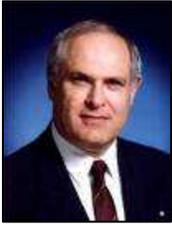




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Comments from General Coordinator Rodney Mazinter



Rotarians, made up as they are of so diverse a mix of cultures, religions and skin hues in countries and on continents that span the globe, must by the very nature of things disagree on many matters. What then binds us together? On one point we are in perfect accord: we believe in the kinship of humanity. Rotary goes to the very essence of what is common to all...it offers a preview of the world at peace. If that is accepted as our guiding principle then we have as a priority in our Rotary lives to formally induct into the organization the countless people who do Rotary work and adhere to Rotary ethics, but who do not wear the pin. Among these are men and women who are the superbly qualified Foundation alumni of our educational programs. Procrastination is just complacency by another name, and complacency not addressed will bury us. Make our alumni your priority; it is our Rotary duty to discover and invite into the organization our temporarily lost assets. Have you registered yet for the grand Rotary Alumni Celebration in Los Angeles? We need your valued input on how we should set about our task.

Comments from Assistant General Coordinator Jeffry Cadorette

Most of you I know and have met at our trainings over the past few years in Skokie. Some of you I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. Regardless, each of us plays a vital role in moving the Rotary Foundation Alumni initiative forward. I am eager to continue our work together in my new role as Assistant General Coordinator.



We have made great progress and many of you are doing outstanding work in helping us to accomplish our goals. That work and those efforts are very much appreciated. The LA Convention will soon be upon us as will the inaugural Alumni Celebration. We look forward to seeing you there. Thanks in advance for all that you are doing to ensure that there is a critical mass of Foundation Alumni in attendance from around the world. Let us know if there is anything more that we can do to assist you.

Alumni in the December and January issues of The Rotarian

December

- o Irwin Stewart, 1999-00 GSE team leader and 2004-05 Rotary Volunteer alumnus, is featured in a *Field Reports* article about his work distributing hearing aids in Africa on pp.27-28.
- o An article on p. 30 discusses the work of Pete Smith, 2004-05 Rotary Volunteer alumnus, organizing medical supplies distributed in Cameroun.
- o December's *In Focus: Family of Rotary* article on pp. 37-51 included many Rotary Foundation alumni: Ken Robertshaw, 1999-00 GSE team leader, Wade H. Shuford III, 1979-80 Rotary Volunteer, and Jim Simpson, 1992-93 GSE team leader and Rotarian for 46 years.

January

- o The *Up Front* piece this month is on 2006-07 GSE team leader and 2008 RI Convention Host Organization Committee member, Angi Ma Wong (p.10).
- o Jeff Glidden, 2003-04 GSE team leader, completed a 482 mile ultra-distance triathlon to raise \$120,000 for The Rotary Foundation (p.11).
- o Miho Kishitani, 2003-05 Rotary World Peace Fellow, is highlighted on p.29 in *Faces in The Field* about her experience working for Peace Winds Japan in Iraq.
- o *Tending the "greens"* talks about 1991-92 GSE team leader alumnus Graham Money's driving force for Membership Growth in his district, chartering three new clubs in South Africa and bringing in hundreds of new members on p.38-40.

All articles can be viewed in the attached file.

Comments on the Rotary Alumni Celebration from Chairman Bob Scott

Thank you to all RFACs that have been working hard to encourage attendance at this important inaugural event. You are the Foundation's alumni advocates and our most important network for engaging, reconnecting, and celebrating with as many alumni as possible at the Rotary Alumni Celebration. The program will include breakout sessions, notable speakers, and many opportunities for fellowship between Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. I encourage as many of you as possible to attend as RFACs will play key roles as greeters and hosts for the event. Please remember when registering for the convention to also register for the Rotary Alumni Celebration as a preconvention event. I encourage you to inform the Alumni



Relations staff in Evanston if you will be attending. With your help, the Foundation's first Rotary Alumni Celebration will be a success.

January is Rotary Awareness Month

Remember that January is Rotary Awareness Month; tell non-Rotarian community members about Rotary's great projects and consider inviting people to join your Rotary club. For more information on Rotary Awareness Month visit:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080103_news_gallery.aspx.

Update on Alumni Associations

There are currently 54 alumni associations that The Rotary Foundation is aware of and the number is continuing to grow. A list of current associations is attached; please notify Mike Pfriem if you notice that associations in your zone are missing. Kindly work with the associations in your zone to get them to send in their applications so that we can be aware of their active members and send them charter certificates. Applications and questions about alumni associations should be sent to Mike and michael.pfriem@rotary.org.

2nd Quarter Activity Report Highlights

Please remember that the 2nd quarterly report was due on 31 December. Thanks to the following RFACs that turned in their reports:

Babin: District 7890 has a get-together every few months--low cost (pot-luck dinner), mostly "casual" (winter weekend activities), developing a real sense of community among the group.

Blender: There is little to no understanding in my zone of what the RFACs are attempting to help accomplish.

Choy: There is an increasing awareness of alumni in several (but not all) districts, and recently a number of change of address details have been received, indicating that they were also sent directly to Evanston.

Ertler: I'm confident that we'll charter a District 1910 association- possibly as early as April or May.

Geddes: Alumni associations in my zone are in the process of forming.

Gokuldas: The 15-16 December Nostalgia 2007 reunion of alumni from all districts in Zone 6 was fairly well attended with attendees from 7 districts (2980, 3000, 3150, 3190, 3200, 3210, and 3230) and close to 100 people participating on the 2nd day.

Harlan: I have sent to district alumni chairs in my zone: action items such as the need to identify potential award winners, and the need to find and register alumni for the LA Convention.

Hayward: I recently organized our first Zone 22 East combined GSE and Ambassadorial Scholar orientation seminar. Six out of eight districts in my zone participated and found it very much worth the effort.

Jespersen: After my presentation at the Rotary Foundation seminar in Oslo, two districts have asked for information on how to start an alumni association.

Johnson: My direct contact as the host counselor for an Ambassadorial Scholar has enabled me to discuss the future with other scholars at Sussex University.

Kettmeir: I'm in continuous contact with the last 4 districts in Italy that don't have alumni associations; urging and promoting them, but I'm confident to get them ALL FOUNDED before the Rotary year's ended.

Mashhour: My TRF Seminar was held on 16-17 November 2007 and included an alumni workshop. There were 22 participants representing 7 countries: Cyprus, Egypt, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, and USA.

Matsuoka: I have been contacted by alumni who would like to attend the Rotary Alumni Celebration, but they are hoping their districts can help with travel expenses.

Raby: After District 5150 had their alumni picnic in September, they said they would continue to make it an annual event, and from there to try to form an alumni association.

Sharma: In addition to attending my zone's training, I also attended the TRF seminars and alumni association meetings of Districts 3080, 3010, 3050, 3090, 3110, and 3120.

Skinner: Our goal in Zone 29 is to have an alumni reunion in each district. I have submitted articles on alumni to the District 6490 newsletter in hopes to make the general membership more aware of alumni.

Soderberg: Some events in my zone have included alumni.

Torroba: For now our efforts are concentrated on the two associations being organized and preparing to hold receptions for alumni in District 4810 (Cordoba, Argentina) and District 4860 (San Juan, Argentina).

Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award update

The Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award selection committee met to select the award winner on 11 January at the International Assembly. Thank you to zones 6, 8, 10, 16, 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 for submitting nominees this year for a total of 11 candidates. An announcement regarding the winner will be sent shortly.