefano Gnes realized his studies were going to pay off. He says the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution helped him achieve his dreams.

"I feel very privileged and lucky to be able to go through an educational program like Rotary's," Gnes says. "I was able to be successful because they didn't put any restrictions on me. The education was empowering because the faculty and students are willing to invest in peace."

Gnes, who speaks English, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish, studied with the 2002-04 class at Sciences Po in Paris and received a degree in international affairs. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Voghera, Italy (District 2050).

In his position with the World Bank, Gnes helps communities cope with two major challenges: reconstruction efforts after the December 2004 tsunami and a 30-year political battle between the separatist movement and the Indonesian government. The strife between the two sides has resulted in martial law and the burning of homes, schools, and businesses. Gnes witnesses the communities' struggle daily. "Many of these businesses and families have lost everything," Gnes says. "Health and education are suffering immensely."

"It's extremely hard day to day." But he's glad he can make a difference. "Every day is a learning experience here, and I have Rotary to thank for that."



Stefano Gnes (right), a former Rotary World Peace Fellow, is helping Indonesians in Aceh province cope with political strife and tsunami reconstruction efforts.

FORMER PEACE FELLOW HELPS BUILD A NEW SUDAN

As a 2003-05 [Rotary World Peace Fellow](#), Susan Stigant studied peace building theories. Now living and working in Sudan, she is using her education to help that country get back on its feet.

Stigant, from Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, works for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a U.S. group that supports democratic practices globally. Her assignment is to work with the government of South Sudan in drafting its first constitution.

It's an ideal fit for Stigant. She earned a master's degree in political science, writing her thesis about Sudan, from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (which shares a [Rotary Center for International Studies](#) in peace and conflict resolution with Duke University).



*World Peace Fellow
Susan Stigant*

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Stigant on the road in Sudan with friends.



Stigant lives in a simple tent at

For 21 years, Sudan was embroiled in a civil war between the largely Muslim Arab north and the Christian and animist south. In 2005, the Sudanese government signed a peace deal with southern rebels, granting autonomy to the south. Though the peace still holds, millions in Africa's largest country have not seen the benefits. Regional violence rages in the western province of Darfur while citizens displaced by decades of strife live in makeshift camps that depend on foreign aid for survival.

Based in Juba, Sudan, and Nairobi, Kenya, Stigant works with other national and international nongovernmental organizations to help Sudanese officials understand the legal framework of the peace agreement and the South Sudan constitution. She is also working on the production of a civic education radio program and conducts listening groups with citizens on democratic principles, some of which are then taped for national radio.

"I find the politics of it fascinating — watching a country go through the process of setting up a government," says Stigant. Life is not always easy in Juba. Stigant sleeps on a military-style cot in a small tent. She also contracted malaria shortly after arriving.

"It's the people I work with who keep me going — and seeing that the work you're doing has incredible impact," says Stigant.

"I realized that this work was the same thing that was all over my dorm room floor as I was writing my thesis," she says. "It is really satisfying to see that it wasn't just a thesis, but knowledge and understanding that I can contribute to helping people."

Stigant's former academic adviser, Andrew Reynolds, is among her fans. "She combines intellectual curiosity and human empathy with the practical ability to get things done," says Reynolds.

Past District Governor Carol Allen, Rotary's main representative for the program at Duke/UNC center, also praised Stigant, saying: "It's because of Susan, and the other fellows like her, that I believe this program is worth the investment Rotarians are making in it. She is going to continue to make a difference in the world."

By Joseph Derr

Rotary International News

Photos by Alyce Henson/RI (top) and Susan Stigant (others), Cary Silver, a former senior editor at The Rotarian, contributed to this article.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



PROMOTING ROTARY'S AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM



Who better to promote Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships Program than its scholars? Attracting and selecting suitable scholars is the most critical stage of the scholarships program. While it's important to promote the program through traditional PR channels, remember that current scholars and Rotary Foundation alumni can be the most powerful spokespeople for the Ambassadorial Scholarships program. Please find a guide to promoting Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships Program below.

ATTRACTING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

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SCHOLARSHIPS
PROGRAMS**

CREATE AWARENESS OF ROTARY'S SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Public relations can make students and university administrators aware that scholarships may be available through their local Rotary club. The more people that are aware of Rotary's scholarships program and its unique objectives, the larger the pool of qualified applicants. Make sure international student/study abroad offices of area colleges and universities have up-to-date brochures and information as well as a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address of the scholarships chair for your district.

SCHOLARSHIPS TIMELINE

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FELLOWSHIP ADVISORS (NAFA) are College and University Advisors helping Rotary Clubs and districts to identify qualified students for Rotary Foundation World Peace, Ambassadorial and Cultural Scholarships.

Please contact an advisor at a local college in your community and ask their help in identifying students for these Rotary awards. Please remember that the recipient must be a citizen of a country in which there is a Rotary Club and that the initial application must be made through a local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full time study or employment.

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE FOR WORLD PEACE FELLOWS APPLICATIONS FOR CLASSES STARTING IN 2008:

Each district must set its own deadline for clubs to submit applications to the district selection committee. District endorsed Rotary World Peace Scholarship applications for 2008-10 are due to The Rotary Foundation no later than 1 July 2007. See the timeline below

WPF, AMBASSADORIAL & CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS TIMELINE 2008

The following timeline is recommended for promoting the scholarship and selecting candidates for Rotary Scholarship 2008-2010:

November-December 2006 Districts receive applications from the Rotary Foundation and begin distributing application materials to clubs.

January to May 2007 Districts and clubs promote the scholarship opportunity to attract well-qualified candidates. Utilize local Press Releases (PR) and College and University Advisors (NAFA).

January to May 2007 Clubs conduct interviews and the selection process. Clubs begin submitting their club-endorsed applications to the district in accordance with district deadline.

April to June 2007 Districts conduct interviews and the selection process for their Ambassadorial, Cultural and Rotary World Peace Scholarship candidate. Districts must submit their candidate's information for a WPF to Rotary International World Headquarters to arrive on or before the 1 July 2007 deadline.

December 2007 Districts and their candidates will be notified of the results of the world competitive selection process for the classes that begin in JANUARY 2008 (Southern Hemisphere) and August 2008 (Northern Hemisphere).

**THE TRF
SCHOLARSHIPS
PROGRAM STAFF
WILL SEND
2008-10 SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
MATERIALS TO ALL
DISTRICT
SCHOLARSHIPS
SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS
IN NOVEMBER &
DECEMBER 2006.**

ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM TEACHES PEACEMAKING SKILLS



*Luis Vicente Giay
The Rotary Foundation
Trustee Chair, 2006-07*

“Everything we do through our Rotary clubs — from fighting poverty to eradicating polio — is intended ultimately to promote world peace. What better way to contribute to that effort than by helping to develop future world leaders committed to achieving peace and understanding.”
Luis Vicente Giay

While all of Rotary’s humanitarian and educational programs advance the cause of international understanding by addressing the roots causes of conflict, one program takes the direct route by giving future leaders the tools they will need to “wage peace” on the world stage.

Launched in 2002, the six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution offer master’s degree level curricula aimed at helping the next generation of government officials, diplomats, and humanitarian leaders develop the skills needed to reduce the threat of war and violence.

The six Rotary Centers are located on the campuses of Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, N.C.; International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan; Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; University of California, Berkeley, Calif.; and the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

“You have only to pick up a newspaper to realize how vitally important it is that our world leaders be skilled in the arts of conflict resolution and peaceful negotiation,” says Luis Giay, chairman of the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. “Everything we do through our Rotary clubs — from fighting poverty to eradicating polio — is intended ultimately to promote world peace. What better way to contribute to that effort than by helping to develop future world leaders committed to achieving peace and understanding.”

QUAKE SURVIVORS GIRD FOR 2ND WINTER



A haphazard mix of relief teams poured in following the quake in Pakistan a year ago this month that killed at least 75,000 people.

Rotary responded quickly and aid also came from Pakistan's government, local charities, international relief agencies, church groups, the U.S. Army and Islamic militant groups.

Using helicopters and mule trains, they hauled the essentials of crude shelter to 3.3 million homeless people, many in high, remote mountain valleys. A feared second wave of deaths resulting from winter exposure was averted because of this worldwide quick response.

40,000 NOW FACE ANOTHER WINTER

Right now 40,000 survivors face a second Himalayan winter in tents. Another 1.8 million live in temporary shelters that will afford varying degrees of warmth for winter survival.

Months after the earthquake crisis faded from the headlines relief agencies say few victims have been able to rebuild their homes. As snow again dusts the highest mountains, aid groups are planning a new, urgent campaign to haul food and supplies to remote, shattered villages.

In a year of relief work, a lot of help has been given to people, but nothing permanent has been accomplished for them to rebuild their lives.

Last year Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Kamran Makhdoom, returned home to Pakistan after earning his international LL.M. during his year in Houston, quickly volunteered to deliver needed aid to the earthquake victims.



Ambassadorial Scholar Kami Makhdoom helping to distribute supplies

Kami said: "The scene was very disturbing. Houses and buildings completely or partially destroyed, but one thing for sure: empty.

Despite the cold weather the inhabitants live in tents and bear the cold weather rather than risk their lives and live in the semi broken homes. It is not uncommon for the localities to have an indif-

ferent look on their face and say that two to six family members fell prey to the deadly earthquake. Streets are filled with people. We saw people who were not going somewhere but just wandering because they have nothing to do, no work, no house, no family, just wandering aimlessly. The situation is extremely disturbing and unprecedented."

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE ALUMNI — MAKING A DIFFERENCE



JAMES BAURIEDEL

was a GSE team leader in 2000-01 from District 5130 in California to District 5010 in Russia. Dr. Bauriedel has been a Rotarian since 1981 and was president of the Eureka, CA Rotary Club during the year of his exchange.



Dr. Bauriedel returned to Russia with a Rotary Friendship team in 2004 and again in the winter of 2006, teaching in area cancer hospitals. During the last five years, his club along with others in District 5130 has sent over \$500,000 of medical equipment into the Tomsk Region of Siberia.

Dr. Bauriedel was awarded the Charity and Humanity Award from the Oblast Government of the Tomsk Region of Russia on 1 March 2006.



HEIDRUN ROSENDORN was a GSE team member in 1995-96 from District 1860 in Germany and an active Rotaractor.

After a few years of being in between Rotaract and Rotarian age, Rosendorn, along with other previous Rotaractors in her district, got the support of PDG Jules Schroeder. In September 2003, Schroeder chartered a new Rotary club and appointed Rosendorn its president.

The average age of the new club, the Rotary club of Kelsterbach-Rein-Main International is 38 with two-thirds men and one-third women.

Ms. Rosendorn says about the importance of younger people becoming Rotarians, *“The art is to look over your own brim. It’s always when you bring in more than one perspective that you come further than if you only looked from one point of view.”*

A GLOBAL CALL TO FIGHT THE CORE EVILS OF THE WORLD

*... POVERTY, RACISM, A LACK OF CLEAN WATER,
THE DEGRADATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND
THE OBSESSION WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS.*

The largest group of Noble Peace Prize Laureates ever to appear together in the USA gathered in Colorado USA recently. The group of 10 Nobel laureates included Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, the Dali Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, American Jody Williams, Mairead Corrigan Maguire of Ireland, Shirin Ebadi (Iran) and Rigoberta Menchu Tum (Guatemala).



Thousands of young people gathered in Denver, Colorado from throughout the world at this "Peace Jam" event. The teenagers were awestruck as they were able to get up close and personal with these heroes and reacted to them as if they were rock stars.

Sporting a potpourri of Mohawk haircuts, turquoise colored hair, headscarves and Tibetan robes – the students fed off of one another's ideas as they all shared their vision of a better world.

They unveiled a "Global Call to Action" during Peace Jam that urges governments and individuals to address:



- Unequal access to water and other natural resources.
- Racism and hate and the "growing divide between rich and poor."
- Global disease.
- Poverty.
- Social injustice and a lack of human rights.
- Unequal rights for women and children, including the right to a decent education.
- Environmental degradation.
- Nuclear weapons and the international arms trade.
- A preoccupation with fear of terrorism that prevents focusing on basic evils.

HUMANITARIAN GRANTS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE



- Our vision for the Rotary Foundation – why we exist --- **Enabling Rotarians to Advance World Understanding, Goodwill and Peace.**
- Our mission – what we do --- **Improving Health, Supporting Education and Alleviating Poverty.**
- Our motto – what we say – and you will recognize these words from Our Foundation founder Arch C. Klumph --- **Doing Good in the World.**



DG Dick Foster, district 5470 (Colorado, USA) and PDG Ravi Vadlamani, district 3150 (Andhra Pradesh, India) believe in TRF's Mission and in "Doing Good in the World." They met and established "sister districts" and have worked together over two years accomplishing extraordinary humanitarian service. Working together to fulfill dreams of a better life.

Working to fulfill their Rotary dreams they have joined hands to initiate and implement many humanitarian programs designed to help the underprivileged and the poor.



- Provided sewing machines,
- Provided buffalos and sheep to provide vocational support to families,
- And transport vehicles and equipment for mentally retarded people,
- And benches and toilets in schools,
- Provided eye-sight by providing IOL Lenses,
- Helped make children healthy by de-worming,
- Supported 107 heart surgeries,
- Provided 250 Jaipur limbs and crutches and tricycles
- And provided clean, safe quality drinking water by implementing more than 250 hand wells.

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HUMANITARIAN GRANTS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Education is priceless — this holds especially true in third world countries. It gives the underprivileged an avenue of escape — it empowers them, making them realize their inherent potential and allows them to go on and be valuable members of society.

In India, there are millions of children who attend school, schools which can be described as nothing less than dilapidated holes in the wall. Seedy classrooms, dusty floors and broken furniture are just some of the conditions



these children have to face on an everyday basis. Settings less than conducive for a wholesome education.

Rotary District 5470 and District 3150 saw the urgency in addressing this issue and set about funding valuable infrastructure. They have provided more than 2,000 School benches and desks to schools in a number of villages. They have also constructed toilets in the schools.

Rotarians in addition to providing sewing machines have also provided additional excellent and useful support for women and the family by providing milch cattle to households. Each she buffalo will provide an income of US\$ 50 per month and also supplement food for children by providing nourishment and wholesome milk.



Half of world's avoidable blindness is due to cataract. There are 7 million blind people in India. Of these 63% aged over 50 suffer from cataract. Every 5 seconds one person in our world goes blind. Every minute a child goes blind. To provide Sunshine in the ray of hope, Rotarians have conducted more than 1,000 IOL Operations.



Children are the most vulnerable and disease prone. These D5470 and D3150 Rotarians have medicated more than 51,000 children and de-wormed the school going children. Artificial limbs were provided to the handicapped to enable the lame to walk. Rotarians Ravi and Dick truly believe in TRF's Mission and in "Doing Good in the World."



GREAT NEWS FOR CHARITABLE GIVING IN 2006 AND 2007

A NEW CHARITY PROVISION WAS RECENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW IN THE US

HERE IS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A MAJOR GIFT TO OUR FOUNDATION. PERHAPS TO ENDOW A NAMED SCHOLARSHIP.

The new bill contains a series of provisions designed to stimulate charitable giving.

In the US the law's chief incentive for charitable gifts *allows donors age 70 ½ and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from their individual retirement accounts tax-free if they give the money directly to a charity.*

The bill will expire 31 December 2007. The opportunity is available this year and next tax year (2007).

Meet with your financial advisor and your TRF Major Gift Officer to discuss your options.



**Boosting Charitable Giving in the US
Taxpayers Are Allowed to Donate \$100,000 a Year From IRAs**



GREAT NEWS FOR CHARITABLE GIVING IN 2006 AND 2007

In August, 2006, President Bush signed a law that allows taxpayers who are 70½ or older to give away as much as \$100,000 a year from their IRA directly to qualified charities without triggering federal income taxes.

Here's how it works: In a typical case, a taxpayer can get an exclusion from gross income for otherwise taxable distributions of as much as \$100,000 from an IRA -- as long as the money is paid directly to a qualified charity. This money counts toward taxpayers' required minimum distributions for that year. This new break is available only for distributions this year and in 2007.

THINK OF OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation *asks Rotarians to ask their financial advisors about this new opportunity and seek their advice. Anyone is welcomed to discuss this and any other financial giving opportunity with a senior Rotary Foundation Fund Development staff member at 847-866-3000.*

Please Note:
.. that under the new Canadian tax laws in a similar way to the US is that 100% of the capital gain of stocks donated to TRF Canada is tax free.

Bob Scott
TRF Trustee



**INTERESTED?
CALL YOUR TRF MAJOR
GIFT OFFICER:**

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
23, 24	David Bender	847.866.3456	David.Bender@rotary.org
22, 25, 26	Sean Allen	847.866.3190	Sean.Allen@rotary.org
27, 28, 29, 30	Michael Smith	847.866.3220	Michael.Smith@rotary.org
31, 32, 33, 34	Jackie McGuire	847.866.4450	Jackie.McGuire@rotary.org

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

"Since the beginning of civilization, there has been a surplus of sayers of things. If there is any one particular in which I would have Rotary distinguished from other organizations, it is in the quality of character which results in the doing of things."

Paul Harris, Message to the 1921 RI Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland.

<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/rotarian/1921message.htm>



Certainly Paul Harris would have pride and admiration for what Rotarians have done to eliminate Polio, through PolioPlus, just these past two decades or so.

But, as kind and loving, toward Rotary, as Paul always was, he would also ask if each of us had truly done a part of this

Today, as we celebrate the 6th anniversary of Rotary Global History Fellowship and with the growth of RGHF, virtually everything Paul Harris ever "wrote" is preserved at

www.whatpaulharriswrote.org.

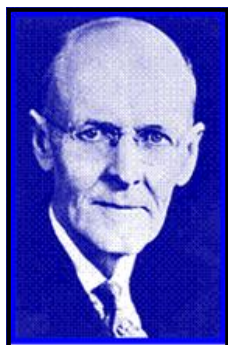
By visiting this section and reading what he and other Rotary leaders had to say about such values as tolerance, peace, neighborliness, and understanding... you can find a quote that speaks to you and you might create your own "What Paul Harris Said."

From the beginning our (RGHF) intent was to bring these words to life with your comments of today's relevance. You may also read comments about our features at www.rghfforum.org and if you register for an RGHF membership, you can post your own comments there. www.joinrghf.org

We'll look forward finding out what you learn from our history along with your own wisdom.

Yours for Rotary History,

Calum Thomson, Chairman 2006-2007
Rotary Global History Fellowship
www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org



A "WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID" message will be sent (free-of-charge) to you each week and to whomever you wish. Please register for this free service by sending an e-mail to: Chairman@RotaryHistoryFellowship.org

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

HOWARD E. BURRESS



*Howard E. Burress
Rio Rancho Rotary Club
New Mexico, USA*

Rotarian Howard E. Burress is called the Johnny Appleseed of Rotary. Born March 23rd, 1916, he is now 90 years old. Howard was invited to join the Del Norte Rotary Club (Colorado, USA) in 1938. Why is he called Johnny Appleseed?

Johnny Appleseed's name in real life was John Chapman, born on September 26, 1774 near Leominster, Massachusetts. History calls him Johnny Appleseed because he went into the wilderness with a bag of apple seeds on his back until he found a likely spot for planting.

There is no way to estimate how many millions of seeds Johnny planted in the hundreds of nurseries he created in the territory lying south of the Great Lakes and between the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. This was his service to mankind.



PDG Howard has also planted seeds. Seeds of love. Seeds of share and care for Howard has helped start seven Rotary Clubs and is working on his eight—a new breakfast club in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Serving as an advisor for club extension to 8 District Governors, Howard is passionate to grow Rotary. This is his service to mankind.

Howard was Governor of District 5470 (Colorado) in 1958-1959 then joined the Rotary club of Albuquerque in 1960 and then to Rio Rancho in 1997. Howard remembers being sick and missing a Rotary meeting in 1961 and then once more in 1974, otherwise he is proud to say that his attendance has been perfect.



**CHECK ON
YOUR
DONATIONS
AND REC-
OGNITION
POINTS,
DEADLINES
FOR
GRANTS AND APPLICATIONS,
CONTACT NAMES FOR YOUR
APPLICATIONS, AND MORE.**



NEW TOLL-FREE TRF CONTACT CENTER

In October, The Rotary Foundation Contact Center will begin taking general inquiry calls and emails for The Rotary Foundation and its programs from Rotarians, clubs and districts in the United States and Canada.

TOLL-FREE 1-866-976-8279

Call 1-866-9ROTARY or E- mail: contact.center@rotary.org to check on your donations and recognition points, deadlines for grants and applications, contact names for your applications, and more.

The TRF Contact Center is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Central Standard Time.

MAKING “IT” HAPPEN

PRID Lynn Hammond recently wrote:

... My favorite maxim in Rotary. "If you find a good idea, steal it." This is exactly what we did with the dictionary project. Norma and I represented the President at a conference in Walnut Creek, CA where George Chaffey was District Governor.

He stunned his fellow Rotarians by turning the traditional Saturday golf and tennis afternoon into a meeting in the hotel parking lot where a fleet of semis were unloading enough dictionaries to give every third grade student in the district his or her own hard back copy complete with colored illustrations.

Rather than swinging golf clubs or tennis rackets, Rotarians were hauling books, turning pages, placing a "This book belongs to _____" sticker in the front of each dictionary along with "Courtesy of the Rotary Club of _____."

It was an unforgettable experience, an experience well worth stealing. We are delighted with the out break of dictionary projects in California, Utah, New Mexico and especially Colorado (Thanks to Scott Allen) and many surrounding additional states.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: **FOR ALL ROTARIANS AND CLUBS THAT REMIT THEIR DUES AND SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO NORTH AMERICA**

Effective 1 October 2006, lockbox addresses are changing for Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, and The Rotary Foundation (Canada). For a complete listing of clubs and districts affected by this change in mailing address, please consult Rotary's website: www.Rotary.org

Please take note of our new mailing **addresses below.**

For Rotarians and clubs that remit payments and contributions to the US:

- Send membership dues and payments to Rotary **International**:
Rotary International
14255 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693
- Send contributions to The Rotary Foundation:
The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693



For all Rotarians and clubs in Canada:

- Send membership dues and payments to Rotary **International**:
Rotary International Box B9330
P.O. Box 9100, Postal Station F
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5
- Send C\$ and US\$ contributions to The Rotary **Foundation**:
The Rotary Foundation (Canada) Box B9322
P.O. Box 9100, Postal Station F
Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN SALT LAKE CITY UTAH USA FROM 14 TO 20 JUNE 2007

Program Highlights

Thursday, 14 June

- International Institute Welcome Reception
- International RYLA Meeting *(by invitation only)*

Friday, 15 June

- International Institute
- International RYLA Meeting *(by invitation only)*
- Rotaract Preconvention Meeting
- Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting and Banquet

Saturday, 16 June

- Registration
- Genealogy Research Rooms (opening day)
- House of Friendship (opening day)
- International Institute
- Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees
- Rotaract Preconvention Meeting
- Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting
- International RYLA Meeting *(by invitation only)*
- Rotary Foundation Alumni Reunion Seminar and Reception
- Rendezvous Evening of Sensational Entertainment *(host-ticketed event)*

Sunday, 17 June

- Interfaith Service
- Opening Plenary Session
- Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Luncheon
- Rendezvous in the Park *(host-ticketed event)*
- Rendezvous with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir *(host-ticketed event)*

Monday, 18 June

- Second Plenary Session
- Workshops*
- President's Recognition Luncheon
- Host Hospitality Night *(host-ticketed event)*
- Memorable Evening of Musical Theater and Opera *(host-ticketed event)*
- Mountain West Entertainment *(host-ticketed event)*

Tuesday, 19 June

- Third Plenary Session
- Workshops*
- PolioPlus Workshop
- President-elect's Leadership Luncheon
- Rocky Mountain Rodeo *(host-ticketed event)*
- The Rotary Foundation Update

Wednesday, 20 June

- Fourth Plenary Session
- Workshops*
- RI Convention Fun Run/Walk
- Rendezvous in the Rockies Luncheon
- Closing Plenary Session

* Workshop sessions will be held Monday-Wednesday, 1330-1500, and Monday-Tuesday, 1530-1700. Scheduled topics include membership, humanitarian grants, the future vision of The Rotary Foundation, water management, literacy, health and hunger, and the family of Rotary.



17-20 June 2007

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RENDEZVOUS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
SALT LAKE CITY
UTAH, USA

*Join family, friends,
and Rotarians
from around the world
at Rotary's largest
annual get-together!*

REGISTER EARLY AND JOIN YOUR ROTARY FRIENDS WORLDWIDE IN SALT LAKE CITY

*We make it our annual summer vacation.
No words or pictures can describe the great
feeling of being at an RI Convention.
You have to go and see for yourself!*

— Maureen Lennon, Rotary Club of Laval, Quebec, Canada

*I can say, with a great deal of confidence,
that the RI Convention put
the Rotary in this Rotarian.*

— Eric Marcus, Rotary Club of Beavercreek, Ohio, USA

*That day [at the opening ceremony]
I became a Rotarian.
I understood the unlimited potential that lay in
Paul Harris's dream of a world at peace.*

— Past District Governor John Jacob Gardiner,
Rotary Club of Vashon Island, Washington, USA

*You don't want to miss it, because if you do,
you'll miss something wonderful
that could benefit your community —
or the world. Wouldn't that be a shame?*

— Harriett Schloer, Rotary Club of Bend High Desert,
Oregon, USA

*I can't imagine a June without attending
a Rotary convention to get
my "fix" for the upcoming year.*

— Barbara Maves, Rotary Club of Muncie Sunrise,
Indiana, USA



**REGISTER
NOW
AND JOIN
YOUR
ROTARY
FRIENDS
IN SALT
LAKE
CITY,
UTAH**





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