

OUR FOUNDATION



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IS PEACE POSSIBLE?

When I was inducted into the Vail Rotary Club I was presented with a framed document called the “Object of Rotary”, which addressed “the ideal of service” within the four avenues of service.

Invited to the club’s fire-side chats I learned about Our Rotary Foundation and its mission, building greater understanding, goodwill and world peace.

Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay recently said.... “Everything we do through our Rotary clubs — from fighting poverty to eradicating polio — is intended ultimately to promote world peace.”

Through the years Rotary not only quotes the words “promoting world peace” but also sets the course. And now through our World Peace Centers we can say, “... *what better way to contribute to that effort than by helping to develop future world leaders committed to achieving peace and understanding.*”

Join over 200 of our Peace Fellows in Salt Lake City on 15-16 June in break-outs, panels and discussion groups and while attending the World Peace Symposium, there will be ample time to interact with our Rotary Peace Fellows and to learn how we are making peace possible.



*PRRFC Eddie Blender
Editor, Our Foundation*

PEACE SYMPOSIUM

At this year’s convention Rotary introduces a new pre-convention feature, the Rotary World Peace Symposium, which offers a unique opportunity to learn about and discuss Rotary's peace programs.





DON'T MISS THIS.....

Please encourage at least one representative from your district to attend the first ever [Rotary World Peace Symposium](#) slated for 14-16 June, just before the [2007 RI Convention](#) kicks off in Salt Lake City. The event marks the first time a symposium will be held in conjunction with an RI Convention.

Registration is now open for all Rotarians, Foundation alumni, current peace program participants, and guests. To register, download the [convention registration form](#) (PDF). http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/c07_registration_en.pdf

The symposium will honor [The Rotary Foundation](#)'s 90th anniversary celebration and the 10th anniversary of the launch of the [Rotary Centers for International Studies](#) in peace and conflict resolution. Located at seven leading universities around the world, Rotary Centers provide fellows the chance to study in a master's level program in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and other related disciplines.

The [agenda](#) includes a retrospective of the program's first decade and panels on how the work of these scholars is affecting conflicts worldwide. Participants will also get the chance to network, attend regional alumni events, and learn about The Rotary Foundation's short-term [Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program](#), launched in 2006.

Most symposium events will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center and are open to all alumni and fellows.

Interested Rotarians and friends registered for the convention may attend for an additional fee of \$150 and join the dinner for \$50.



http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/c07_registration_en.pdf

KEEPING THE PEACE

Dear Rotary Centers community:

I have just returned from a meeting where the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program selection committee chose the third class of peace fellows to study at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. It's always exhilarating to see what each new class brings to the program. This impressive group of nine women and 16 men, who will begin the 10-week course in July, represent 15 countries and have an average age of 42. They will learn and share together and then return to their jobs with added skills in conflict resolution and peace studies.

**PEACE FELLOWS
ARE WORKING
TO KEEP
THE PEACE AND
PROTECT ALL
CITIZENS.**

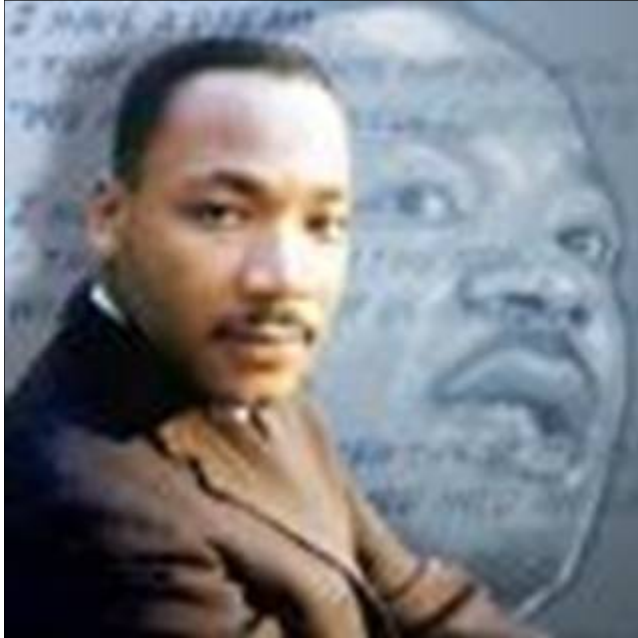
In late January, the Norwegian press reported that Jan Egeland, former emergency relief coordinator for the United Nations, met with UN Secretary-General Ban-Ki-moon in New York. According to Aftenposten, Ban has pegged Egeland to head *a new secretariat for conflict prevention and peace negotiation*.

As Rotary peace fellows become trained in conflict resolution and peace building, they can be part of this process whereby nations are working to keep the peace and protect all citizens. Peace fellows can do this from within the UN, or outside of it, by working with NGOs, governments, and other international bodies. The goal is the same and Rotary is part of it: making the world a more peaceful place.



Judy Gibson
Department Manager
*Rotary Centers for International Studies
in peace and conflict resolution
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ON WAR AND PEACE



Nonviolence is absolute commitment to the way of love. Love is not emotional bash; it is not empty sentimentalism. It is the active outpouring of one's whole being into the being of another.

--Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957

And it is true that man throughout history has sought to achieve justice through violence. And we all know the danger of this method. It seems to create many more social problems than it solves. And it seems to me that in the struggle for justice that this method is ultimately futile.

--Martin Luther King, Jr., *Justice Without Violence*- 3 April 1957

I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and religion enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love.

---Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957

This is where we are. Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind. It is no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence.

--Martin Luther King, Jr., *Remaining Awake Through A Great Revolution*

There are two types of laws: there are just laws and there are unjust laws... What is the difference between the two?...An unjust law is a man-made code that is out of harmony with the moral law.

---Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963

World peace through non-violent means is neither absurd nor unattainable. All other methods have failed. Thus we must begin anew. Non-violence is a good starting point. Those of us who believe in this method can be voices of reason, sanity and understanding amid the voices of violence, hatred and emotion.

--Martin Luther King, Jr., *"DREAMS OF BRIGHTER TOMORROWS"* (March 1965)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of nuclear annihilation... I believe that even amid today's mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow... I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed.

--Martin Luther King, Jr., *Address in Acceptance of Nobel Peace Prize - 10 December 1964*

World peace through nonviolent means is neither absurd nor unattainable. All other methods have failed. Thus we must begin anew. Nonviolence is a good starting point. Those of us who believe in this method can be voices of reason, sanity, and understanding amid the voices of violence, hatred, and emotion. We can very well set a mood of peace out of which a system of peace can be built.

----Martin Luther King, Jr., *December 1964*

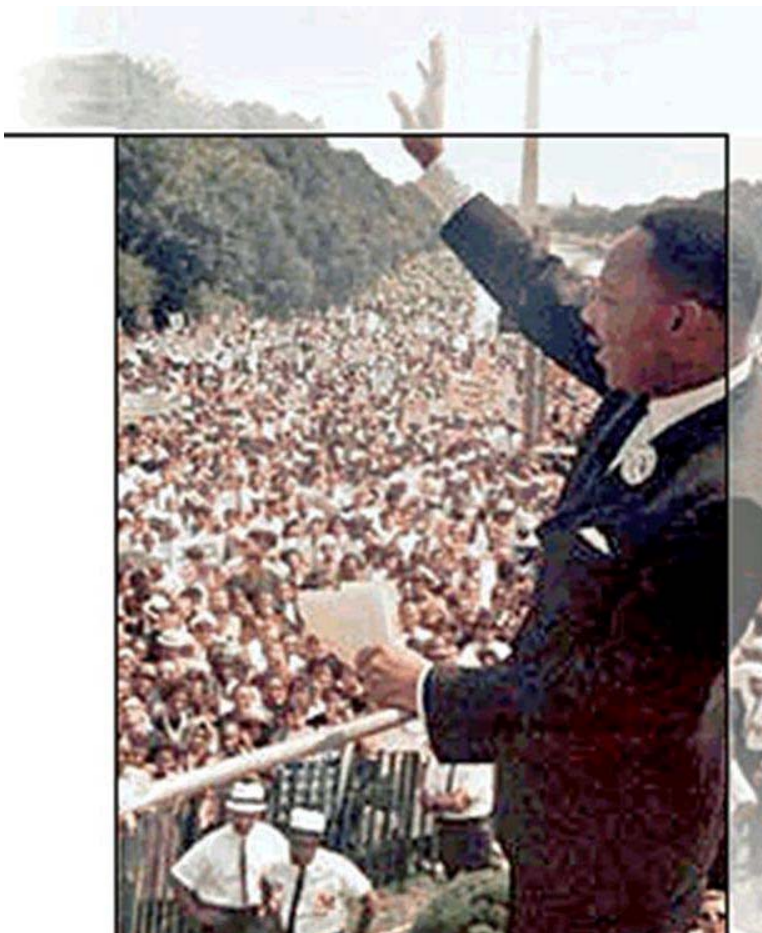
In struggling for human dignity the oppressed people of the world must not allow themselves to become bitter or indulge in hate campaigns. To retaliate with hate and bitterness would do nothing but intensify the hate in the world.

Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can be done only by projecting the ethics of love to the center of our lives.

----Martin Luther King, Jr., *undated*

The ultimate test of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and moments of convenience, but where he stands in moments of challenge and moments of controversy.

--Martin Luther King, Jr., *27 January 1965*





2007-08
*Rotary Foundation Alumni
 General Coordinator
 Don Osburn*

One of The Rotary Foundation Chairman-elect Bhichai Rattakul's Goals for 2007-08 is "Reconnecting with Alumni." (please see article below)

This goal was the theme of the March 8-11 Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator Institute. The RFACs established their individual goals and plans of action to reach this goal. With the excellent support of staff and volunteers, the RFACs will represent The Rotary Foundation with enthusiasm and diligence as they work around the world during the coming year to invite alumni to reconnect with their Rotary family.

I want to assure you that Assistant General Coordinator Rodney Mazinter and I, along with the RFACs and the TRF staff, will be available to support Rotarians worldwide.

Don Osburn, Rotary Foundation Alumni General Coordinator

FOUNDATION ALUMNI AND ROTARY

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman-elect Bhichai Rattakul, who served as RI president in 2002-03, said (at the 2007 International Assembly in San Diego) his goal for the upcoming Rotary year is to contribute to the bigger Foundation dream of making the world better through humanitarian and educational programs. Referring to the Foundation's founder, Rattakul said, "Arch Klumph had a dream for doing good in the world, and we are indeed fortunate to be a part of his dream."

Chairman-elect Rattakul outlined a four-point action plan for all Rotarians: Conquer polio, support The Rotary Foundation's programs through the Annual Program Fund's Every Year, Every Rotarian initiative, ask Foundation alumni to join Rotary clubs, and redouble efforts to bring peace and goodwill to the world. And in addition to eradicating Polio, Foster Peace and Goodwill and supporting EREY The incoming Chairman also asked that we: **ENCOURAGE ALUMNI TO JOIN ROTARY.**

Rotary Foundation alumni have the same mindset about service as Rotarians do, and, when asked, they are likely to join a Rotary club, said Rattakul. "Let us reach out to them. Let us continue to invest in our Foundation alumni by giving them the opportunity to serve others through Rotary," he said. Foundation alumni include Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, and Group Study Exchange teams.

Each year at the assembly, the incoming trustee chair announces goals for the coming Rotary year. Governors-elect will take these messages back to clubs in their districts as they begin planning for the year ahead.



TRF CHAIRMAN-ELECT RATTAKUL

ROTARY REGIONAL FOUNDATION COORDINATORS ATTEND 2007 INSTITUTE

The Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators' Institute (March 2007) has again formed a highly motivated team out of the participating RRFCs, Trustees, including the Chairman and the Chairmen-elect for 2007/08 and 2008/09, incoming Trustees and staff from headquarters and our international offices.

They all participated with enthusiasm and good spirit in plenary sessions and breakouts on various foundation topics, but also facilitation practice.

We heard addresses from Chairman-elect Bhichai Rattakul, Chairman Luis Giay, President Bill Boyd, President-elect Wilf Wilkinson, General Secretary Ed Futa, a World Peace Fellow, and attended an induction of two of our fellow RRFCs into the Arch C. Klumph Society, Yusuf Kodwawwala and V. J. Patel.

On the last day we had joint sessions with the RFACs to further their integration into the RRFCs' teams. This was also graduation day for the 41 participating RRFCs, who left the Institute well prepared and eager to share their passion for our Foundation with all Rotarians.

All the participants have meanwhile returned home to continue their successful work for our Foundation with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. Especially the RRFCs will have started their team training, where they can practice and communicate their updated knowledge and skills and thus Lead the Way towards a successful 2007/08, where Rotary Shares and we all will do our best to not only achieve, but even surpass our goals.

Rolf Hörndler

*Moderator, 2007 Regional Rotary
Foundation Coordinators' Institute*

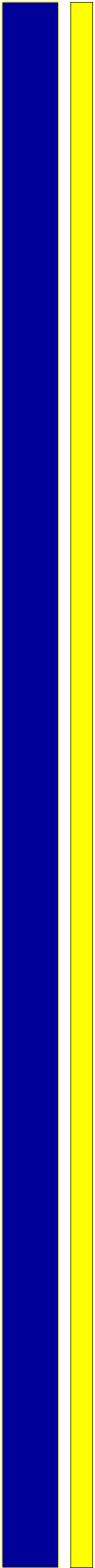


Rolf Hörndler
*Moderator, 2007 Regional Rotary
Foundation Coordinators' Institute*

RRFCS TEAM TRAINING

Strategic Advisors (APF)
Major Gift Advisors
Foundation Alumni Coordinators





YOU'RE INVITED...

Dear Rotary Foundation Alumni,

Please see the invitation on the next page for information on our Alumni program/reception on Saturday 16 June at the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City.

You do not have to register for the convention to attend the alumni program and reception (this event is free); however we encourage you to register with the Alumni Relations Department.

We hope that you can join us!

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
SALT LAKE CITY
UTAH, USA

The Rotary Foundation Trustees invite
all former Foundation program participants to a
special alumni event.

16 June 2007
Program: 3:30-5:00 pm
Reception: 5:00-6:00 pm

Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown
75 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

Join your fellow Rotary Foundation alumni and Rotarians for a Rocky Mountain Rendezvous! This event will focus on the achievements of Foundation alumni including presentation of the 2006-07 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award.

Admission is free.

Please RSVP to alumni@rotary.org.

Alumni who are not Rotarians may attend the entire convention **17-20 June** for a reduced registration fee. Highlights include prominent speakers as well as workshops and discussion groups. Get more information at www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/index.html.

Mark your calendars for next year's alumni event on **14 June 2008** in Los Angeles, California. This will be the first full-day preconvention alumni event featuring speakers, workshops, networking opportunities, and a reception tailored for Rotary Foundation alumni.

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A COURSE OF ACTION: EVERY ROTARIAN—EVERY YEAR

Rotarians, you know the direct impact Foundation programs have in shaping the young minds of the world through education and Group Study Exchange.

You know that clean water wells save millions of children from certain death each year.

You know that sustainable projects that alleviate poverty, eliminate hunger, and improve basic education empower those less fortunate to provide for their families and be productive members of their societies.

These are only a few reasons why I am counting on you to help *Lead the Way* and encourage every Rotarian in each of our 32,442 Rotary clubs to contribute to the Annual Programs Fund before this Rotary year ends.

Let us use our intellect, creativity, labors, fellowship and philanthropy to support our Rotary

Foundation and make our world a better place today than we found it yesterday.

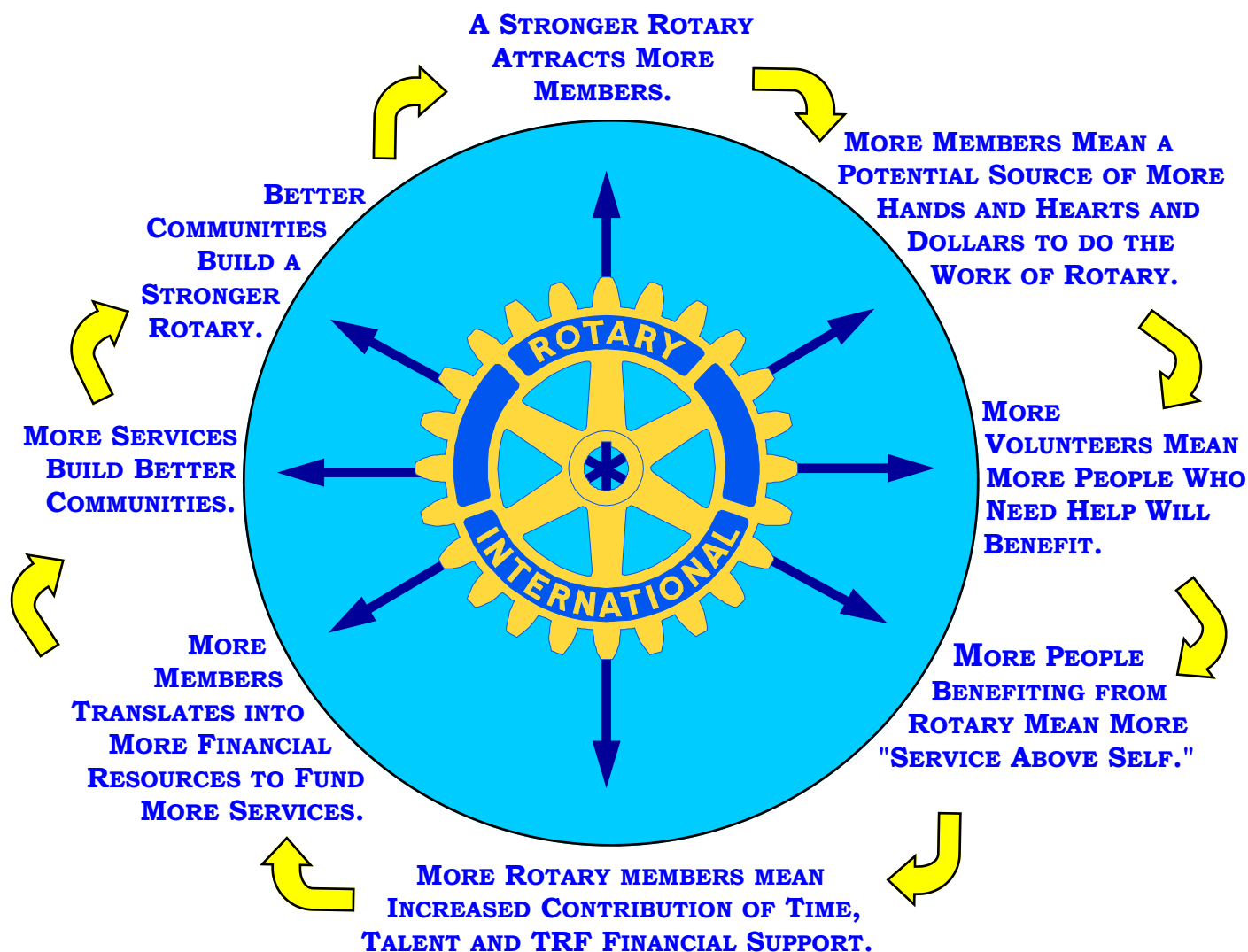


Luis Vicente Giay
Trustee Chair,
TRF 2006-07

**Every Rotarian,
Every Year simply
is our way of saying
we need continuing
Annual Programs
Fund support
to keep Our
Foundation strong.**



THE MAGIC CYCLE OF ROTARY: *MEMBERSHIP, OUR FOUNDATION AND SERVICE*



**PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT,
INCREASING MEMBERSHIP,
FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICE
ARE THE KEY INGREDIENTS
IN THE
MAGIC CYCLE OF ROTARY**

CONTINUING THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE.



Dear fellow Rotarians,

I'm writing to all of you to clarify some recent press reports that mischaracterized a recent meeting hosted by Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization, as a debate on whether to continue the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

I, along with past RI President James Lacy and Trustee Robert Scott, attended this meeting at which we heard Dr. Chan speak powerfully in support of polio eradication. In her opening remarks, she stated that anything other than eradication was unacceptable. She also let it be known that a different way of doing business was required in order to achieve a polio-free world.

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RI President William B. Boyd, CDC Director Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH, UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Kul Gautam, and WHO Director-General Dr. Margaret Chan.

Photo courtesy of WHO



To that end, high-level representatives from governments, donors and international agencies, endorsed a final plan with clear milestones over the next 24-months.

These major stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment as the overwhelming financial and human benefits of eradication were presented and supported by an independent Harvard study, which indicated that the economic benefits to the United States alone will exceed US\$180 billion this century with the total cost of eradication estimated at US\$5 billion.

All agreed to improve the quality of vaccination campaigns in the four endemic countries (Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria), and to mobilize the necessary funds to complete polio eradication.

What does all this mean for Rotary? We promised the children of the world that they would grow up in a world without polio, and that their children would not have to face the threat of this crippling and potentially fatal disease. If we are to fulfill that promise, we need to stay focused until there is no more wild polio virus.

We know that the only way to protect every child from polio is to eradicate it completely. The strategies and tools are known, and health experts agree that the challenges to stopping the spread of polio can be met. Since Rotary was the first organization to have the vision of a polio-free world, we need to sustain our commitment to creating a world with one less threat for every child.

[Read a related article at the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Web site.](#)

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International



All under-fives must be immunized during National Immunization Days



This child, who has polio, holds her brother in her arms, for fear he may also get the disease. Tori, Gambella Region, Ethiopia



Launching of NID, Past TRF Trustee José Alfredo Pretoni administering Oral Polio Vaccine



To reach every child, vaccination teams cross rivers, mountain passes and deserts, ensuring no village is missed during an NID.

ROTARY CENTERS FEATURED ALUMNI AND PARTICIPANTS — APRIL 2007



Ms. Maria Effendi, Pakistan, RWPF 2006-08, University of Bradford, sponsored by District 3270

Maria Effendi, 27, is a Class V Rotary World Peace Fellow who is pursuing a Masters of Arts (M.A.) in Conflict Resolution at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford. She is from Islamabad, Pakistan.



Prior to becoming a Rotary World Peace Fellow, Maria worked for 6 years as a social science researcher focusing on conflict resolution initially at the University of Karachi, and then at the Institute of Regional Studies in Islamabad. She has been accepted to conduct her summer applied field experience (internship) with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, in Sweden, where she will carry out a research study tentatively entitled "Implications of Iran's Nuclear Issues for Pakistan."

Her career plans are to be an expert and practitioner of conflict resolution and crisis management in South East Asia, and bridge the gap between academics and policy makers in Pakistan. Maria is planning to attend the Rotary Peace Symposium in Salt

Ms. Megan Powers, USA, RWPF 2004-06, Universidad del Salvador, sponsored by District 5960

Megan presents her
research at 2006
Annual Seminar at
USAL.



Prior to receiving her Rotary World Peace Fellowship, Megan taught English in South Korea and coordinated the Nepal School Project at Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. Megan's studies Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires focused on the impact the World Bank's anti-corruption policies have on countries where it funds education and also where there are gaps in the World Bank's internal procedures.

As her career unfolds, Megan hopes to continue to integrate global issues into education and to facilitate conflict resolution. "I've begun to learn how basic education issues (such as access to schooling, literacy, etc.) can't be viewed in isolation from larger issues that serve as barriers to education. (I've learned) more about these barriers, such as the effects of child labor, of violent conflict, and of corruption in the education system."

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FROM EVERY DISTRICT

Spread the word! Districts are now accepting applications for the 2008-10 Rotary World Peace Fellowship as well as the January 2008 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program session. The submission deadline for districts for both programs is **1 July**. Please help us reach our goal of **one application per Rotary District** for the upcoming selections. The success of the programs depend on large pools of qualified applicants.

Remember, districts comprised of more than one country can now submit one Rotary World Peace Fellowship application from each country in the district. Also, districts may submit an unlimited number of applications for the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program. Find details about the programs, including [applications](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/index.html), online at:

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/index.html>.

Please contact Catherine Hutchins at:

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UPCOMING ROTARY CENTER ANNUAL SEMINARS

Rotary Center: Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Date: Saturday, 14 April

Rotary Center: University of California, Berkeley

Date: Sunday, 29 April

Rotary Center: International Christian University, Tokyo

Date: Saturday, 2 June



WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...



"Can personal friendships grow into national friendships in such manner as to promote the interests of peace?..."

Yes, but it is a dream that we can make come true. Our confidence must never falter. I believe that there is justification for our faith, in the lives of great men such as these, who were faithful to their trusts, who could be friendly, and who were "what they seemed."

Paul Harris, The Rotarian magazine 1925

<http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/rotarian/192510sixthobject.htm>

Paul Harris was writing about our fourth object of Rotary (then known as the sixth object) in 1925 and spent some time discussing some of the various friends he had met through the Rotary movement from all parts of the world.

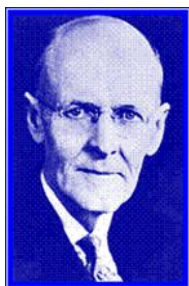
Today, it seems clear to me, that the best way to make friends from all over the world is to get involved with our Global Networking Groups – Vocational & Recreational Fellowships and Rotarian Action Groups. <http://www.globalnetworkinggroups.org> The work that these organizations carry out is vast and varied and there is a group for you!

Through our Global Networking Groups long-lasting and lifelong friendships can be made. Our first object of Rotary states that acquaintance is an opportunity for service. Any club member can see the truth in that statement by considering her or his own club. These "Fellowships" allows the Rotarian to take a step further and make friends on an international basis.

For example, Rotary Global History Fellowship <http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org> is a worldwide fellowship of nearly 130 members based in more than 30 countries. It is a grouping of like-minded individuals. RGHF has also opened doors for many Rotarians around the world and directly led to successful matching grant projects and Group Study Exchanges to name but two developments.

***Other fellowships can boast of similar successes.
Never underestimate the power of global networking!***

Calum Thomson
RGHF Chairman 2006—2007
R/C Longniddry, District 1010
District 1020, Scotland



**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 at: <http://www.historycomment.org>**



Does this Photo represent the southern-most branch of Rotary International in Port Williams, Tierra del Feugo, Argentina?

Is there a MORE southern-most branch of Rotary International any where else on the planet?

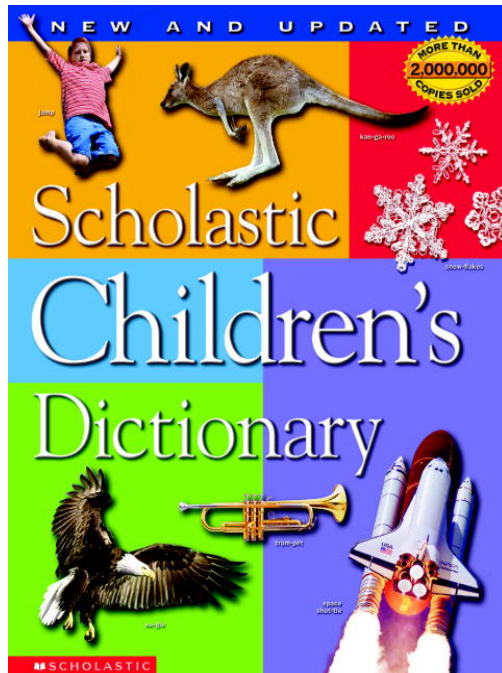
OUR TRF MISSION STATEMENT:

- 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

THE ROTARY DICTIONARY PROJECT

<http://www.usadictionaryproject.org>

NOW REACHING — THROUGH ROTARY CLUBS — 50,000 CHILDREN



THE MISSION: To provide EVERY third grader with their very own personal HARDCOVER dictionary.

This *dictionary project* has taken two roads for our 26 members Interquest Rotary Club. We are located in D5470 – Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Locally supporting 2800 3rd graders in three school districts continues as our most worthwhile youth project. Each of our school districts is having high growth rates so in November 2007 we will support over 3200 students. This project provides an extremely synergetic bond to all of the other projects we do!

Are you seeking a project that really works and one that Rotarians LOVE to be involved with? Try this one!

Nationally we continue to grow the dictionary project by leaps and bounds. This year this project has been renamed the **USA Dictionary Project** and a website is now in operation. Currently we are on track to furnish 150+ Rotary Clubs in 10+ states over 50,000 books.

All this from a start of 360 books in Eagle County, Colorado in the year 2000 and then 5400 books in 2001 while keeping the quality high and the price low. This year we will be providing a brand new edition!

<http://www.usadictionaryproject.org>

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THE ROTARY DICTIONARY PROJECT

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2007-2008 — THE GIFT OF WORDS
THE 7TH YEAR OF SERVING OUR YOUTH

Find more than 30,000 entries with easy-to-understand descriptions in this comprehensive, illustrated hardcover dictionary, which include phonetic pronunciations, parts of speech, synonyms, plus 600 color photographs.

It's made for children -- Ages 9 to 14 and a perfect place to begin is with your third graders. The retail price \$18.95

BUT get it for much less money through Rotary! It's even cheaper than schools can purchase.

The cost: A special group price of \$9.00 per book in quantities of 6.

This is a proven service project in your Rotary clubs, your local community and for your local YOUTH:

Provide EVERY third grader with their very own personal dictionary. (Please include public, private and home-schooled children.)

Rotarians: come aboard and do you're own - "My very own book day!"

This is a simple and easy to do project with a HUGE impact in your local community!

Email at: usadictionary@comcast.net



Rotarian Scott Allen
Interquest RC
Colorado Springs, Colorado USA

<http://www.usadictionaryproject.org>

TRF DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Rotarian Robert S. Brown (right) inducted into the Arch Klumph Society by (L to R) RIPP's Jim Lacy, Luis Vicente Gay and Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

The Rotary Foundation has embarked on a 10-year, US\$95 million fundraising initiative to permanently endow the Rotary Centers program by 2015.

A key component of this effort is significant major gifts from our generous Foundation supporters. ***Among these supporters are Arch C. Klumph Society members Robert S. and Eileen Brown.*** The couple has committed and contributed more than \$2.7 million to the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Their support has already funded a Rotary World Peace Fellow at the University of California, Berkeley.

A consultant and an investor in a variety of organizations, Rob Brown served most recently as president and CEO of Venture Plastics, a plastic injection molding company.

He joined the Rotary Club of Towsontowne, Maryland, USA, in 1989 and currently serves Rotary as an RI representative to the United Nations and a member of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee. He has also served as district governor, member of RI's UN Delegation and Diplomatic Relations Committee and World Community Service Programs Task Force, and regional Rotary Foundation coordinator for Zone 32.

Brown, who has an academic background in marine transportation and sailed with the Merchant Marine in his youth, was pleased to learn that the fellowship he and his wife funded went to Roland Bolado, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a naval officer with the armed forces of the Philippines. Bolado will graduate from the Rotary Centers program at UC Berkeley later this year.



A TALE OF TWO CLUBS.

NEVER GIVE UP ON YOUR PROJECTS OR OUR FOUNDATION

There was once upon a time two clubs in the same (unnamed) district who sought The Rotary Foundation's help in securing a matching grant in order to carry out their humanitarian projects in one of the poorest countries of the world.



Unfortunately, the country in question had very few Rotary Clubs and had stretched their open project list with The Rotary Foundation to its maximum of five. Rotarians seemed overwhelmed by the amount of work they had to undertake for the Foundation on behalf of donor Rotarians all around the world. Project Report deadlines came and went and this led to our two clubs in a district and country far, far away being left disappointed that they could not secure a partner club.

One Club immediately blamed The Rotary Foundation claiming it was so unfair that a country in desperate need of help could not be supported simply because the host country Rotary Clubs were not current and compliant in reporting back on previous projects. The club took their grievance to their District Governor and the District Rotary Foundation committee and went as far as their zone RRFC. Each tried to explain and support the club whose altruistic aims were much admired. But, alas, this club was tired to listening and declared to all fellow clubs in their district that they would not support our Foundation in the future.

The other club, on the other hand, patiently and quietly worked with their potential partner club and kept up correspondence with local Rotarians and encouraged them to get the paper work in order. They never gave up and they never gave in. They waited because they knew their project was sound and it was so desperately needed. Eventually the wonderful news came back that the club had sorted out their backlog of project reports and could take on this essential humanitarian project. The application was submitted and approved and both clubs celebrated together, as one.

What do we learn? Never give up on your projects or our Foundation. The strict rules of stewardship are in place to protect Rotarians generous contributions and to establish a system of certainty and consistency with the humanitarian grant program.

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QUIET DONATION WILL ECHO THROUGH THE YEARS



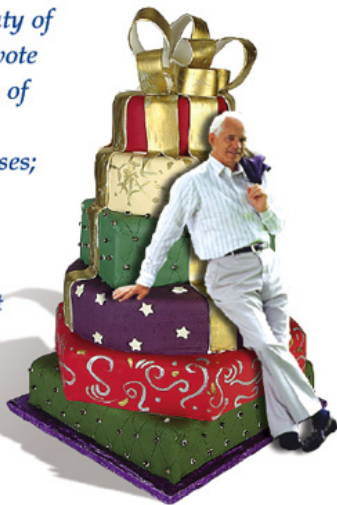
A RECENT DONATION OF US \$1.2 MILLION has put The Rotary Foundation one giant step closer to reaching its goal of permanently endowing the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The gift, made by a Rotarian in District 3450 (Hong Kong; Macau; Mongolia) who would like to remain anonymous, is a landmark event in the development of the Rotary Centers.

"Rotarians are truly beginning to understand the power of the centers," says Dr. Edward 'Eddie' Blender, chair of the Rotary Centers Major Gifts initiative, which aims to raise \$95 million by 2015. He called the donation, which will endow two Rotary World Peace Fellowships targeting candidates from Central Asia and the Middle East, "a marvelous example to help kick off this initiative."

The fellowships cover tuition and other expenses for the fellows, who focus on areas related to peace and conflict resolution, such as international law, public health, and journalism.

"I deem it the duty of every man to devote a certain portion of his income for charitable purposes; and that it is his further duty to see it so applied as to do the most good of which it is capable."

— Thomas Jefferson



The first fellows began their studies in 2002, and three classes have graduated since then. "As the program continues, a growing cadre of graduates will share a special bond as Rotary World Peace Fellows," the donor notes. "One can envision them forming a network across national and organizational boundaries and all of them sharing the same lofty goals. What this group might accomplish, one can only imagine."

With the \$1.2 million gift – the largest outright gift ever received for the program – the donor hopes to encourage other Rotarians to show their support for the Rotary Centers. "Gifts made in the form of a permanent endowment will continue contributing to the world that your grandchildren and their grandchildren will inherit," the donor says.

In October, Blender, a past district governor, was appointed chair of the Rotary Centers Major Gifts initiative, and John Germ, past RI vice president, was appointed vice chair. They will work to meet the fundraising goal of \$95 million. The initiative now stands at roughly \$17 million in gifts and commitments.

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CENTERS DONATION ... *CONTINUED*

"We wish to raise enough funds to completely endow the centers," Blender says. "We are seeking Rotarians who feel strongly about the Peace Centers program and are able to give significant financial support."

The Rotary Centers, he notes, are ideally positioned to fulfill the mission of The Rotary Foundation: ... advancing understanding, goodwill, and peace. "Your investment in the Peace Centers Program" he says, "will live forever to help change the world."

How to donate and to learn more about the Rotary Centers Major Gifts initiative (RCMGI) go to <http://www.rotary.org>, or contact TRF Staff Donald Balcom at 847-866-3000, donald.balcom@rotary.org and/or Eric Schmelling at 847 866-4458 or eric.schmelling@rotary.org.



THE FOUNDATION MOMENT

What is the Foundation Moment?

It is one to three minutes taken near the beginning of a Rotary Meeting to show how our Rotary Foundation saves and changes Lives. That's what Our Rotary Foundation does and the Foundation Moment is an excellent way to do a better job bringing our Rotary Foundation to life for every Rotarian. After all too many Rotarians know too little about Our Rotary Foundation.

The Foundation moment is a great way for Club Rotarians to discover for themselves, how Our Rotary Foundation Saves and Changes Lives.

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

Time is running out to enjoy discounted registration fees for the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, 17-20 June. Although, you can register on-site, you'll save 10 percent if you sign up online by 31 March. After that date, you can still register online through 31 May, but at on-site prices.

In addition, registration for all RI-ticketed events closes on 31 March. Please note, many of the RI luncheons have sold out, including the RI President's Recognition, President-elect Leadership, Paul Harris Fellows, and Rendezvous in the Rockies luncheons.

Any tickets that become available through cancellations or refunds will be sold on-site at the convention on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each Rotary convention offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make new friends, network with Rotarians from around the world, and enjoy topnotch speakers and entertainment. Here are some of the highlights for the 2007 RI Convention:

PEACE SYMPOSIUM

This year, Rotary introduces a new pre convention feature, the Rotary World Peace Symposium, which offers a unique opportunity to learn about and discuss Rotary's peace programs.

Meet some of the fascinating program alumni of the Rotary Centers for International Studies and Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, and learn how they are contributing to world peace. Furthermore, the symposium provides an opportunity to network with the Peace Fellows and with fellow Rotarians on peace-related projects. The meeting will be held in English, with simultaneous interpretation in Japanese, Korean, and Spanish.

SPECIAL GUESTS

William Gates Sr., father of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, is a special guest speaker during the third plenary session on Tuesday, 19 June. Gates, a retired attorney, is a co-chair of **the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which works to "reduce inequities and improve lives around the world"** and is a major private foundation contributor to polio eradication efforts. William Gates Sr. is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Seattle and will speak at the convention about the role of charitable foundations.

Other convention speakers include **Jenny Horton, a former Australian Youth Exchange student** who, inspired by Rotary and its polio eradication efforts, later became a Rotarian and a World Health Organization consultant.

You'll also hear from **Tom Ristimaki, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar** who has been involved in Rotary as a Youth Exchange student, RYLA winner, and RYLA staffer. His experiences led him to devote two years to community service in Canada.

Francis Moloi, South African high commissioner to India and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, will speak on the theme for the session: "Rotary In Action." And Hyrum Smith will inspire attendees to get more out of life and work through values-based time and life management.

Special guest **Rotarian Stephen Covey**, author of the bestselling book *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, will lead a workshop on the final day of the convention.

Performer **Donny Osmond** and renowned New Zealand opera singer **Dame Malvina Major** will open and close the event.

REGISTER NOW AND JOIN YOUR ROTARY FRIENDS 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



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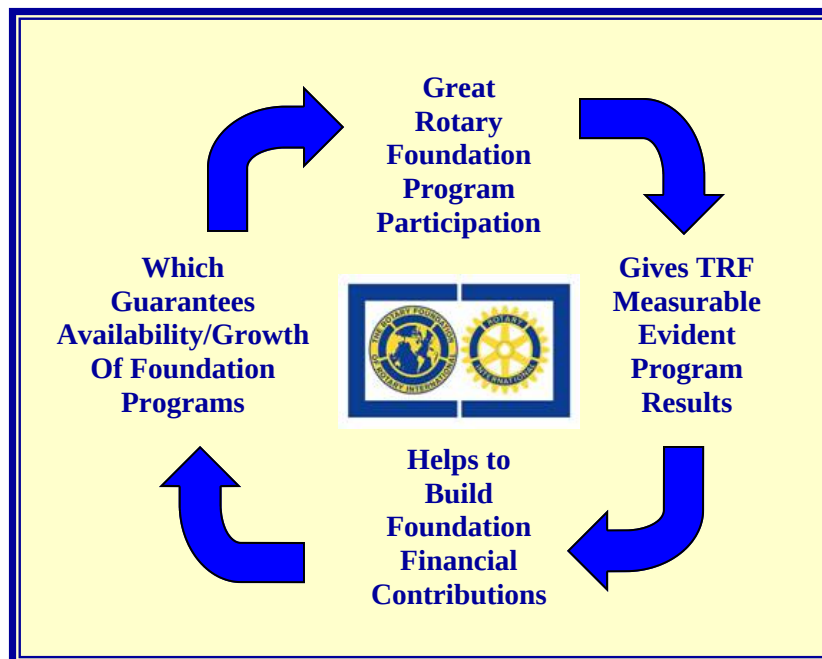


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