



Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator (RFAC) Monthly Bulletin

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Message from 2007-08 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Bhichai Rattakul

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International strives to achieve world understanding. It serves as an instrument of peace and humanitarian service by bringing people together and helping them better understand one another and their respective cultures, philosophies, and traditions. Rotary Foundation alumni are living examples of what the Foundation is working to accomplish through its programs. This is why one of my goals for The Rotary Foundation in 2007-08 is: **Reconnecting with Rotary Foundation alumni: Our forgotten assets.**



I challenge you as Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators to train and motivate district alumni committees in your zones to work together to **reconnect** with as many Rotary Foundation alumni as possible. The founding of alumni associations is crucial

to this goal as they give alumni a common bond, keep them connected to their greater Rotary family, and encourage them to remain goodwill ambassadors.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Rotary Foundation alumni and for all that you do to show *Rotary Shares*.

Comments from General Coordinator Don Osburn

"MAKE IT HAPPEN" - Bhichai Rattakul, 2007-08 Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, has challenged Rotary to reconnect with our family of Rotary Foundation alumni. The Rotary Foundation alumni have served Rotary at the very center of our Foundation's mission of - WORLD UNDERSTANDING. They are the ones who have made global friendships, shared ideas and built bridges of understanding among people of the world - they served as an integral member of the Rotary family.

Not only does Rotary have a moral responsibility for the inclusiveness of these alumni; we also need to appreciate their potential service and leadership value to our organization. It is our responsibility to reach out and reconnect with this valuable Rotary asset.

Great strides were made during the past year to achieve this initiative, but we must continue to meet the challenge in 2007-08 by inviting alumni to reconnect with their Rotary family through alumni associations, membership in Rotary clubs, receptions at district conferences and participation at club and district Rotary Foundation events - LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN IN 2007-08.

Comments from Assistant General Coordinator Rodney Mazinter

The thing about conventions is that just as your spirit is flagging after a long year's Rotary work, some remark by a keynote speaker, some comment by a fellow Rotarian, some incident or need that sparked an inspired and inspiring project, some alumnus whose ideas and exuberance turn on a light in your brain and in your soul and spark a new enthusiasm for the year ahead, helps us regenerate the drive that we will need to carry us to success in our endeavors. To succeed we RFACs must lend focus to our efforts. We need look no further than Chairman Bhichai's injunction to rediscover and bring closer our lost resources. One of the things that became clear in talking to alumni who participated or gathered at Salt Lake City is that the overwhelming number wanted a way to get closer and re-establish their links with Rotary. It became ever clearer that membership was to many not an immediate option but all I spoke with were very interested in alumni associations. Districts must be made aware of this and encouraged to see the formation of an association as a priority in achieving the fourth of Chairman Bhichai's Foundation goals for the year 2007-08. It is here that we should apply our greatest effort.

List of Current Alumni Associations

Please see the attached document for a list of the current alumni associations. Lou Piconi presented charter certificates for District 6560, District 2080, and District 2680's alumni associations at the alumni seminar at the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City last month.

2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City

The 2007 Rotary World Peace Symposium was a success and is being considered again for the 2009 RI Convention. About 200 current and alumni peace fellows and 200 Rotarians were in attendance. The alumni seminar and reception were well attended and Philip Lader, Former Ambassador to the UK accepted the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. In the near future, alumni relations staff will be sending out a separate update with pictures from these events.

4th Quarter Activity Report highlights and 2007-08 revised report

Please remember that the due date for the 4th quarterly report was 30 June! Thanks to the following RFACs that turned in their reports:

Choy: In District 9920, a liaison group has been formed between the Foundation committee, alumni sub-committee and district membership committee to seek out alumni as Rotarians.

Lucas: PDG Tudor Jones, district 1150 alumni chair, reports that they use alumni for GSE selection and his district alumni sub-committee is made up entirely of Foundation alumni (except for himself).

Mashhour: The establishment of an alumni association in Lebanon is in its final stages.

Matsuoka: All the districts in the zone include a program on alumni at the district conferences. 11 out of 13 districts in the zone have formed alumni associations.

Pesel: Two alumni associations in his zone are being formed.

Johnson: There have been encouraging reports an increasing number of Alumni Resources inputs at PETS and District Assemblies.

A sample of the revised quarterly activity report for 2007-08 is attached to this message. Your coordinators will be sending your customized reports to you before the end of the month.

Decisions from June 2007 Board of Directors Meeting

The Board has amended the registration fees for the 2008 RI (Los Angeles) Convention and there are two alumni categories, 1) alumnus more than seven years since end of award term and 2) new alumnus-within seven years of award term. The Board also set a registration fee of \$25 per person for the alumni reunion that will be held at the convention. The Board also amends the Rotary Code of Policies as follows: 7.080.4 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.

New Rotary Centers alumni brochure

Please see the following link for the new Rotary Centers alumni brochure:

<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/092en.pdf> It is also available for order in the RI Catalog.

Alumni Advisory Committee Meeting

The Alumni Advisory Committee Meeting will take place in Evanston on 22-24 July. Following are the terms of reference for the committee:

Statement: The committee is asked to review the following terms of reference set forth by the chairman of the trustees for The Rotary Foundation Alumni Advisory Committee:

This committee shall advise the Foundation Trustees on alumni matters, particularly preparations for the alumni preconvention event to be held in conjunction with the 2008 R.I. Convention in Los Angeles. The responsibilities of this committee include:

- Preparing the program agenda for the June 2008 preconvention event, including recommended speakers and panelists
- Suggesting ways to effectively market the June 2008 preconvention event
- Exploring the objective and structure of the Global Alliance of TRF Alumni
- Clarifying the role of the Global Alliance vis-à-vis Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators and regional Rotary Foundation coordinators
- Identifying various means to strengthen TRF program alumni relations activities

An update about the decisions that the committee makes will be sent after they have met.

Message from RFAC D'Lisa Simmons about classification change

Our club is a small club, with 35-40 members. We now have in our midst a recently returned Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Corbette Parker, who would like to join our Rotary club once he is gainfully employed. Thanks to the recently passed legislation on classification of alumni, I will be changing my own classification from legal to Alumna – Legal. When he is ready to join us, Corbette may come in under Alumnus – Legal. Also, we will be able to open a slot for another attorney in the area to join us without violating the classification limitations, while at the same time making our alumni feel welcome in the fold of Rotary membership!