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More than 700 runners and over 3,300 walkers from more than 80 countries participated in Rotary's Race to the Finish on 19 June, raising US\$50,000 for polio eradication. The overall winner was Scott Sommers, 22, who finished the 8-kilometer run at 29:44.

Photo: Alyce Henson

Third plenary to spotlight Rotary today

The present-day work of The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International, including the progress of PolioPlus, is the focus of Tuesday's plenary session. Keynote speaker Dr. Jong-Wook Lee, director general of the World Health Organization, will join Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Rima Saleh, deputy executive director of UNICEF, to honor RI and the Foundation with an award for its tireless efforts to fight the deadly poliovirus. A multimedia presentation will address the

challenges facing the PolioPlus program, and another will chronicle the success of immunization campaigns in Asia and Africa.

The audience will also view videos on other Foundation-supported projects and Rotary club initiatives involving other organizations. Onstage discussions with Rotarians in the field will follow each presentation. Dr. Eric Motley, a former Ambassadorial Scholar who currently serves as special assistant to U.S. President George W. Bush and Associate Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel,

will recount his poignant story of growing up in poverty in Montgomery, Alabama, USA.

Trustee Chair Carlo Ravizza will outline the Foundation's current mission to improve lives and nurture peace and understanding around the world. RI General Secretary Ed Futa and Treasurer David Morgan will also present their reports on the state of RI in its 100th year and look ahead to the second century of service.

Convention Count
41,585 Registrants / 161 Countries
* as of 19 June

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Message from Trustee Chair

This morning, we will be celebrating some of the many contributions that The Rotary Foundation has made to Rotary's first 100 years. I think we would all agree that



Rotary would not have achieved the global prominence it enjoys today without our Foundation. Our Ambassadorial Scholars program, PolioPlus and our partnership in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, and the humanitarian work supported by 3-H and Matching Grants have put Rotary on the world stage.

Beyond that, the Foundation offers Rotarians opportunities to reach more people in need and to achieve goals that would not have even been imaginable. During today's plenary session, we'll see some of these projects and meet some of the Rotarians who are making them happen. We'll also hear an update on the polio eradication effort and celebrate the enormous progress we have made during the past 20 years toward reaching a polio-free world.

The Rotary Foundation gives all of us many reasons to take pride in our Rotary membership. The support and participation of Rotarians worldwide will ensure that the Foundation programs continue to make a difference in our world.

Carlo Ravizza
Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Plenary Sessions

Each day's plenary sessions focus on Rotarians just like you, who are doing great humanitarian work worldwide.

See video presentations of successful Rotary projects and hear reports from project participants on stage.

Whatever your service interest, the plenary sessions are sure to inspire, stimulate, and inform you!



Rotaractors from District 3450 took home an award for Outstanding Rotaract Project.

Photo: Monika Lozinska-Lee

Rotaract projects recognized

The RI Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Project award goes to two international winners: the Rotaract Club of Mumbai Borivli East, India, and the Rotaract clubs in District 3450 (Hong Kong; Macau; Mongolia).

In Hindi and Urdu, *pahel* means good beginning, a fitting description of the Mumbai Borivli East club's Pahel: Friendship Beyond Borders project. Despite tense relations between India and Pakistan — and a one-year wait for visas — seven Indian Rotaractors and one Rotarian traveled to Lahore, Pakistan, for a five-day stay as guests of the Rotaract Club of Lahore Garrison. The result was a better understanding of each other's cultures and a desire to promote interactions between the citizens of India and Pakistan.

Rotaractors in Hong Kong collected smiles — and money — for the We Care, We Smile project benefiting the Joyful (Mental Health) Foundation. More than 250 "smile ambassadors" spent a day on the streets of Hong Kong and Macau photographing grins and raising awareness of the importance of mental health. The cheerful images of

over 10,000 citizens were later exchanged for donations totaling about HK\$130,000 (US\$16,676).

In addition to these winners, the following regional projects also received awards.

Africa: The Rotaract Club of Benue State University, Nigeria, for its Anti-Vices/Clean-Up Project, which focused on wiping out cultism, drug abuse, and risky sexual behavior as well as cleaning up the campus.

Europe: The Rotaract Club of Ankara-Ulus for its Water, the Way of Life project, which provided clean water pipes for the Ozmus Village Elementary School in Sivas, Turkey.

Latin America: The Rotaract Club of Paranaguá-Rocio, Brazil, for its Children's Hospital Nursery Renovation project that resuscitated a disadvantaged and neglected pediatric hospital serving 350,000 citizens.

USA, Canada, and the Caribbean: The Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego, California, USA, for its Jazz for Juvenile Diabetes fundraiser, which raised \$2,400 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

House of Friendship Entertainment Schedule

Tuesday, 21 June

- 0900 Rotary the Musical
- 1000 Route 66
- 1100 Ron Reynolds
- 1115 Hellenic 5
- 1215 Midwest Young Artists
- 1300 Il Gwa Nori (Work and Play)
- 1400 Kreisler Group
- 1500 Footprints Ensemble
- 1600 Chicago Praise Ensemble
- 1700 Lurrie Bell

Purple Pinkie Project

Help eradicate polio by visiting The Rotary Foundation booth in the Secretariat Services Area and tossing a dollar bill into the iron lung. For every dollar contributed, volunteers will paint your finger purple – the color of the topical solution Gentian Violet used to mark children who have received the polio vaccine. Donations will be counted at the end of the day. The Secretariat Services area is located in the House of Friendship.

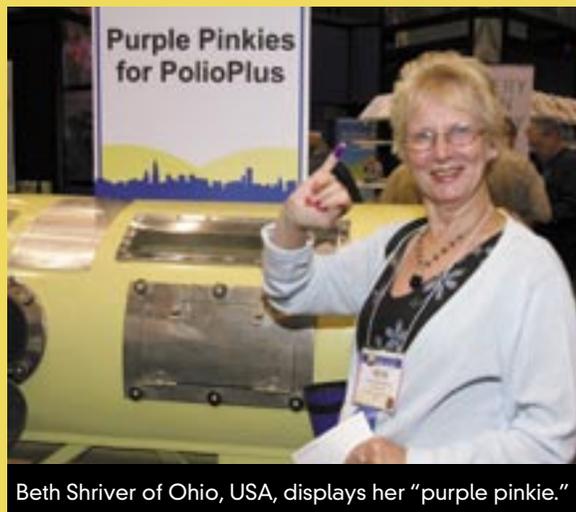


Photo: Monika Lozinska-Lee

Beth Shriver of Ohio, USA, displays her "purple pinkie."

TUESDAY'S WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIUMS

See your Program Book for times and locations.

Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation

Workshop will cover regional scholar seminars with an open forum question-and-answer period.

Youth-at-Risk No More: The ISUS Solution Symposium

will provide information on a successful 10-year partnership between Ohio Rotary clubs and Improved Solutions for Urban Systems (ISUS), a program that helps at-risk youth.

Fund Development Workshop led by Foundation Trustee Bichai Rattakul will present the latest successful methods for fundraising.

Group Study Exchange Workshop will focus on innovative exchanges that build strong international relationships.

Humanitarian Grants Workshop will present the latest developments to the grant programs, as well as stewardship and reporting requirements.

Improving Alumni Relations Workshop will explore ways to involve Foundation alumni in Rotary activities.

Keeping the Promises: Building Membership While Maximizing Your Club's Service to Youth Symposium will provide participants with educational tools and youth program best practices.

Large Clubs Symposium will provide ideas and strategies to help overcome challenges that large clubs face in membership development and retention.

Mediation Skills for Managers Workshop will explore conflict and allow participants to practice essential mediation skills.

Membership Development, Retention, and Recruitment Workshop will cover trends,

issues, strategies, and best practices for membership development and retention at the club level.

New Member Forum Workshop will cover general information about RI, including its structure, programs, The Rotary Foundation, and the many opportunities for Rotarians to get involved.

Reaching the Goal of a Polio-Free World Workshop will provide the latest information on progress in the fight against polio from experts from the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The International Service Award for a Polio-Free World will be presented. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in French and Spanish.

RI and Rotary Foundation Finance Open Forum will feature the RI chief financial officer.

Rotarians Raising Awareness, Taking Action, and Making the World Safe from Land Mines Symposium will explore current land mine actions and partnerships with NGOs and discuss how Rotarians can become engaged in making the world safe from land mines by 2025.

Rotary Centers for International Studies Workshop will provide information on Rotary's fellowship program to promote peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Symposium will provide a forum for sharing best practices for organizing RYLA events.

The Rotary Foundation Update Workshop will provide a look at inspiring projects completed with the help of Rotary Foundation programs. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in French and Spanish.

SECRETARIAT SERVICES AREA Information Exchange Schedule

Tuesday, 21 June

- 0900 – Rotary and the UN
- 1000 – Club Activities that Support Membership Development
- 1100 – Feedback Session on New Membership DVD
- 1200 – How to Create a Viable Humanitarian Project
- 1300 – World Community Service (WCS)
- 1400 – Pilot Clubs Panel Discussion
- 1500 – Training Best Practices
- 1600 – Implementing the Club Leadership Plan
- 1700 – Strategic Planning Team 2 Focus Groups

Rotary colors light up Sears Tower

Convention goers enjoying a night on the town can take a look skyward to see Rotary's blue and gold colors illuminating the two spires of the Sears Tower. Chicago's tallest building, located several miles north of McCormick Place, will *Celebrate Rotary* in this fashion through the end of the convention.

Donate banners

Rotarians who want to donate club banners to the convention should bring them to the Archives Booth (221) in the House of Friendship.



CELEBRATE ROTARY

100 Years

“Technology is improving a great deal. And during the new century, on an international level, I think we will see no boundaries for Rotary, and our spirit will be totally global.”

—Chelsia To, Rotary Club of Queensway, Hong Kong

Photo: Dean Golemis



RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. (left) and General Secretary Ed Futa inaugurate the penny press at the Centennial Timeline Exhibit. For one dollar, convention goers can have a penny stamped with one of four Rotary-related designs.

Host Hospitality

Chicago-area Rotarians and their families hosted thousands of visiting convention goers in their homes, restaurants, and other venues on Saturday night. At right, a group of Rotarians from several different countries enjoy a party hosted by California Rotarians Paul and Ellen Jacobs at their daughter's home in suburban Evanston.



Photo: Jane DeMoss

Rotary's newest publications

Rotary's newest publications and DVDs are available to order or purchase in a variety of languages. New items include the 2005-06 *Official Directory*, the *Rotarian Video Magazine*, vol. 1, issue 1; *Rotary Heritage Collection*; and *Service Above Self DVDs*; and centennial and Rotary note cards. The *Rotary Centennial history book, A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International*, is also available in six languages.

Remote airline check-in

Convention goers departing from Chicago's O'Hare Airport on American, Delta, or United airlines domestic flights can check their luggage and receive boarding passes at McCormick Place via BAGS, a remote skycap service. Baggage must be checked at least three hours prior to flight departure time. For more information, visit the BAGS counter near Hall S-101.

UNOFFICIAL AFFILIATE EVENTS

Tuesday, 21 June

- Texas "Cowboy" Breakfast, Chicago Marriott Hotel, 0700-0830
- Heart of America Breakfast, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 0700-0830
- South Asia Breakfast [Zones 5&6], Chicago City Centre Holiday Inn, 0700-0900
- All Africa Breakfast, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 0700-0900
- French Breakfast, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 0700-0900
- PRLS (Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar) Leadership Development Program, Hyatt Regency McCormick, Conference Center 23bc, 0730-900
- Rotary Leadership Institute, Hyatt Regency Chicago, 0800-0915
- Rotarian Fellowship For Fighting AIDS, McCormick Place, Room N228, 1300-1430
- Class of 97/98 Reunion [PP Kinross], Hyatt Regency McCormick, 1500-1630
- Population & Development, McCormick Place, Room N228, 1500-1800
- Past Training Leaders Reception, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 1700-1900

District 5150 Dinner, Bob Chinn's Crabhouse, 1800-2200

Class of 91/92 [PP Saboo], Gaylords Indian Restaurant, 1830-2000

ISUS Reception/Rotary Club of Dayton, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 1830-2030

Rotary World Fellowships Banquet & Ball, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 1830-2200

Friends of District 9790 Dinner, The Berghoff, 1900-2200

Wednesday, 22 June

Nordic Breakfast Meeting, Hyatt Regency McCormick, 0700-0830

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, McCormick Place, Room N228, 0730-0900

International Yachting Fellowship Luncheon, Columbia Yacht Club, 1200-1500

Fellowship of Rotarians for Mine Action, AGM-McCormick Place, Room N228, 1500-1700

Fellowship of Rotarians for the Prevention of Drug Abuse, McCormick Place, Room N228, 1730-1900