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## EDUCATING A GENERATION OF GLOBAL “CHANGE AGENTS”



**Edwin M. Epstein,**  
*Director, Berkeley Peace Center  
University of California, Berkeley*

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution is a bold and creative initiative of The Rotary Foundation. In 1999 the Centers concept officially became known as the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows began their studies in fall 2002.

The program's three objectives are:

- To advance research, teaching, publication, and knowledge of issues of peace and goodwill, causes of conflict, and world understanding
- To provide advanced educational opportunities for a group of Rotary World Peace Fellows chosen from various countries and cultures in order to advance knowledge and world understanding among potential future leaders of government, business, education, media and other professions
- To establish a program through which The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the member clubs of Rotary International may become increasingly effective in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world peace and understanding.



***“THE ROTARY CENTERS ARE A FARSIGHTED AND CRITICAL STEP IN THE FOUNDATION'S COMMITMENT TO WORLD PEACE, GOODWILL, AND UNDERSTANDING BY EDUCATING A GENERATION OF GLOBAL ‘CHANGE AGENTS’ WHO, BY THEIR IDEAS AND ACTIONS, WILL BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF CREATING A MORE JUST AND PEACEFUL GLOBAL COMMUNITY.”***



## LEADING TO IMPROVEMENTS IN BASIC HUMAN NEEDS



***“Do we have a secret formula for peace? No, but we and the other Rotary Peace Centers do provide some new paths to supplement older ones that are no longer sufficient.”***



*Dr. James L. Peacock, Kenan professor of anthropology at UNC Chapel Hill, is co-director of the Duke/UNC Rotary Center.*

The focus of the Rotary World Peace Centers is not on ending wars but in preventing conflict from ever occurring. Conflict prevention must address the promotion of sustainable development policies that lead to improvements in basic human needs and rights, more equitable access to resources and services, and the assurance of freedom and dignity.

Peace Centers like ours at Duke/UNC provide an opportunity to study emerging approaches and then to apply and develop them around the world.

Graduating Rotary World Peace Fellows have taken these new approaches with them and put them to the test. A few examples of the work of our Duke and UNC alumni:

- constitution-building efforts in southern Sudan,
- supporting the peace process in Colombia,
- election monitoring in Afghanistan and Iraq and
- poverty reduction through education programs in Asia.

**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***

## HAVING A SIGNIFICANT, POSITIVE IMPACT ON WORLD PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION DURING THEIR FUTURE CAREERS.



*Dr. Francis Lethem, Director and Professor of the Practice, Duke Center for International Development, Duke University is Co-Director of the Duke-UNC Rotary Center*

One of the strengths of the Rotary program in Peace and Conflict Resolution is that it recognizes that each conflict is unique in its causes, and therefore must be addressed from a variety of disciplines and methods.

The Rotary program is ideally placed to do so because we are a network of 6 Peace Centers, each with its complementary philosophy and specializations, where mid-career professionals already committed to promoting world peace can find the best match for their interests and the best opportunities to further develop their knowledge and experience.

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In addition, at Duke-UNC, we make sure that, as part of their Capstone seminar, our Peace fellows are prepared for their future leadership roles through individual coaching on their preferred leadership styles and career plans, as well as through intensive discussions with visiting senior officials and our own alumni about their career paths and experience.

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The result has been that about three quarters of our first 22 graduates are now working with international development and humanitarian organizations and similar bilateral organizations and international NGOs, while the remainder are pursuing further graduate studies or returned to work with their Government.

**Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.**

**- John F. Kennedy**

## INCORPORATING PEACEBUILDING INTO CLASS CURRICULA: EXPERIENCE OF DUKE/UNC ROTARY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION



*Dr. Natalia Mirovitskaya  
Duke Center for  
International Development*

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### ***Making a Difference:***

The experiences our fellows have had during their Master’s programs at our two universities, the knowledge and training they receive through the Rotary Center and core courses in peace and conflict resolution, the connections they make with top leaders around the world during their summer internships, the community of peacemakers they have formed with other Rotary Peace Fellows during their two years of graduate study – all of these contribute to the immediate impact the Rotary World Peace Fellows make in real life.

For example, **Richard Gee** (2002-2004 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Britain), after graduation, was approached by the International Organization for Migration to assist Afghan refugees living in Pakistan and Iran register for the first democratic elections of Afghanistan. This opportunity was directly linked to his final Master’s Project entitled “Refugee Enfranchisement in the 2004 Afghan Presidential Elections.” The requested task was to register and conduct a poll for up to 1.5 million refugees in a



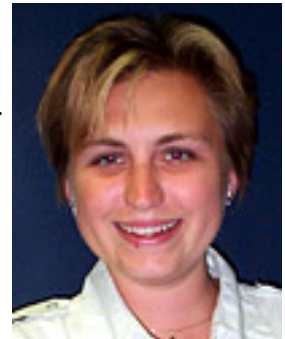
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period of less than three months. A network of field offices began the task of informing the refugee populations about the elections and what it meant to participate in a democratic process. Many had fled Afghanistan during the 1980s or after the Taliban took power.

As part of the process Richard traveled to many of the regions where the refugees lived, met with refugee elders, local and national politicians and women's groups to help encourage a safe and enthusiastic turnout. After completing his term as Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief Electoral Officer for Afghanistan in Kabul, Afghanistan, Richard Gee has been working on providing support for elections in Iraq and Palestine and is now with the Electoral Assistance Division of the UN Secretariat.



**Susan Stigant**, 2003-2005 World Peace Fellow from Canada, is currently working in Rumbeck, Sudan with the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. In the first few months of her deployment in Sudan, Susan has provided support to the constitutional technical committee and to a constitutional convention - a topic on which she had done considerable research during her studies. Currently she is working on a civic education campaign on the constitution that takes information to be distributed throughout South Sudan.



**Bautista Logioco**, 2002-2004 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Argentina, wrote his Masters thesis on *Strategies for Mainstreaming Conflict Prevention into International Development Policies and Programs*. He is currently working as Chief of Mission for Colombia, Special Area for the Promotion of Dialogue and Conflict Resolution at the Organization of American States – position that allows him to implement his thesis recommendations into practice.



**Mitchell O'Brien**, 2002-2004 Rotary World Peace Scholar from Australia, has been employed by the World Bank to write a book on constitution-building processes in post-conflict countries, also on the basis of his Master's Project. The work of these and other graduates of the Duke/UNC Program contributes to the development of the theory of peace-building and, on the other side, has already made a real-life difference in the countries torn by violence, hunger, disease, and poverty.





## FAR TOO FEW MEDIATORS

"Today, there are still far too few mediators who are experienced practitioners in conflict resolution. There is an urgent need to produce another generation of people who can play a mediating role in the future."

- Paul Rogers,  
Professor of Peace Studies,  
University of Bradford



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Photos by Monika Lozinska-Lee

*Professor Terry Barnett (the University of North Carolina) teaching his International Conflict Management class*





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THE LIFE OF A ROTARY  
WORLD PEACE FELLOW.  
AN EXCERPT FROM “THE  
PEACEMAKERS” IN THE  
FEBRUARY 2007 ISSUE OF  
*THE ROTARIAN*

“Today, we are going to be speaking Arabic only – English is banned,” Professor Nasser Isleem tells the 23 students in his beginning Arabic class at the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#). He hands out their graded midterm exams.

Shai Tamari, a first-year [Rotary World Peace Fellow](#), gets 94 1/2 points. “There’ll be peace after all in the Middle East,” he jokes. A Jewish man born in Jerusalem, Tamari hopes that by studying global history with a specialization in conflict resolution and Arabic, he’ll be able to help find a political solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Tamari says he grew up in a society that taught him to feel superior to Palestinians. But as a child, he never understood why he was supposed to feel that way. “I always felt something wasn’t quite kosher to hate Arabs for a reason I didn’t understand,” he says.

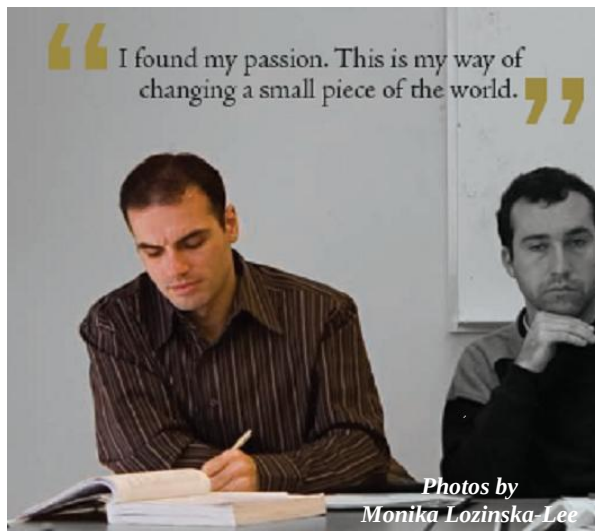
It’s 4 p.m. on a Friday. Tamari is pretending to be a conflict consultant advising Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh. He stands at a lectern in front of his international conflict management class. The 21 students seated in front of him are his team. Their job is to figure out whether Tamari should advise Haniyeh to persuade Palestinian officials to recognize the state of Israel.

After he gives an overview of the problem, Tamari talks about the obstacles that might color his thinking. “Because I was raised in Israel, I was raised with



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walls in my head,” he says. “That’s why it’s important for me to talk to people who are not Jewish.”

At 18, Tamari began his mandatory service in the Israeli military. “I wanted to go into it,” he says. He had a hard time adjusting, though. As an only child, just sharing a room with other soldiers was something of a shock. But his eventual disenchantment with the military stemmed from a more serious factor. “I realized I didn’t want to hurt people,” he says. “I don’t have the ability to confront someone with a weapon.”

During his first month in uniform, members of Tamari’s unit were ordered to man a checkpoint just outside their base in the West Bank. They were told to allow all cars to pass. At one point, a car with a Palestinian license plate drove up. “One of the soldiers from my unit walked to the center of the road, lifted his rifle, and aimed it at the driver,” Tamari says. “The driver slammed on the brakes and stopped a few meters from the soldier. Neither of them spoke. The soldier then lowered his weapon and let the driver resume his journey. As the soldier returned to the side of the road, he wore a grin on his face. What bothered me most was that I did not speak a word. I was shocked. Until that time, I never thought Israeli soldiers abused Palestinians.”

After three years in the army, Tamari became a civilian again, uncertain about what to do next. He moved to Australia and earned his bachelor’s degree in journalism. Halfway through his studies, however, he realized he wanted to change paths. He knew he wanted to work to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In 2006, he obtained his master’s degree in Near and Middle Eastern studies from the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies.

“I found my passion,” Tamari says. “This is my way of changing a small piece of the world.”

### How you can help?

Fellows such as Tamari are largely funded by Rotary districts and Rotarians that contribute financially to our six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution around the world. Do you wish to help? To be more involved in The Rotary Foundation’s educational programs? Please e-mail [EBlender@aol.com](mailto:EBlender@aol.com) for more information.



**The Rotary Foundation aims to raise US\$95 million by June 2015 to fund 120 Rotary World Peace Fellows every year. So far, approximately \$17 million has been raised. For information on how to donate, including special naming opportunities, e-mail [plannedgiving@rotary.org](mailto:plannedgiving@rotary.org) or call Donald R. Balcom, Fund Development Manager, at 847-866-3222.**

## A CAREER MILITARY OFFICER WITH THE PHILIPPINE ARMY STUDIES AT DUKE IN THE ROTARY CENTERS PEACE FELLOWS PROGRAM.

By Tiffany Woods

First-year peace fellow Crisostomo Jr. “Jun” Bas is curled up on his living room floor with one book over his face and another under his arm. His laptop is on the coffee table next to him. He has fallen asleep preparing for a presentation he has to give on Sunday about the conflict over the sovereignty of the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea. In four hours, his wife, Lynne, will wake him up.

Back home in the Philippines, Bas is a major in the army. He and Lynne lived with their two children in a gated military community. They had a chauffeur and two cars, plus a nanny to help around the house. Now on sabbatical from his army post, he and his family share a spartan apartment.

Bas is at Duke to study international development policy with a specialization in peace and conflict resolution. He wants to apply what he’s learned to help the Philippine army implement new development strategies.

Bas, 40, has been in the military for almost half his life. In 1986, he enrolled in the Philippine Military Academy and graduated four years later. After he joined the army, he was deployed to rural areas to fight communist insurgents aiming to overthrow the government and implement land reform.



One day, after a battle in which the company he commanded killed several insurgents, he had an epiphany. On a mission to recover the rebels’ corpses from the battle scene, Bas vomited as he looked at their bodies. “Why are we doing this?” he asked himself later. He realized he was fighting his own countrymen.

Bas creates doctrine manuals for the military and believes the Philippine army should be involved in developing communities on a sustainable level, which he says would curb the possibility of insurgents resurfacing.

He says the army’s current practice is to clear an area of insurgents, then carry out civil military operations, such as installing water pumps and building schools. But those projects, Bas says, are “shortsighted” and aren’t integrated into the community planning process. Bas wants to see the army become a strategist and middleman when it comes to development. He envisions it assessing a community’s needs, then channeling funds from donor agencies to it.



Photos by  
Monika Lozinska-Lee

Bas shown with his son Patrick, studies at the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke.

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**Bas says** studying international development will give him the skills to implement this plan. He and two colleagues have already established a scholarship program to send 16 army personnel to the University of the Philippines to get master's degrees in community development.



CRISOSTOMO BAS



What's the motivation behind all this? Bas simply says: "I just want to make a difference."

**"I believe that through this Rotary Fellowship I could pursue change by changing the mindset of the military that is conditioned to think of rebels as enemies; but never as fellow countrymen."**

"I always remember the famous fable by Paulo Coelho in his international best-seller novel "The Alchemist" wherein the novel's motif revolves around the philosophy 'that when you really want something to happen, you have to connect your heart to the world, and the world will conspire with you.'

Just like anyone of us here, I have big dreams . . . and I believe that this philosophy is true as the Rotary Foundation conspires with me to let it happen. For .... I dream of a united, cohesive, progressive and peaceful Philippines . . . as I have always been praying, since my entire military career, for an end to its long-standing conflict that runs for more than thirty years now.

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mindset of the military that is conditioned to think of rebels as enemies; but never as fellow countrymen.

I believe I could change the old paradigm, that instead of counting Killed In Actions (KIAs) and Wounded In Actions (WIAs), it would be numbers of peaceful surrenders and mainstreaming successes.... and I believe I could convince the government that the ultimate victory of all is the strategy of winning without fighting.

***But most of all I believe I could do this because of the opportunity that Rotary Foundation has given me*** to be in the best Rotary Center for international studies in peace and conflict resolution. In this Center, I can have the best that Duke University and University of North Carolina could offer. Great, pro-

fessional management, faculty and staff . . . and I could never ask for more.

***And with all these, I am most grateful. No amount of words could express my gratitude to the Foundation and to those who keep this Fellowship alive and strong.***

So in behalf of my fellow colleagues, let me say thank you for everything. As we understand the high expectations of being a Rotary World Peace Fellow, it is always our earnest hope to do our best to keep it that way. "

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**Up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellows are selected each year to begin one to two year master's degree programs in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, or international development at six Rotary Centers.**

**Ten fellows on average are assigned to each Rotary Center. Fellows are assigned to study at a Rotary Center located in a country other than that of their citizenship or permanent residence, with the exception of Japanese citizens interested in enrolling at the Rotary Center university partner in Japan.**

**Rotary World Peace Fellows are chosen based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their future careers.**

**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 Lake, USA in June 2007, so you can meet her there and say hello!

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



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."



Megan presents her research at 2006 Annual Seminar at USAL.



During his college years, Vadim Ostrovosky was a very active Rotaractor with the Danville-Riverview Rotary Club in Virginia. Meet him at the World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City!

**Mr. Vadim Ostrovosky, Ukraine, RWPF 2005-07,  
University of Queensland, sponsored by District 7570**

When not studying, Vadim spends much of his time on his personal project. Its mission is to bring computers and computer literacy to his homeland. Less than one in 100 homes in the Ukraine have computers and in the absence of government funding Ukrainian parents scrape together their pennies to pay for two or three computers for an entire school to use.



Vadim's Applied Field Experience (AFE) was two-fold, the first part in Cairo with the UNDP HIV/AIDS Regional Program in the Arab States and the second part in Ukraine to continue his work on the *Ukraine* project. He shows much promise as a Rotary World Peace Fellow and is sure to excel and bring even more tangible benefit to the world after he graduates in November 2007.



Noëlle DePape enjoys a copy of The Rotarian at the Paul Harris Seminar in 2005. Meet her in Salt Lake City!

**Ms. Noëlle DePape, Winnipeg, Canada,  
RWPF 2003-2005, University of  
Queensland, sponsored by District 5550**

Noëlle will soon be starting as the Executive Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba ([www.ircom.ca](http://www.ircom.ca)). IRCOM provides transitional housing as well as social services (i.e.: recreation, literacy and family programming) to newly arrived refugees in the City of Winnipeg. It houses 67 families and seeks to facilitate their integration of into their new Canadian environment through subsidized housing and support programming.

“As a World Peace Scholar, an activist, an educator, and a peace-maker, I am working to create (an) alternative world – a place where equal and sustainable relationships can be built.” Meet Noëlle in Salt Lake City!



"THE SUPPORT OF THE CENTERS PROGRAM COMES FROM THE ROTARIANS. THE SUCCESS OF THE CENTERS PROGRAM COMES FROM THE FELLOWS. THE COMBINATION OF THE FELLOW'S EDUCATION AND THEIR ABILITY TO ESTABLISH A GLOBAL FELLOW'S NETWORK IS OUR BEST HOPE FOR PEACE."

*TRF Former General Manager—Duane Sterling, Peace Centers Committee*



## JOIN US IN S.L.C.!

Please join us at the 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.

## ALL ARE WELCOME! TO ATTEND...

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.

## SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTRASTATE CONFLICT AND POSSIBILITIES FOR RESOLUTION IN THIS DECADE



*Edwin M. Epstein,  
Editor*

*First Monograph Series*

“In the initial Monograph series *Sources of International and Intrastate Conflict and Possibilities for Resolution in This Decade*, we have sought to include papers covering diverse topics pertinent to the world in which we live. Some of these papers are derived directly from empirical research, while others are more conceptual in nature, based on analyses of key issues in international human rights, peace studies and conflict resolution.



From the outset, the Rotary Centers program has emphasized fellows' research into critical peace-related issues, not merely of the day but inherent in the complex global political economy of the twenty-first century.

At each of the Rotary Centers, fellows write research papers as part of their course/seminar requirements. At some centers, they are obliged to complete master's theses in order to receive their degrees. Frequently, these research projects originate from pertinent "on-the-ground" involvements, either during the fellowship (typically in the course of their summer field placements) or beforehand.”

The following pages are excerpts from some of the topics covered in the first monograph....

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## SOME MONOGRAPH EXCERPTS ...



**Anna Pehrsson,**  
Rotary World Peace  
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### THE NEED TO RECONCEPTUALIZE THE MEASURES TO CONFRONT CONTEMPORARY CONFLICT

The transition from violent conflict to coexistence is currently receiving much interest. On one hand this could be seen as a consequence of the violent conflicts in Yugoslavia and Rwanda, and on the other, due to the peace negotiations in cases where it was earlier deemed impossible, such as South Africa, Northern Ireland, Sri Lanka, and even Israel-Palestine.

However, in many of these cases the violence returned, resulting in a worsening of the situation due to disappointment and disillusionment. These failures have stressed the need to find new ways to reach a more sustainable peace.

Weiss Fagen (1995) affirms the necessity to go beyond the formal "conflict resolution" that obviously does not in itself resolve the underlying conflicts. According to Waldmann (1996), agreements that are supposed to end the conflict are often fatally similar to the earlier situation that initially provoked the hostilities.

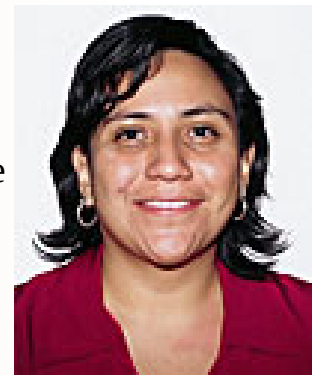
### UNEASY BEDFELLOWS?

#### CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

With its embrace of conflict resolution, aid has become a building block of peace-building. As a result, aid policy is seen to be a key part of the toolbox of global governance that pursues a particular type of postwar reconstruction. Such a view sheds welcomed light on the inherent dangers of co-option within collaboration, the limits of conflict resolution, and the dark face of global governance.

However, the same analysis also diminishes the important contribution conflict resolution has made to development practice, questions the basic desirability of peace and development, and assumes global governance is a mechanistic process where individuals cannot exercise free will.

While these tensions could be altered by transforming aid policy, ultimately peace and development are not about policy, they are about people.



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**Nani G. Mahanta,**  
Rotary World Peace  
Fellow, 2002-04  
University of California,  
Berkeley

## **KASHMIR AS A SOURCE OF CONFLICT BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN: ROOTS OF VIOLENCE AND HOPE FOR PEACE**

In the post-Second World War era, the Kashmir dispute involving India and Pakistan has emerged to be the most irresolvable problem after the Arab-Israel dispute.

Kashmir that has emerged to be a possible nuclear flashpoint between the two warring nations has made entire South Asia one of the most dangerous places on earth.

There is no easy analysis and solution of the problem as the Kashmir dispute involves a wide range of issues

such as identity concerns of the Muslims, Buddhist and Kashmiri Pundits; contest over territoriality with spectacular logic of Statecraft, nuclearization of the area and respective claims of establishing secularism and Islamism by India and Pakistan.

The question that arises is whether the South Asian (SA) region has been taken hostage by the Kashmir issue and will remain as one most intractable problems in the world today. What are the viable peace alternatives?

- Will India take some strategic steps to resolve the issue?
- Shall or can Pakistan respond to a genuine peace process in Kashmir?



*Kashmir runs in our blood. No Pakistani can afford to sever links with Kashmir. The entire Pakistan and the world know this. We will continue to extend our moral, political, and diplomatic support to Kashmiris. We will never budge an inch from our principled stand on Kashmir.*

General Pervez Musharaf, address to the nation, 12 January 2002

*We wish to state once again that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India. It will remain so ... for us, Kashmir is not a piece of land; it is a test case of Sarva Dhrama Sambhava — secularism. India has always stood the test of a secular nation. Jammu and Kashmir is a living example of this.*

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Independence Day address, 15 August 2002



**Gert Danielsen**  
Rotary World Peace  
Fellow, 2003–05  
Universidad  
del Salvador

## MEETING HUMAN NEEDS, PREVENTING VIOLENCE: APPLYING HUMAN NEEDS THEORY TO THE CONFLICT IN SRI LANKA

Human needs are a powerful source of explanation of human behavior and social interaction. All individuals have needs that they strive to satisfy, either by using the system, "acting on the fringes," or acting as a reformist or revolutionary. Given this condition, social systems must be responsive to individual needs, or be subject to instability and forced change (possibly through violence or conflict).

### HUMAN NEEDS THEORY (HNT)

In order to live and attain well-being, humans need certain essentials. These are called human needs or basic human needs. Human needs theorists argue that conflicts and violent conflicts are caused by unmet human needs.

Violence occurs when certain individuals or groups do not see any other way to meet their needs, or when they need understanding, respect, and consideration for their needs. Rosenberg states that violence is a tragic expression of unmet human needs, implying that all actions undertaken by human beings are attempts to satisfy their needs. If we are able to connect with our needs and those of others, we will therefore be able to look at other ways of meeting such needs, avoiding violence and destruction.



**Pravin Dixit,**  
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Fellow, 2002–04,  
Duke University and  
University of North  
Carolina at Chapel Hill

## ROADMAP FOR NGOS TO REDUCE CHILD LABOR: WHAT LESSONS FROM INDIAN INTERVENTIONS?

Child labor is adversely affecting 246 million children in developing countries. India has the largest child labor in absolute numbers. NGOs interested in interventions need to make strategic choices for effective contribution. In terms of priority, they should work with conceptual clarity, strive for accurate data in association with stakeholders, target female child labor for rehabilitation, and decide whether to work in urban slums or rural areas.

Implementation of modern management techniques in organizational structures reduces overheads. The policy and management recommendations would include demand for liberalized school administration under stricter government supervision, advocacy for modified institutional design for monitoring at national and state government levels, reminders to private corporations about their social responsibility, and

urging of flexibility in school curriculum, timings, and holidays.

To overcome interference from government, NGOs should enhance their credibility and responsibility through self-regulation. They may target champions in the system through fourth-generation strategies.

## THE CASE OF REALISM, THE LAWS ON THE USE OF FORCE, AND THE "WAR ON TERROR"

On 24 March 1999, the bombing of the former Yugoslavia began without the authorization of the UN Security Council and in blatant disregard of the UN Convention. NATO had decided to intervene in Kosovo and the repercussions shook not only the infrastructure of the region. They also undercut the very foundations of the international law regime.

To the NATO members, especially the United States (the rumored informal dominator of NATO policy), this intervention was necessary to stop a breach of international security.

For these states, the proliferation of civil war and ethnic conflict rocked the well being even of stable nations by "posing" the danger of spilling over into the wider region, drawing larger states into the conflict" (Groom et al. 2000, 88). Thus, the crisis in the former Yugoslavia was thought to have the potential to destabilize all of Europe (Hughes 2003).



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University of  
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## STRIVING FOR PEACE AFTER MASSIVE VIOLENCE — DILEMMAS IN DEALING WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ATROCITIES: A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO JUSTICE

Almost sixty years passed since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly. Significantly, the preamble of that Declaration reminds us of how the disregard and contempt for human rights resulted in barbarous acts, which have outraged the conscience of mankind.

Then, the Declaration drew attention on the rule of law as the means to protect human rights. In those years, also, the establishment of the

Nuremberg and the Tokyo tribunals' and the trials they conducted signaled a decisive step in affirming the international criminal responsibility of individuals.



*Injustice anywhere is a threat  
to justice everywhere.*

**Martin Luther King Jr.**

*May justice be done lest  
the world perish.*

**Hegel**

## WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...



**“War always is a ghastly blunder;  
even the winners lose.”**

*Paul P. Harris,  
My Road to Rotary*

Our Rotary World Peace Fellowship Program is a positive step helping to overcome the disastrous blunders in this often cruel and bloody world.

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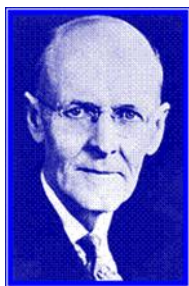
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## **ABOUT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The Educational Programs Division of The Rotary Foundation exists to achieve understanding and world peace through the exchange of people internationally.

It is the specific mission of the Educational Programs Division of TRF to provide quality programs and services to those individuals who apply for funding and logistical support to undertake a term of study or teaching abroad that is enhanced by becoming involved with Rotary before, during and after their travel.

The division, in conjunction with Rotarians, Rotary clubs and Rotary districts, shall provide its assistance through scholarship, fellowship, and grant processes.

### **NEW TOLL-FREE TRF CONTACT CENTER:**

The Rotary Foundation Contact Center is taking general inquiry calls and emails for The Rotary Foundation and its programs from Rotarians, clubs and districts in the United States and Canada. Call 1-866-9ROTARY or e-mail: [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org) to check on your donations, recognition points, and more. The TRF Contact Center is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Central Standard Time.



## THE ROTARY COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION PASSED IMPORTANT PIECES OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION ALUMNI.

- [Enactment 07-57: To allow Rotary Foundation alumni to be active members.](#)
- [Enactment 07-330: To allow clubs to elect into active membership Rotary Foundation alumni even if the classification of the alumnus is filled.](#)
- [Resolution 07-39: To request the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to welcome Rotary Foundation alumni as guests at club meetings.](#)

By Karen Wentz, Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator  
Rotary International Zone 30

The Rotary Council on Legislation just passed, with substantial margins, three very important pieces of legislation relating to our Rotary Foundation alumni. The two enactments and resolution result in welcoming Rotary Foundation alumni to our clubs as guests and as members. **Rotary Foundation alumni will now be considered qualified as members based on their status as alumni.** The enactments will take effect on July 1. The enactments and resolution appear below in their entirety.

### **Constitution of Rotary International, Article 5 Membership, Section 2 - Composition of Clubs.**

Section 2 - Composition of Clubs.

- (a) A club shall be composed of active members who are adult persons of good character and good business and professional reputation,
- (1) engaged as a proprietor, partner, corporate officer, or manager of any worthy and recognized business or profession; or
  - (2) hold an important position in any worthy and recognized business or profession or any branch or agency thereof and have executive capacity with discretionary authority; or
  - (3) having retired from any position listed in sub-subsection (1) or (2) of this subsection; or
  - (4) have the status of Rotary Foundation alumni as defined by the board.**

### **Constitution of Rotary International, Article 5 Membership, Section 2 - Composition of Clubs.**

(b) Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession predominates. The club shall not elect a person to active membership from a classification if the club already has five or more members from that classification, unless the club has more than 50 members, in which case the club may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in the classification making up more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Members who are retired shall not be included in the total number of members in a classification. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club, **or a Rotary Foundation alumnus as defined by the board of directors of RI**, shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceeding the above limitations. If a member changes classification, the club may continue the member's membership under the new classification notwithstanding these limitations.

IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that the Board of Directors of Rotary 2 International consider adding the following subsection to section 7.040 of the Rotary Code of Policies:

7.040. Visitors and Guests

**7 7.040.4 TRF Alumni as Guests**

**>Clubs are encouraged to welcome Rotary Foundation alumni as guests at their meetings, particularly alumni who have recently moved to the locality of the club. The alumni will be expected to pay the same costs of attendance as paid by visiting Rotarians.**

## THE 2007 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION IN CHICAGO

RI President-elect Wilfred J. Wilkinson stated, "This week was another example of the internationality of Rotary and a great example of democracy in action,"

The democratic process shaped the 2007 Council on Legislation in Chicago. Perhaps no one was happier about that than Rotary's top leaders, many of whom were at the event, which ran from 23 to 27 April.

Overall, the Council had a busy week, addressing some 337 items that were brought forward by delegates

coming from throughout Rotary's 530 districts worldwide.

### The growth of Rotary

Ways to bring new members into Rotary and keep the family of Rotary growing were key themes during the first two days of the meeting. Enactment 07-329, which passed with overwhelming support, adds a phrase to the RI constitution that says community leaders can join business and professional leaders in Rotary.

Enactment 07-329, which says clubs can bring in community leaders who have "demonstrated personal involvement in community affairs and a commitment to service and the Object of Rotary," generated overwhelming support as Rotarians looked toward the future.

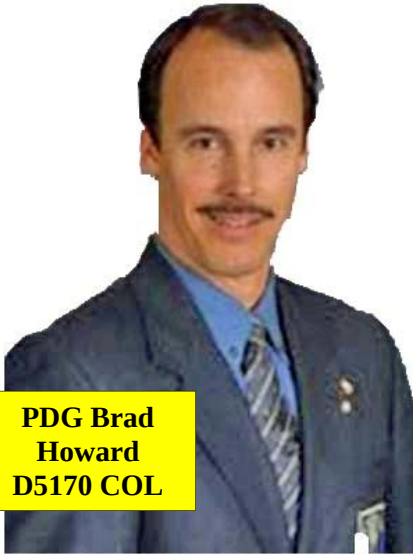
"Today, we've added a comma here and an extra word there, but now's the moment for Rotary to really move ahead," said Past RI President Clifford L. Dochterman in support of the resolution.

The item, which passed 440 to 53, recognizes the



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**PDG Brad  
Howard  
D5170 COL**

... importance of local volunteers who have “lifetimes of experience to offer Rotary,” said **Brad Howard, representing District 5170**, which includes the Rotary Club of Cupertino, California, USA. That club had proposed a similarly worded enactment (07-328) about the role of community leaders who have demonstrated through their leadership they would make active Rotarians. The enactment was inspired in part by the Cupertino club’s successful New Models for Rotary Clubs pilot project, which used the criteria to bring in active new members.

**Comments (23 April) of Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman: To Amend the Provisions for Qualification for Membership: Proposed by the Rotary Club of Westminster 7:10, Colorado, USA**



**“We have now passed 8 items. We have added a comma here and an extra word there, but have yet to take any action to move Rotary forward into the future.**

**Sometimes there is a good idea whose time has come. Up to now we have been solving past problems. Now is the moment to move Rotary’s membership forward. This is our moment to make a difference!**

**In every community there are men and women who have a life of service. These people serve schools, hospitals, museums, universities, youth activities, environmental groups, religious centers and other civic societies. These community volunteers belong in Rotary.**

**We were within a few votes of attaining the 2/3rds vote needed to pass this Enactment at our last council 3 years ago.**

**Now is the time to make a real contribution to Rotary. I urge you to open the door to Rotary for community leaders who are dedicated volunteers.”**



**PDG Talee Crowe,  
D5450 COL**

## THE ANATOMY OF THE PASSING OF AN ENACTMENT AT THE C.O.L.

We were presenting an enactment proposed by Westminster 7:10 Rotary Club (D5450) to Amend the Provisions for Qualification for Membership. A similar enactment was proposed by the Rotary Club of Cupertino, D5170. PDG Brad Howard (D5170) and I worked in concert to support the intent of these Enactments. We each arrived early on Saturday before the Council convened on Sunday and tried to meet as many delegates as possible to solicit their support for the inclusion of the category of Community Volunteers as a qualification for membership.

After the initial plenary session on Sunday we met with the Secretary of the Council to see if it would be possible to combine our two proposals. We learned, however, that there was no mechanism for combining proposals. Because the D5450 Proposal was more extensive, the decision was made to modify the D5450 Proposal with 6 words from the D5170 and to withdraw the D5170 Proposal from consideration. We elicited the support of PDG Billy Foster, D6200, to amend the proposal.

Council on Legislation rules specify that the Delegate from the District proposing an Enactment is given 2 ½ minutes to present and 1 ½ minutes to rebut the debate. All other speakers are limited to 1 ½ minutes to speak in support or opposition.

Therefore, I requested, and was granted, special permission from the Council Chairman, John Germ, to allow PDG Howard to present the amended D5450 Proposal because of the empirical evidence he had demonstrating the level of TRF support, commitment to Rotary, and offices held by community volunteers, as evidenced by the Cupertino Club's experience of including volunteers in their membership under the auspices of the New Models for Rotary Clubs Pilot Project Program.

This switch in presenters allowed an extended time to share the powerful supporting empirical evidence. I then spoke in support of the amended Enactment; three other Delegates also spoke in support: One from Australia, one from Mexico and a third from the US. In addition, Past International President Cliff Dochterman had come to the Council on Legislation directly from attending the D5450 District Conference. While here, PDG Don Goe asked PRIP Dochterman to speak in support of the Enactment. We were not aware until 20 minutes before the Enactment was proposed that PRIP Dochterman would speak on its behalf. His support was invaluable and the enactment passed overwhelmingly by a vote of 440 to 53.



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The recently enacted Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows certain individuals to make tax-free contributions to charity from their Individual Retirement Accounts. If you have ever wished that you could use your IRA for charitable gifts, then now is the time!

This Act allows donors at least age 70 1/2 to annually transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a qualified charity, such as The Rotary Foundation, without increasing annual gross federal income taxes. **This transfer may also satisfy the mandatory minimum withdrawal, which may provide additional tax benefits.**



*Karena J. Bierman, J.D.  
Director of Planned and Major Gifts*

This Act applies in the taxable years of 2006 and 2007 only, so there is limited time to take advantage of this opportunity. Feel free to contact me or your Major Gifts Officer for more information on how a donation from your IRA can fulfill your charitable objectives with the Foundation earlier than may have been otherwise possible.

Telephone me at 847-866-3100 and let's you and I speak about the many TRF donation opportunities available.

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## THE FIRST ROTARIANS IN AFRICA ... RECENTLY JOIN THE ARCH C. KLUMPH SOCIETY

By Tiffany Woods



A construction company owner and a novel-writing surgeon have become the first Rotarians in Africa to join the Arch C. Klumph Society, which honors people who have given at least US\$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotarian Yusuf Kodwawwala, 78, and his wife, Marie, and Rotarian V.J. Patel, 61, and his wife, Kusum, were inducted in a ceremony at RI headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, on 6 March.



*Inductee V.J. Patel and his family enjoying the Arch Klumph Society induction ceremony*

A Rotarian since 1967, Kodwawwala is a member of the Rotary Club of Nairobi, Kenya, a former governor of District 9200, and a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator.

The son of a small-business owner, Kodwawwala was born in India. With the help of a loan, Kodwawwala was able to go to college. In 1961, he moved to Nairobi to take a job as a surgeon. Since 1980, he has been chronicling his surgical experiences in a weekly newspaper column under



*The recent Arch Klumph Society induction from l. to r.... RIPP Jonathan Majiyagbe, RIPP Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Inductee Rotarian V.J. Patel, 61, RIPP Bhichai Rattakul, RIPP and Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay, Inductee Rotarian Yusuf Kodwawwala, RIPE 2007-08 Wilfred Wilkinson and RIPE 2008-09 D.K. Lee*

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***Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay and Trustee DF Lee congratulate Rotarian Yusuf Kodwawwala (center) at his recent Arch Klump Society induction***

where his father was working. Patel moved back to India, attending high school and college on a scholarship, then returned to Nairobi with a degree in civil engineering. He worked as a junior engineer for a construction company before founding the Seychelles-based

the pen name Yusuf Dawood. He also has published five novels, an autobiography, and three collections of his columns. The proceeds from his writing as well as from his work as a surgeon have funded his generous donations to the Foundation.

Like Kodwawwala, Patel was also born in India. His father made a living as a mason and carpenter, while his mother kept house and worked in the fields. At age 10, Patel moved to Nairobi, where his father was working. Patel moved back to India, attending high school and college on a scholarship, then returned to Nairobi with a degree in civil engineering. He worked as a junior engineer for a construction company before founding the Seychelles-based Vijay Construction in 1979.



***Trustee Chairman Luis Vicente Giay congratulate Inductee V.J. Patel and his family at his recent Arch Klump Society induction***

In 1985, Patel joined the Rotary Club of Victoria, Seychelles, and in 2002-03, he served as the governor of District 9220, covering Djibouti and islands off the southeastern coast of Africa. In addition to donating to the Foundation, Patel, a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, gives about \$50,000 a year to finance the high

school and college educations of about 500 students in his home state of Gujarat in India.

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Reception: 5:00-6:00 pm

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**Admission is free.**

Please RSVP to [alumni@rotary.org](mailto: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](http://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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