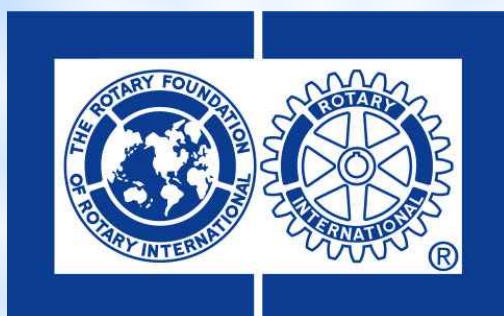


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## A Message from the Chairman



Dear Amigo Rotarians:

Welcome to each of you attending our 2006 RRFC Institute. I am proud of the progress we have made in 2005-06 with The Rotary Foundation. Last year, I encouraged the RRFCs to work together in a team effort to support The Rotary Foundation. I am glad to report we are seeing results. Annual giving to the Foundation is up from last year, and we are looking forward to having the best year ever for The Rotary Foundation. .

In this coming week you will learn about many of the different aspects of our Rotary Foundation. It is the goal of all involved in the organization of this Institute that you come away from this meeting feeling excited and energized to proactively tell the Rotarians in your regions why our Rotary Foundation deserves their personal support.

We are an international organization, and you represent the Rotary world. There are 42 RRFCs from 23 different countries here this week. This is an international meeting and it is my hope that you will learn from one another – not only about the cultural differences we each bring to this meeting, but also about what binds us together..

I thank you on behalf of so many whose lives will be bettered because you helped our Rotary Foundation become stronger, and I thank you for all that you do for Rotary.

Your Amigo,  
Frank Devlyn  
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation, 2005-06

## A Message from the Chairman-elect



Dear friends:

The 2006 RRFC Training Institute is a unique opportunity. All of you have been carefully chosen to serve or continuing to serve Rotary Foundation as a Regional Coordinator.

You are in a position to make a profound impact on our Foundation. We look to you to educate and motivate Rotarians in your areas to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation, to tell us the concerns of Rotarians in your areas and to share with us the wonderful work Rotarians accomplish working with their Foundation.

This week is dedicated to you. It is *your* meeting. What you take away from it depends entirely on what you share with your fellow RRFCs. Moderator Sonny Brown and Assistant Moderator Rolf Hörndler have adjusted the program to reflect suggestions from you. The purpose is to give you more opportunity to learn from each other. The knowledge and experience each of you bring to this meeting is invaluable and please share it with your fellow RRFCs.

This is a special time for The Rotary Foundation. The Trustees are looking at what The Rotary Foundation will look like 10, 15, and 20 years from now. We are truly creating a new vision for our Foundation. What we learn from you at this meeting will help us shape the future.

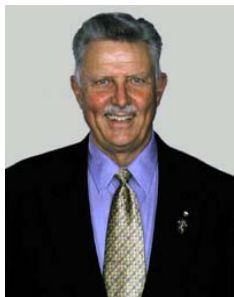
Sincere wishes of great success.

Luis Vicente Giay  
Chairman, The Rotary Foundation 2006-07



## Sonny Brown

### *Moderator, 2006 RRFC Training Institute*



**S**onny is Chairman and Founder of Sonny Brown Associates, an international commercial and industrial real estate consulting firm. He was born in Parral Chihuahua, Mexico. Spanish is his first language. He is an active member of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors and other regional and national real estate organizations.

He has served his community as director of the El Paso Industrial Development Corporation, as a commissioner on the Housing Authority of El Paso, and as vice-president and director of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce. For his service to the El Paso Community, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award, an award given annually by the Rotary Club of El Paso.

A Rotarian since 1960, Sonny has served RI as club president, district governor, director and vice-president. In addition he has served as an International Assembly training leader, vice-chairman of the World Community Service Resource Network, Chairman of the First International RYLA Committee and chairman of the 2001 San Antonio Convention. Sonny served as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation from 2000-2004.

Sonny has received the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award.

Both he and his wife, Ann, are Major Donors of The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society. They are proud parents of four children, two of whom are Rotarians, and ten grandchildren.

## Rudolf Hörndler

### *Assistant Moderator, 2006 RRFC Training Institute*



**R**olf has retired as notary public in Neumarkt, Germany, and as an officer and director of several political, civic and charitable organizations. He attended Beloit College in Wisconsin (USA) and is a law graduate of the University of Erlangen. Rolf has been a member of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Fürth since 1974 and has served RI as district governor, committee member and chair, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, task force area coordinator, International Assembly group discussion leader and moderator, and RI director. He is currently a member of the PolioPlus Partners Task Force and a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

Rolf has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his wife, Margrit, are Benefactors and Major Donors.



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**Nobuhiko Kataoka****Zone 1**PDG 2820 (2002-03) Languages: *Japanese*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 2500, 2510, 2520, 2530, 2540, 2550, 2560, 2790, 2800, 2820, 2830, 2840**Districts Located in:** Northern Japan

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**N**obuhiko studied Economics at Keio University in Tokyo. He served as financial manager of Credit Saison Group until becoming managing director of Kataoka Fudosan, a real estate leasing corporation. He has been affiliated with the company since 1981. Nobuhiko served on the Tsuchiura Youth Counselor Council (1990-2004).

A Rotarian since 1982, Nobuhiko is a member of the Rotary club of **Tsuchiura South**, where he served as club president in 1999-2000. He was district trainer (2003-04) and served as Rotary Japan Web Committee's vice-chair.

**Recent Committees:**

- Japan Governors' Youth Development Committee (2003-present)
- Rotaract Sub-committee (Chair, 1996-98)
- Interact Sub-committee (Member, 1992-96)

Nobuhiko's involvement with Rotaract led to the creation of a new Rotaract club in his own town, the Rotaract club of Tsuchiura, South.

While serving as district governor, Nobuhiko led his district to reach the highest per capita giving of all 35 districts in Japan at US \$239.

Nobuhiko is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Foundation Benefactor, and Major Donor.

[Spouse: *Masako*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

The Rotary Foundation is an organization that benefits from the goodwill of individual Rotarians who rise to collectively meet community needs worldwide that no government could provide.



# Takashi Uyeno

(Taka)

## Zone 2

PDG 2590 (2001-02)

Languages: *Japanese, English*

3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 2570, 2580, 2590, 2600, 2610, 2620, 2750, 2770, 2780

**Districts Located in:** North Central Japan, Micronesia

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**T**aka has been CEO of Uyeno Transtech Ltd., a sea transport company since 1987. He is executive councilor of the Yokohama Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and serves as president of the Japan Coastal Tanker Association. Taka also serves as Yokohama Honorary Consul to Venezuela.

A Rotarian since 1986, Taka is a member of the Rotary club of **Yokohama** where he served as club president in 1997-98.

### Recent Committees:

- 2007 Salt Lake City Convention Committee (Advisor, 2005-07)
- Rotary International Training Leaders (Member, 2003-04)
- Leadership Development and Training Committee (Member, 2003-04)
- 2003 Brisbane Convention Promotion Committee (Member, 2002-03)
- Frank Devlyn's District Committee – Internet Communication Coordinators (Member, 2000-01)

Taka is a Paul Harris Fellow, Foundation Benefactor, and a Major Donor. [*Spouse: Junko*]

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

The Rotary Foundation provides me with solid roots and strong wings. The roots serve as the basis for my beliefs and they help me grow as a person; the wings enable me to serve others and give me the joy of service. I consider it a privilege to be able to have these roots and wings and to play my part in The Rotary Foundation.



**Satoshi Kojima****Zones 3 & 4A**

PDG 2640 (2002-03)

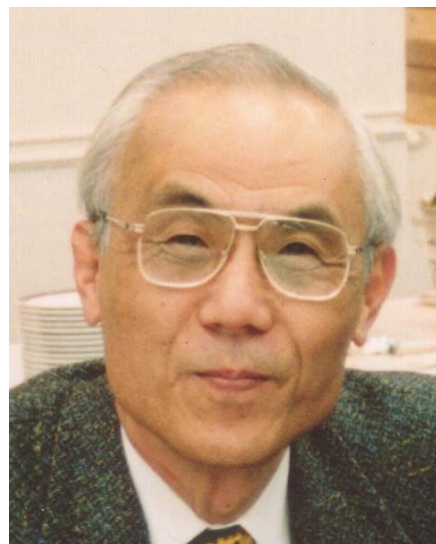
Languages: *Japanese, English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 2630, 2640, 2650, 2660, 2670, 2680, 2690, 2700, 2710, 2720, 2730, 2740, 2760**Districts Located in:** South Central and Southern Japan**Contact Information****Address:**

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**S**atoshi is a Technical Adviser of Marubishi Oil Chemical Co. Ltd. He has served as chairman of the Osaka Miyakojima Division of the Fire Prevention of Hazardous Materials Conference since 1993.

A Rotarian since 1976, Satoshi is a member of the Rotary Club of **Izumiotu, Osaka**, where he served as club president in (1989-90). He was the District Governor for 2640 (2002-03).

**Recent Committees:**

- Rotary Fellowship Committee (Vice Chairperson, 2005-07)
- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 1992-06)
- Polio Partners Task Force (Member, 1999-00 & 2004-05)
- PolioPlus SpeakersBureau (Member, 2000-05)

His hobbies include computing and amateur radio.  
 [Spouse: *Hisako*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**In my mind, it is one of the Rotary service activities. I recognize the importance of having all the members working together to implement service activities. Although I am not in agreement with every TRF program, our district is making efforts to be supportive to the Foundation in its fund development.**



**Wei-Lin Shao****Zone 4B****(Dens)**

PDG 3520 (1999-00)

Languages: *Chinese, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year**Districts:** 3450, 3460, 3470, 3480, 3490, 3500, 3510, 3520**Districts Located in:** Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia, and Taiwan**Contact Information****Address:**

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**D**ens graduated in medicine from Chungshan Medical College in 1975 with a degree in dentistry. His internship and three years mandatory military service were followed by two years of general practice in Taipei Air Force General Hospital. In 1979 he trained in oral surgery at Radcliff infirmary in Oxford, England and afterwards became director of William Dental Clinic in Taipei. Currently Dens is President of Lon An Dental Laboratory.

A Rotarian since 1984, Dens is a member of the Rotary club of **Taipei Swanshie**, where he served as charter club president in 1991-92. He has served as district trainer in since 2002 and as moderator or facilitator at multiple PETS and Foundation seminars. Dens was Taiwan promoter of the 2003 Singapore Institute.

**Recent Committees and Task Forces:**

- Presidential Celebration Committee (Member, 2004-05)
- RI Credential Committee for Osaka Convention (Member, 2003-04)
- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2003-04)
- World Community Service Programs Task Force (Member, 2001-02)

In an effort to raise the quality and quantity of club members, Dens has been very active in

education and training for the clubs and districts in his area, compiling numerous Chinese language publications for District Leadership training, which he sends free to every Rotary club in Taiwan.

Dens is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Foundation Benefactor and Major Donor. He has maintained perfect attendance since 1984.

[*Spouse: Becky*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

If TRF's meaning is to give, then I am proud to belong to it. The Rotary Foundation gives me opportunities not only to share money but also to share my time, wisdom, commitment, and my care and effort to others worldwide. Because I understand that "What is important is how much of yourself you put into the giving. That is what makes the living sublime." So I will keep giving my time and talent and improve the quality of other people's life from The Rotary Foundation.



**Gulam Vahanvaty****Zone 5**

PDG 3140 (2002-03)

Languages: *Hindi, Gujarati, English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 3010, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3080, 3090, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3240, 3250  
3260, 3290

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**G**ulam is director of Nehawa Investments and Holdings Pvt. Ltd. and Nehawa International. He is a former member of the Managing Committee of the Darukhana Iron Steel and Scrap Merchants Association, and also served on the Executive Committee of the Iron and Steel Scrap Association of India. He is a member of the Hunger Project.

In 1978, before he became a Rotarian, Gulam was selected as a GSE team member from District 314 to District 656 in Indiana, USA.

A Rotarian since 1979, Gulam is a member of the Rotary Club of **Mumbai Downtown** where he served as club president in 1985-86.

As DG in 2002-03, he implemented the Railway Station Adoption Project (Jana Seva Abhiyaan), which became so successful that it is now a national project. He has been appointed by RID Sushil Gupta to serve as national chairman of the Railway Station Beautification project for zones 5 and 6A for Rotary years 2003-05. Also while Governor, Gulam oversaw a record contribution year in his district of US \$654,000, the largest amount in Indian districts.

Gulam has recently been appointed by the Rotary Foundation Trustees to be a member of the Stewardship Committee. This five member Committee will recommend policies and guidelines to enhance stewardship and reporting by all clubs



and districts participating in Humanitarian Grants of TRF.

Gulam has also been appointed as Training Facilitator for Stewardship Training in Manila for Districts in South East Asia.

Gulam is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a recipient of the TRF Citation for Meritorious Service, and a Major Donor. He enjoys cricket, reading and listening to music. [*Spouse: Haseena*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**To me, the Rotary Foundation is an organization with vision and compassion. In this world of ours, where there exist despair, hunger, conflict and extreme poverty, it is our Foundation that stands for hope. Hope for a future where the inequalities of life are reduced and where all people can look forward to a more humane and peaceful world.**



**Krishnan V. Chari****Zone 6**

PDG 3230 (1997-98)

Languages: *Hindi, Tamil, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 2980, 3000, 3020, 3150, 3160, 3170, 3180, 3190, 3200, 3210, 3220, 3230, 3270, 3280, 3300, 3310, 3330, 3340, 3350, 3360, 3400

**Districts Located in:** Southern India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan, Afghanistan

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**C**hari studied engineering in Mumbai and in the U.K. He has worked in senior management positions for IBM, Crompton, and Tatas. In 1983 he settled down in Chennai, and is currently a distributor for *The Hindu*, one of India's national newspapers. He is also associated with businesses in Mumbai and Delhi dealing in paper products and gifts.

A Rotarian since 1983, Chari is a member of the Rotary club of **Meenambakkam**, where he served as club president in 1987-88. He served as editor for the *Rotary News*, India's regional Rotary magazine, from 1998 to 2005. Chari was District Trainer in 1999, represented the President at the District 3190 Conference in 2002, and served as Chief District counselor in 2001-02.

**Recent Committees:**

- 2005 Chicago Convention Promotion (Member, 2004-05)
- Presidential Celebration Committee—Literacy (Member, 2004-05)
- District Grants Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-02)
- District Annual Giving Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-02)

While serving district 3230 as “Caring Governor” in 1997-98, Chari oversaw many projects that improved the lives of people in his district, including a pre-primary education program; a “meal day” program to feed orphans; and a functional literacy and vocational skills program, among others. He raised over US \$120,000 for the Foundation while Governor, and oversaw the implementation of many Matching Grants by his district.

Chari is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

[Spouse: *Nithya*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**The Rotary Foundation is the hope for a multitude of people trapped in malnutrition, illiteracy, ill health and homelessness. This is the vehicle for me to fulfill my obligations to the community. Having overcome and met the basic necessities of living, The Rotary Foundation's work on peace and world understanding coupled with guiding the new generation is the exciting future.**



**Heather Yarker****Zone 7A**PDG 9640 (2000-01) Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 9450, 9460, 9470, 9500, 9520, 9550, 9570, 9600, 9630, 9640, 9650, 9670**Districts Located in:** Australia, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands**Contact Information****Address:**3136 Riverleigh Drive  
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**H**eather commenced her professional career as a primary school teacher and held several positions in South Australia and Victoria. Later, she became a partner in the family wholesale nursery business and a director of Inka Labels, which services the Australian nursery industry. She is a Justice of the Peace and has served as a community counselor for the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE as well as several Queensland nursery industry committees.

A Rotarian since 1990, Heather is a charter member of the Rotary club of **Ashmore**, where she served as club president in 1992-93. She served three years as Northern Region Rotary Australian World Community Service Project Volunteer Coordinator and has been team leader for nine project volunteer teams to Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Indonesia and Thailand. She was also a committee member for the Model United Nations Assembly.

**Recent Committees and Task Forces:**

- Concern for Health Task Force (Vice-Chair, 200-05)
- Family of Rotary Task Force (Member, 2003-04)
- RYLA Committee (Member, 2002-03)
- World Community Service (Member, 2002-03)
- Club Development and Improvement Task Force (Member, 2001-02)

Heather was Assistant Sergeant at Arms at the Brisbane convention, and served as President's Representative to D3280 in Bangladesh and to District 9780, Mt. Gambier, Australia. She served as Regional Coordinator for the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign. While District Governor she initiated 23 matching grants.

Heather has been to ten International Conventions and has visited Rotary Clubs in 27 countries. She has participated in NIDs in India and Thailand. She and her husband, PDG Ian Yarker, are both multiple sapphire Paul Harris Fellows, and Foundation Benefactors. Heather is recipient of the Service Above Self Award, and the TRF Citation for Meritorious Service. She enjoys travel, theater, and fishing. [*Spouse: Ian*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**My charity, The Rotary Foundation, touches millions of lives through humanitarian, educational and cultural programs. Few caring organizations enjoy a worldwide network of 1.2 million devoted volunteer humanitarians organized into clubs, districts and regions. Momentum exists to expand financial support, prominence and meaningful programs, which continue the upward humanitarian spiral essential to a dignified world.**



**Gil E. Divinagracia****Zone 7B**

PDG 3780 (1997-98)

Languages: *Tagalog, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year**Districts:** 3770, 3780, 3790, 3800, 3810, 3820, 3830, 3850, 3860, 3870**Districts Located in:** Philippines**Contact Information****Address:**72 Richmack Bldg.  
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**G**il received a Doctorate of Optometry from Centro Escolar University. Currently he is President and Chairman of The Optical Shop, Inc., an optical products retailing business. He is also affiliated with a number of other businesses, including serving as Chairman of the Board for Medgen Laboratories, Inc., a distributor of generic pharmaceutical products; and for MG Prime Pharmaceutical, a distributor of branded pharmaceutical products. He is also President of Eyecare Products, a medical device trading company.

A Rotarian since 1980, Gil is a member of the Rotary club of **Balintawak**, where he served as club president in 1990-91. He received his club's distinguished service award in 1996 and received district 3780's Most Outstanding District Officer award in 1995. Gil served as Director of the Philippine College of Rotary Governors in 2001-03.

**Recent Committees:**

- District Annual Giving Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2004-present)

While serving as District Governor in 1997-98, Gil faced the challenge of the Asian financial crisis. Despite the crisis, the year ended with many successes in the district. Membership grew 23%, Rotaract and Interact clubs saw significant growth. Even contributions to the Foundation far exceeded the district's goals for the year.



Gil worked hard to bring Rotary education to the district. He created a new district program called Continuing Rotary Education Program, which was widely successful at bringing "Rotary information down to the club level and deep into the heart of every Rotarian." One of the greatest successes during his year as DG was the district-wide initiative to build Rotary families by encouraging whole Rotarian families to become involved in Rotary projects.

Gil is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Major Donor. [*Spouse: Carmela*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

The Rotary Foundation is the lifeblood of Rotary and Rotary's fountain of hope. Through its programs, people worldwide renew their hopes for a future that is bright and secure. This is why the Foundation must live on – through our contributions – to be able to build a peaceful and beautiful world.



**Don Jago****Zone 8**PDG 9800 (2003-04) Languages: *English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 9680, 9690, 9700, 9710, 9750, 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820, 9830, 9910, 9920, 9930, 9940, 9970, 9980**Districts Located in:** Southeastern Australia, New Zealand, French Polynesia**Contact Information****Address:**4 Kemsley Court  
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**D**on is chairman and CEO of Cressey Chemicals & Trading Co., Pty., Ltd., which he founded in 1983 as an agent for Phillips Chemical Co. He is a past president and associate of the Plastic & Rubber Institute. A board member of the Eva Tilley Memorial Home, he is a life member and past president of the Hawthorn Football Club of Melbourne.

A Rotarian since 1990, Don is a member of the Rotary Club of **Camberwell**, where he served as club president in 1996-97. Don served as District Governor for 9800 in 2003-04.

**Recent Committees:**

- District Rotary Foundation Committee  
Chairperson-2004-06
- District PolioPlus Subcommittee  
Chairperson-2004-05
- District Community Service  
Chairperson-1999-2002

He enjoys farming and fishing. Married to Margery for 47 years, with 3 married children and 7 grandchildren.

[Spouse: Margery]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

Recent decisions by the Trustees have enabled The Rotary Foundation to become available, to set the emphasis and direction of our clubs, and has encouraged members to become Rotarians, not to be just a member of a Rotary club. The Rotary Foundation is now able to assist clubs in programs involving all the Avenues of Service, and has encouraged Rotarians to use their talents in the service of Rotary and has allowed Rotary, as said by PRIP Glen Kinross, to have gained worldwide respect "as an organization with the outstanding capacity to do what needs to be done". To become this valuable working tool is what The Rotary Foundation means to me.



**Byung Hee Pae****Zone 9**

PDG 3670 (2001-02)

Languages: *Korean, German, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 3590, 3600, 3610, 3620, 3630, 3640, 3650, 3660, 3670, 3680, 3690, 3700, 3710, 3720, 3730, 3740, 3750

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**B**ying Hee has a doctorate's degree in German language studies. He was a professor of German Language and department chair at Gunsan National University. He served Gunsan National University administration as Dean of Planning & Development, Dean of Student Affairs, Dean of the College of Humanities, and most recently as President. Byung Hee has also served as chairman of the German Language and Literature Research Association in Korea, and as Chairman of the Research Association of Korean Broadcasting Society in Gunsan.

A Rotarian since 1989, Byung Hee is a member of the Rotary club of **Gunsan Central**, where he served as club president in 1995-96. He served as a GSE Team Leader to District 9970 (1995-96), and as District Trainer (2003-04). Most recently he served on the Zone 9 Institute committee.

**Recent Committees and Task Forces:**

- Family of Rotary Task Force (Member, 2003-04)
- District RI Convention Promotion (Chairperson, 2004-05)
- GSE Subcommittee (Chairperson, 1997-98)

While serving as GSE team leader in New Zealand, Byung Hee presided over a joint program

at district 9970's District Conference on the partnership opportunities between Korea and New Zealand. The event inspired many Rotarians about the benefits and joys of international fellowship. Since then, exchanges between Korean clubs and district 9970 have been arranged, especially exchanges between families, showing the true meaning of international fellowship. He served as District Governor for 3670 in 2001-02.

Byung Hee is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Major Donor, Benefactor, and Bequest Society Member. His interests include classical music and choir conducting. [*Spouse: Sung Nam Kim*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**The Rotary Foundation is like an oasis in the desert to me. Humanity needs Rotary, and this need will increase in the future. Can you imagine the world without The Rotary Foundation?  
I cannot.  
The Rotary Foundation is like a lamp to Humanity and a lighthouse to sailors.**



# Abdulrahman Olatunji Funsho 10A (English speaking) (Tunji)

PDG 9120 (1995-96)

Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 9100 (English speaking), 9110, 9120, 9130, 9140, 9200**Districts Located in:** 9100 (English speaking) 9110, 9120, 9130, 9140, 9200

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**T**unji is a consultant physician and medical director of Marhaba Heart and Diabetes Clinic in Kano, Nigeria. He was vice-president of the Guild of Medical Directors and former vice-president of the Nigerian Medical Association. He is a member of the executive committee of the Nigerian Red Cross, Kano State and a consultant to the Nigerian Diabetics Association.

A Rotarian since 1985, Tunji is a member of the Rotary Club of **Kano** where he served as club president in 1990-91. He has served as PolioPlus state chairman (1987-91), and district PolioPlus chairman (1989-90). He is the state chairman of the 3-H "Childspacing" and HIV/AIDS education project of District 9120 Nigeria and 1840 Germany.

### Recent Committees:

- RI Training Leaders (Member, 2002-03)
- GETS Trainer (2002, 2004)
- Literacy and Education Task Force (Member, 2003-04)
- Avoidable Blindness Task Force (Member, 2000-01)

Tunji's involvement in the Avoidable Blindness Task Force led to the distribution of thousands of eyeglasses throughout his zone. He has represented RI presidents at district conferences and was his districts' delegate to the 2001 Council on

Legislation. He was a Rotary International Training Leader in 2002, 2003 and 2005.

He has also led an effort to bring refurbished computers to Nigerian schools. While District Governor, he was awarded the Calgary challenge award for membership.

Tunji has attended most Institutes and International conventions since 1994. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Foundation Benefactor. [*Spouse: Aisha*]

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

The Rotary Foundation is the prism through which I see the world. Through contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, I have the opportunity of positively touching the lives of disadvantaged peoples all over the world. Through the Humanitarian and Educational programs I see the transformation of the gloomy present into a hopeful and peaceful future. Through the Permanent Fund I see myself living until eternity as my contribution will continue to spread hope and joy all over the world. The Rotary Foundation is for me a vehicle to immortality.



**Vishram Jadv Patel****Zone 10A (French Speaking)**

PDG 9220 (2002-03)

Languages: *French, English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 9100 (French speaking) 9150, 9220**Districts Located in:** West and Central Africa**Contact Information****Address:**P.O. Box 501,  
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V.J. has been managing director of Vijay Construction Ltd. since 1979. A member of the Institution of Engineers, he is also past chairman of the Federation of Contractors. Since 1980, he has been active of the Indo-Seychelles Friendship association, and is a Past Chairman of the organization. He is currently the Chairman of the Hindu Council of Seychelles.

A Rotarian since 1985 V. J. is a member of the Rotary Club of **Victoria**, where he served as club president in 1992-93. He was District Governor for district 9220 in 2002-03

**Recent Committees and Task Forces:**

- District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair (2005-08)

V.J. is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Major Donor and a Foundation Benefactor. In his leisure time V.J. enjoys reading, tennis, swimming, and trekking. [*Spouse: Kusum*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**There are plenty of opportunities in this world to earn more and improve his or her life. What people do not realize is that there is a greater satisfaction in improving other people's lives. No achievement can surpass this. The Rotary Foundation provides the great opportunity to reach the needy people and contribute a little of ourselves to this worthy and noble cause. I feel privileged to be able to serve our Foundation.**



**Trevor Long****Zone 10A (South)**

PDG 9320 (1998-99)

Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 9210, 9250, 9270, 9300, 9320, 9350**Districts Located in:** Southern Africa**Contact Information****Address:**

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**T**revor retired in 1997 from Victoria Girls' High School where he was principal for 21 years. After three and a half years in retirement he was asked to head a new school, which he did until June 2003. He has served on many provisional and local education committees and is a past president of the South African Teachers' Association. He served on the Council of Rhodes University for 28 years.

A Rotarian since 1980, Trevor is a member of the Rotary club of **Algoa Bay**. He served as club president of the Rotary club of Grahamstown in 1985-86.

**Recent Committees:**

- Election Review Committee (Vice-chair, 2003-04)
- RI Membership Zone Coordinators (Member, 2003-04)

Trevor served as District Grants Subcommittee Chairperson (1999-03) and District Trainer (2002-03). He served on the Leadership Development and Training Committee (2002-03). He has also served on the Training Advisory Group of TRF.

While district governor, Trevor's district received the highest number of Children's Opportunity Grants. Trevor has recently led an effort tripling the number of Foundation benefactors in his district.

The system he designed for handling Matching Grants in his district has been adopted by TRF on a worldwide basis.



Trevor is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service, a Foundation Benefactor, and a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. In his free time he enjoys golf and reading. [*Spouse: Denise*]

**What The Rotary Foundation means to me**

- Friendship and fellowship worldwide with people from every conceivable walk of life and country.
- Meeting weekly with people whom I would not normally meet.
- The opportunity to assist people less fortunate than myself.
- To be part of a campaign to rid the world of communicable diseases.
- Greater consciousness of the manner in which I conduct my business and my daily life, adopting the high ethical standards of The Four Way Test.



## Doros Jeropoulos Zone 10B (North Africa / Middle East)

PDG 2450 (1998-1999) Languages: *English and Greek*

1<sup>st</sup> Year

**Districts:** 2450, 9010

**Districts Located in:** Northern Africa and the Middle East

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**D**oros is the founder and executive chairman of Jeropoulos Shipping Company. He continues to serve as chairman as well as board member on a number of government, business, social, cultural, and sports organizations. He joined the family shipping business in 1959. Doros served eight years as a member and chairman of the Cyprus Ports Authority, and has been a consultant to the government on matters of shipping agency and ports. He is currently serving as a Board Member of the national aircarrier, Cyprus Airways and its affiliate company, Cyprair, which he has served since 1975.

A Rotarian since 1979, he is a member of the Rotary Club of **Limassol-Amathusia** where he served as club president in 1987-88. He served as District Governor, District 2450 (1998-1999).

### Recent Committees:

- 2005 Rotary International Training Leaders
- President's Rep at Scarborough, District 1220 Conference (October 2005)
- World Community Service Resource Task Force (Member, 2000-02)
- 2002 International Institute, Barcelona (Member, 2001-02)
- District Trainer (2000-01)

Doros also enjoys sports and artistic and cultural activities. He is founder and chairman of the Limassol Theatrical Development Company. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a TRF Benefactor.

[Spouse: *Elis*]



### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

I strongly believe that if one wants to ascertain the importance of The Rotary Foundation he or she should ask the question "What would Rotary be without the Foundation?" Another social or business club like many others? Or maybe after a number of years cease to exist?

To me TRF is Rotary in practice and action. It is our source of power, prestige and the means to achieve our goals. It is what led Rotary to the top and last but not least what generates the support we receive from everywhere.



## Turgut Gökyigit Zone 10B (Southeastern Europe/Turkey)

PDG 2420 (1995-96) Languages: *Turkish, English*

2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 2420, 2430, 2440, 2470, 2480

**Districts Located in:** Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro

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Turgut studied civil engineering in the US at Colorado University and New York University where he received his master's degree. He returned to Turkey for employment in engineering. In 1985 he became managing director of Dürüst Is A.S., an import/export business. Turgut is a member of the Istanbul Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He is founding member of both the Child Kidney Foundation and the Foundation for Fighting Leprosy.

A Rotarian since 1975, Turgut is a member of the Rotary club of **Istanbul-Topkapi**, where he served as club president in 1986-87. He gave the invocation at the 1996 Calgary Convention closing ceremony, and was guest speaker at the 1996 Zones 27-28 Institute. Turgut serves as District Trainer (2003-present).

### Recent Committees and Task Forces:

- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chair, 2001-03)
- Club Development and Improvement Task Force (Member, 2001-02)
- Membership Retention Task Force (Member, 2000-01)

While serving as District Governor, Turgut oversaw a project to provide volunteer doctors, technicians, and humanitarian aid to war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina. The district sent several groups; each stayed one to two weeks at a time and performed surgeries, treated general conditions, and

educated their Bosnia colleagues on the newest medical techniques and developments. Clubs also provided medicine, medical supplies and equipment, clothing and more worth nearly one million dollars.

Turgut is a Paul Harris fellow, Major Donor, and Foundation Benefactor.

**[Spouse: Birsen]**

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

**Without The Rotary Foundation, RI would be just another administrative body. The Foundation has made valuable contributions to world peace, promoted goodwill among peoples and given service to humanity more than any other similar organization. TRF will continue to help Rotarians' vision for making this world a better place to live in.**



**Bernard Bonnes****Zone 11**

PDG 1760 (2003-04)

Languages: *French, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 1510, 1520, 1640, 1650, 1660, 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740, 1750, 1760, 1770, 1780, 1790

**Districts Located in:** France, Andorra, Monaco

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**B**ernard has held various positions in the insurance industry, including regional director, national sales manager, vice-president of sales, and broker. He has served as academic counselor at a technical college and board member at the University of Provence. Bernard was also a delegate to Marseille chamber of commerce.

A Rotarian since 1991, Bernard is a member of the Rotary club of **Marseille**, where he served as club president in 1998-99. Bernard was district 1760 representative to the editorial board of *Le Rotarien*, and in 2003 became a board member of the magazine.

**Recent Committees:**

- District Public Relations (Chair, 2001-02)
- Membership Development Committee (Member, 2000-01)

While serving as club president Bernard formed sister-club ties to the Rotary club of Alger in Algeria. The two clubs partnered to initiate many projects to help Algeria's needy, including providing medicine, purchasing educational toys, establishing an exhibition of Algerian art in Marseille, and sending educational material to a professional college destroyed in an earthquake.

The ties with the Algerian club continued, and recently Bernard was guest speaker at District

9010's district conference under the theme "A Bridge Across the Mediterranean." As the new Inter-Country Committee France-Algeria Chair, he continues to strengthen the relations between the two clubs.

Bernard is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.  
[Spouse: Annie]

**What The Rotary Foundation means to me**

Without the Rotary Foundation, Rotary International would not be as well known or have gained the global importance it has today. Rotary should not stop here. With continued support for the Foundation, each Rotarian, club, and district participates actively in Humanitarian programs, GSEs, and Scholarship Programs. With our contributions, the internationality of Rotary, a basic element in our association becomes our own. Fund Development is essential to give ourselves the means to reach our goals. Shouldn't our goal for the Foundation be that we are among the 10 wealthiest foundations in the world?



**Carlo Sarasso****Zone 12, parts of 10B**

PDG 2040 (1996-97)

Languages: *Italian, French, English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 1960, 1970, 2030, 2040, 2050, 2060, 2070, 2080, 2090, 2100, 2110, 2120, 2200, 2210**Districts Located in:** Portugal, Azores Islands, Madeira Islands, Italy, San Marino, Albania, Malta, Spain, Balearic Islands, and the Canary Islands**Contact Information****Address:**Piazza Belgioioso 2  
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**C**arlo is a lawyer in private practice, admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Italy. Since 1971 he has been a professor of commercial law and was a professor of maritime and agricultural law at the University of Turin. He has been a member of the International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property, the International Association of Insurance Law, the International Association of Jurists Italy-USA, and the Arbitration Court of Turin.

A Rotarian since 1965, Carlo is a member of the Rotary Club of **Milano Ovest** where he served as club president in 1993-94.

**Recent District Committees:**

- Health and Hunger Resource Group (Zone Coordinator, 2006-2007)
- 2000 International Institute Committee in Buenos Aires (Member, 1999-00)

Carlo has been the president of the Rotary Foundation Committee (1997-00), president of the Centenary Committee (2000), as well as the Council on Legislation Committee (2002-04) of District 2040. He has served as a delegate to R.I. Council on Legislation during 2004. He has been the President of the Zone 12 R.I. Committee for the appointment of the Director for R.I. Board (2002-04). Carlo was the moderator for the workshop "After the Council on Legislation" at the Rotary



Institute 2004 in Maastricht and at Rotary Institute in Lille.

He has been awarded the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service Award and is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. [*Spouse: Miretta*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**Rotary International has gone far. It has grown. The Rotary Foundation has been a valuable instrument of this growth, and it must be even more a precious support of Rotary's mission in the following year, so Rotary International can better adapt to the new social, economic, political and cultural realities, validly contribute to face the challenges posed by the future, and increasingly provide man with reasons for hope for family and social development and for individual fulfillment. This is an ardent wish. Translating it into reality will depend on each of us.**



# Rudolf Hoorweg

(Rudy)

## Zone 13

PDG 1610 (2001-02)

Languages: *Dutch, German, English, French*

2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 1550, 1560, 1570, 1580, 1590, 1600, 1610, 1620, 1630, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2170

**Districts Located in:** The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Liechtenstein

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**R**udy became vice-president of marketing and sales in 1983 for European Container Terminals (ECT), at the time the world's largest private container handling company, located in Rotterdam. In 1991 he became Managing Director of the Home Container division of ECT and served in this position until his retirement in 1995. Rudy spent ten more years in Rotterdam serving in various consulting roles for ECT and the port of Rotterdam. He has also served as Honorary Consul General to the Republic of Korea (1992-2000).

A Rotarian since 1983, Rudy is a member of the Rotary club of **Zwijndrecht**, where he served as club president in 1991-92. Rudy was co-organizer of the Maastricht zone institute, and currently serves as District 1610 World Community Service Chairperson as well as the District Grant Subcommittee Chairperson.

### Recent Committees:

- Inter-Country Committee, Netherlands/Indonesia (Chair, 2003-present)
- Frank Devlyn's District Committee—Task Force Coordinators (Member, 2000-01)
- Frank Devlyn's District Committee—Membership Development (Member, 2000-01)

In 1998 Rudy organized a new Community Service project in cooperation with the Salvation Army to provide homeless youth with a new chance for housing, for a job, and a new start. He has worked extensively to establish close relations

between Indonesian and Dutch Rotarians via joint presentations, Matching Grants projects and GSE team exchanges.

Rudy is a Paul Harris Fellow.

[Spouse: *Ria*]

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

The Rotary Foundation is the key element in Rotary International's mission for peace, understanding and the creation of a better world. The humanitarian and educational programs of the Foundation are proven and effective tools to help reaching that goal. Like any organization, the Foundation needs a critical review from time to time. The study of the Future Vision Group deserves serious consideration within Rotary worldwide in order to enhance the effectiveness and acceptance of the Foundation.



**Paul-Josef Zeisler****Zone 14 (west)**

PDG 1830 (2000-01)

Languages: *German, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year**Districts:** 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1930, 1940, 1950**Districts Located in:** Germany, Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina**Contact Information****Address:**Kirchhalde 7/2  
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**P**aul-Josef has a master's degree in economics from Friedrich Alexander University, Nuremberg, Germany. He has worked for Ford and IBM for 27 years, held various professional and management positions and retired in 1997 from IBM. He founded his own business consulting company in 1997, working with small and medium size enterprises and startups. He has lived in the UK, the US, and in various cities in Germany.

A Rotarian since 1987 Paul-Josef is a member of the Rotary club he co-founded in 1989: **Reutlingen-Tübingen Süd**. He served as club president in 1991-92. Paul-Josef has served as GSE club chair (1995-97), and club Foundation chair since 1997. He was a GSE team leader to the US in 1999.

**Recent Committees:**

- German Governors Council  
(TRF Representative, 2001-present;  
World Community Service Representative,  
2002-present)
- District Rotary Foundation Committee  
(Chair, 2001-03)
- District 1830 Chair for International Services,  
(2004-present)
- Fellowship Population and Development,  
German section (Member, 2004-present)

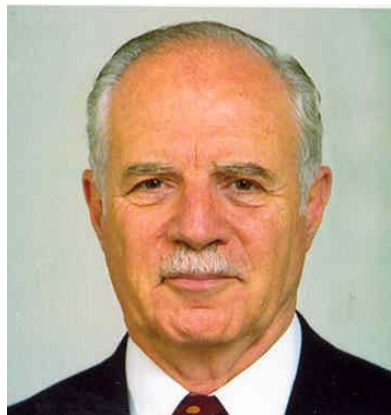
Paul-Josef is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

[Spouse: **Renate**]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

***"We - the Rotarians --  
are The Rotary Foundation"***



**David Neumann****Zone 14 (east)**PDG 2490 (1979-80, 90-91) Languages: *Hebrew, English German* 3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 1910, 1920, 2240, 2241, 2490**Districts Located in:** Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Rep. of Moldova, Romania, Israel**Contact Information****Address:**14, David Shim'oni St.  
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David has served numerous times as counselor to Ambassadorial Scholars. He has been DGs' representative to the creation of several new clubs. David is a Major Donor, Bequest Society charter member, and Foundation Benefactor. [*Spouse: Lea*]

**D**avid is a co-director of NFI Consultants; a Jerusalem based financial, business, and public and media relations office. He is also the Chairman of the audit Board of Jerusalem's Co-Op chain of supermarkets. Previously, he served more than four decades as spokesman and director of training and international relations at the Central Bureau of Statistics in the Prime Minister's Office. David is member and officer of several local and international civic, scientific, and voluntary organizations.

A Rotarian since 1965, David is a member of the Rotary club of **Jerusalem West**, where he served as club president in 1973-74. He served twice as District Governor and multiple terms as district trainer. He served 5 years as District Foundation Chair, and currently serves as PolioPlus chair for his country. David also is the Chairman of the editorial board of *Rotary Israel*.

**Recent Committees:**

- World Community Service  
(Member, 2003-04)
- PolioPlus Partners Task Force  
(Member, 2003-present)
- RI Membership Coordinator (2001-03)
- Brisbane Promotions Committee  
(Member, 2002-03)
- Crime Reduction and Violence Prevention Task Force (Member, 2000-01)

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

The Rotary Foundation is the world's "insurance policy" to ensure that Rotary's international and local projects and missions can and will be carried out, whenever, and wherever needed. Our Foundation is the No. 1 opportunity for every Rotarian to get involved in building up a better and more peaceful world.



**Suzanne Brenning****Zone 15**

District 2350

Languages: *Swedish, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year**Districts:** 1380, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2350, 2370, 2380, 2400, 2410**Districts Located in:** Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia**Contact Information****Address:**Valhallavägen 82  
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**S**uzanne retired in 2002 from a career as an opera singer. She performed at the Gothenburg Opera House from 1966-1997, as well as at other venues in Scandinavia. She has also had engagements in Berlin and Boston. Suzanne performed for television and radio audiences, and has sung for concert recordings.

A Rotarian since 1992, Suzanne is a member of the Rotary club of **Stockholm**, where she served as club president in 1999-2000. She served as aid to RI president Bhichai Rattakul during his official visit to Stockholm in October of 2002. Currently she serves on the 2005 Zone Institute Organizing Committee for zones 15 & 16.

**Recent Committees:**

- District RYLA (Chairperson, 2004-07)
- District Rotaract (Chairperson, 2004-07)
- District Vocational Service (Chairperson, 2004-07)
- District Rotary World Peace Fellowship Committee (2005-07)
- Presidential Celebration Committee, Peace and Tolerance (Member, 2003-04)
- District Polio Eradication Committee (Vice-Chairperson, 2002-04)
- District Rotary Foundation (Chairperson, 2000-01)

At her 2001 District Conference, Suzanne met with Rotarians from the Troitsk Rotary Club in Russia. She learned that the club sponsored a chamber choir of some 30 professional and amateur singers. After hearing an impressive recording of the choir Suzanne organized a taskforce to work on bringing the chamber choir to Stockholm for performances at special venues and at Rotary clubs. The concerts were an enormous success, and proceeds from the performances were contributed to PolioPlus.

Suzanne is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Foundation Benefactor.

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**The Rotary Foundation gives me a chance to HELP and to sow seeds of HOPE for those who need HELP and HOPE.**

**The Rotary Foundation gives me the possibility of doing good in small matters as well as big, and to inspire others to do so.**

**To keep The Rotary Foundation sparkling and active is a matter of great concern for me in the future.**



**Kaj Witt****Zone 16**

PDG 1450 (1993-94)

Languages: *Danish, English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year**Districts:** 1360, 1440, 1450, 1460, 1470, 1480, 2230, 2250, 2260, 2270, 2280, 2290, 2300, 2310, 2360, 2390**Districts Located in:** Iceland, Greenland, Denmark, Belarus, Ukraine, Poland, Norway, Sweden,**Contact Information****Address:**Marsellis Blvd. 34, 8<sup>th</sup> Fl  
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**K**aj was in the airline business for 45 years, until his retirement in 1995. He worked for Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) and Swissair where he served as a district manager for 23 years.

A Rotarian since 1983, Kaj is a member of the Rotary club of **Aarhus**, where he served as club president in 1987-88. He was Chairman of the Danish council in 1994-95, and has participated in most European institutes since 1992. Kaj has served as National Advisor since 2000. He was district trainer (2000-02, 2004-05). Kaj was an administrator at the Danish Rotary magazine, *Norden* (1999-2001).

**Recent Committees and Task Forces:**

- Literacy Task Force (Member, 2004-05)
- Health Concerns Task Force (Member, 2003-04)
- Annual Giving Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-04)
- Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign (Chairperson, 2002-03)
- Permanent Fund Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-04)
- PolioPlus Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-04)
- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 1999-2003)

While Kaj served on the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign, European countries switched their currency to the Euro. Kaj and



his team collected donations of old unused European coins from people in their district, totaling up to approximately \$180,000. The money was donated to the PEFC.

Kaj is recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. [*Spouse: Lizzie*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**A very easy question: *a lot.***  
**The Rotary Foundation gives me the opportunity and satisfaction to fulfill our motto: SERVICE ABOVE SELF.**



**Milton Frary****Zone 17**

PDG 1040 (2003-04)

Languages: *English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year**Districts:** 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1150, 1160, 1180, 1190, 1210, 1220, 1230, 1270, 1280**Districts Located in:** Scotland, England, Wales, Ireland**Contact Information****Address:**

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**M**ilton retired as a senior bank manager in 1995. He has been very active in his community, serving as founder and chairman of the Hillsborough Trade Association, Chairman of the Chamber of Trade, Chairman of the Parent Teachers Association, and a Trustee/Director of the Wheelchair Foundation, UK.

A Rotarian since 1992, Milton is a member of the Rotary club of **Castleford, W. Yorks**, where he served two terms as club president (1997-99).

**Recent Committees:**

- RIBI Foundation Committee (Chairman 2005-2007)
- RIBI Foundation Committee (Member 2003-2005)
- District Executive Committee (Chair, 2003-04)
- District Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign (Chair, 2002-03)
- PolioPlus Partners (Chairman, 1998-02)

Milton served as GSE team leader in 1997. He was host counselor to an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1998-99. In 1999 Milton was host to a Brazilian GSE team and an Australian team in 2002.

He has served in RIBI as General Council (2003-04), and on the Membership Service Committee (2004-05). Milton has been a presenter

at multiple Rotary events, including the RIBI Assembly (2004 and 2005), the Extension Officers Seminar (2004), and D1250 Membership Seminar (2004). He was moderator for the World Peace Scholars Seminar in Bradford (2003), and co-moderator for the 2004 Institute in Warwick.

Raising money for the Foundation is a main interest for Milton. He played a key role in gaining sponsorship of \$81,000 to launch the "Spread and Save" project in 28 of the 29 RIBI districts, earning an estimated \$540,000. He launched the "Centennial Tea Caddy" this year with a guaranteed minimum of \$300,000. He is currently launching "Will Service" and hopes soon to launch "Rotary Telecom".

Milton is recipient of District 1040's District Service Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Foundation Benefactor. [Spouse: Elaine]

**What The Rotary Foundation means to me**

**The Rotary Foundation provides the facility to satisfy dreams, placate nightmares and undertake miracles every day past, present and future. It is the duty of every Rotarian to strive for a healthy, literate, peaceful world and my contract has no finish date.**



**Alan Hollands****Zone 18**

PDG 1110 (2003-04)

Languages: *English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1100, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1170, 1200, 1240, 1250, 1260, 1290**Districts Located in:** England**Contact Information****Address:**

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**A**lan, a former headmaster and Director of the Technical & Vocational Education Initiative of the Hampshire County Council, is a partner in an education consultancy. The majority of his current work is in support of local authority adult and community education.

A Rotarian since 1984, Alan was a founding member of the Rotary Club of **Fordingbridge** and was club President in 1991-02 and 1997-98. He is now a member of the Rotary Club of Ringwood.

**Recent Committees:**

- RIBI Leadership Development & Training Committee (Member, 2005-06)
- RIBI Foundation Committee (Link Governor, 2003-04 & Member, 2004-05)
- District Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2003-05)
- District Scholars Coordinator (1996-98)
- District Secretary (1995-96)

Alan was further involved in Foundation Activities when he led a GSE team to Peru in 1996 and when he was counselor to an in-coming scholar from Japan on a 3-year scholarship (1996-99).

During his year as District Governor the annual giving to the Rotary Foundation increased by 45.7%. This growth continued in 2004-05 with District 1110 as the highest giving District, both total and per capita, in Zones 17 and 18.



Alan is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Foundation Benefactor. He enjoys walking, gardening and travel. [*Spouse: Valerie*].

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**As part of my commitment to Rotary service, I am a keen supporter of The Rotary Foundation because it is a charity that gives me an opportunity to influence expenditure at a local level whilst at the same time enabling me to contribute to larger, international programs. Locally the funds will typically support District Simplified Grants, Matching Grants and Ambassadorial Scholarships and it is up to me to persuade my club and District to get involved and to gain benefits. Internationally 3H Grants, the Polio Eradication campaign and Rotary Peace Centers enable me to feel that my contribution has a much wider effect.**



## Zones 19B, part of 21B

### Daniel Osvaldo Elicetche

PDG 4880 (1996-97) Languages: *Spanish, French, English* 1<sup>st</sup> Year

**Districts:** 4300, 4320, 4340, 4350, 4360, 4450, 4460, 4690, 4790, 4800, 4810, 4820, 4830, 4840, 4850, 4860, 4870, 4880, 4890, 4900, 4910, 4920, 4930, 4960, 4970, 4980

**Districts Located in:** Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, and Uruguay

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**D**aniel manages the Paraguay offices of PricewaterhouseCoopers. A member of the Paraguayan-American Chamber of Commerce since 1985, he served as president of the organization from 1995-96. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Paraguayan – American, Paraguayan – British, and Paraguayan – Italian chamber of Commerce. He is also chairman of the Professional Council of Paraguayan College of Accountants and serves as president of PREVER, a drug abuse prevention group.

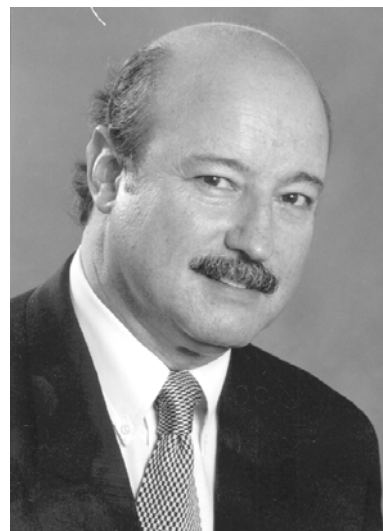
Daniel has been a Rotarian since 1987. He is a member of the Rotary Club of **Asuncion, Central** where he was club president (1993–94). He was District Governor of D4840 in (2001-02).

#### Recent Committees:

- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2002-06)
- District Conference (Chairperson, 2004-05)
- District Extension (Chairperson, 2003-04)
- District Membership Development (Chairperson, 2000-01)
- District Chairperson-On-to-Buenos Aires (1999-00)

He is Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is Major Donor of Extraordinary Donations, Level I.

[Spouse: *Rosa Solis*]



#### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

**Working for implementation of The Rotary Foundation programs and promoting fundraising is the best way to create goodwill and to enrich Peace among the nations of the world. For me it will be a great honor to work for it.**



## Gedson Junqueira Bersanete Zones 19A, 20 (south)

PDG 4470 (1994-95)

Languages: *Portuguese, English*

2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 4310, 4420, 4430, 4470, 4480, 4510, 4540, 4590, 4610, 4620, 4630, 4640, 4650, 4651, 4660, 4670, 4680, 4700, 4710, 4730, 4740, 4780

**Districts Located in:** Southern Brazil, Paraguay

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**G**edson is a civil engineer graduate from *Escola de Engenharia de Lins*. He also has an accounting degree from *Instituto Noroeste de Birigui*. He is the owner of G.P., an engineering services company specializing in concrete structures and hospital architecture. Gedson is the owner of Tunes & Bersanete Ltd., a real estate development firm. He is a member of the São Paulo State Regional Council of Engineers and Architects; the Engineer Union of São Paulo State; the Birigui Association of Engineers and Architects; and *Loja Maçônica Luz e Liberdade*, as Master Free Mason. He served as president of Masonry from 2003-2005.

A Rotarian since 1982, Gedson is a member of the Rotary club of **Birigui S.P**, where he served as club president in 1988-89. He served as district extension chairperson (2000-01), district trainer (2002-03), on the Foundation alumni resource group, and as permanent fund national advisor for South America (2003-04). Gedson has also served as speaker in many district conferences.

### Recent Committees / Task Forces:

- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2003-present)
- District Grants Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-03)
- Jobs for Disabled persons task force (2000-01)
- World Community Service task force (2001-02)

Gedson served as representative to the President at the D4500 District Conference. He has participated in most Rotary Foundation Seminars since 1992. He was the representative for his district at the 2001 Council on Legislation.

Gedson served Rotary International as International Assembly Training Leader - 2000 and 2002 in Anaheim, California.

Gedson is recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Foundation Benefactor.

[Spouse: Anice]

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

**Our suffering world has significant needs as sanitation system, clean water, food, education and health.**

**The problem is the bad income distribution. Some countries have all facilities others live with poverty.**

**The major part of the solution is Our Rotary Foundation. Through The Rotary Foundation we can potentialize our money and materialize the idea that money serves the good of mankind. We are simply men helping others with the Rotary Foundation tools.**



## Aldair De Queiroz Franco

## Zone 20 (north)

PDG 4770 (2000-01) Languages: *Portuguese, Spanish, English* 1<sup>st</sup> Year

**Districts:** 4390, 4410, 4440, 4490, 4500, 4520, 4530, 4550, 4560, 4570, 4580, 4600, 4720, 4750, 4760, 4770

**Districts Located in:** Northern Brazil

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Aldair is an accountant with over 30 years of experience in the field, serving a wide range of clients, among them many renowned companies in her hometown Ituiutaba. She has been recognized as a top professional by both The Accounting Council in Minas Gerais and the Chamber of Commerce. Active in local politics, Aldair was the Director for the Secretary of Industry, Commerce, Tourism and Services of Ituiutaba in 2001-2002, and the Director for the Secretary of Health in 2003-2004. She is also an active member of several Non-Governmental Organizations in her community, especially associations that care for needy children and teenagers.

A Rotarian since 1992, Aldair is a member of the Rotary Club of **Ituiutaba União**, where she currently serves as club secretary. She served as club president in 1993-94, and as District Governor, District 4770 (2000-01). In 1995, Aldair was GSE Team Leader to District 7870 in New Hampshire and Vermont, where she attended her first International District Conference. She has hosted many GSE team members as well as exchange students from the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and Denmark.

### Recent Committees:

- Literacy and Education Task Force (Member, 2003-04)
- District RYLA (Chairperson, 1998-99)
- District Grants Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-06)

Aldair received the Membership Development and Retention Award in 2000-2001 and PD Eminent Governor from Rotary International in 2002, and has been a lecturer in many District Conferences other than her own, including one in Argentina, for District 4830. In 2002, she was RI President's representative for District 4640.

Aldair is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Major Donor, and a Foundation Benefactor.

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

The Rotary Foundation, the three-blessed-words name means a lot to me. In countries like mine, Brazil, where there are poor regions in the northeastern inland, The Rotary Foundation has played an important role in helping people. Vaccine against polio virus has preserved children from being handicapped there.

To me, Matching Grants is one of the worthiest humanitarian programs in the world. Through them, Rotary clubs in different countries can bring health, food, water, school, medicine, family planning, hygienic education, ambulances, medical equipments, odontological treatment, avoidable blindness, school parks and many different projects.



**Mario Yee****Zone 21 (part of)**

PDG 4240 (1996-97)

Languages: *Spanish, English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 4060, 4100, 4110, 4130, 4150, 4160, 4170, 4180, 4190, 4200, 4240, 4250, 4270, 4280, 4290, 4370, 4380, 4400

**Districts Located in:** Dominican Republic, Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador

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**M**ario currently manages his own company that manufactures consumer food sauces. He is a past member of Panama Certified Public Accountant Society and has served as chairman for various local business organizations, and is an active member on several professional and community organizations.

A Rotarian since 1977, Mario is a member of the Rotary club of **Panama**, where he served as club president in 1993-94. District 4240 Governor in 1996-97. He was district trainer in 2000 and again in 2003-04. He served as District Foundation committee Chair in 2001 and currently is District Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign Chairperson.

**Recent Committees:**

- Concern for Disabled Committee (Member, 2002-03)
- World Community Service Programs Task Force (Member, 2001-03)

Mario has also served as president's representative at several district conferences. He has participated in numerous organizing committees for district conferences, Rotary zone institutes, project fairs, and presidential conferences.

Mario is a major donor and Foundation benefactor. In his free time he enjoys collecting Panamanian currency and orchids. [*Spouse: Isis*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

TRF has always impressed and fascinated me. Its two main streams of activities: programs and fundraising is a fulltime commitment for us to promote and encourage clubs to support The Rotary Foundation—Our Foundation. We must create the sense of belonging.



**Leigh Higinbotham****Zone 22 & 23 (part of)**

PDG 5040 (1994-95)

Languages: *English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 5010 (including Russia east of the Ural Mountains), 5020, 5040, 5050, 5060, 5080, 5360, 5370, 5550

**Districts Located in:** Canada, including Yukon Territory, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Manitoba and Ontario; the U.S., including Alaska, Washington, and Idaho; and Russia, east of the Ural Mountains

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**L**eigh retired after a 33-year career with BC TEL (now Telus). He occasionally accepts project work as a consultant in the field of strategic planning and organizational development (often called Change Management) and serves as a director/board member for a number of organizations. Leigh and his wife Fil own and manage a number of rental properties at Whistler, the site of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

A Rotarian since 1984, Leigh is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of **Vancouver Arbutus**. He is a past chairman of the Northwest Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) where over 570 Rotarians from 10 districts in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Russia are trained to become club presidents.

**Recent Committees:**

- Club Leadership Development Committee (Chairperson, 2004-05)
- Leadership Development and Training Committee (Vice-chair, 2002-04)
- Rotary Education and Training Executive Steering Committee (Member, 2001-02)

Leigh has served RI as a training leader at the International Assembly, at the RRFC Training Institute, and at the RI Membership Coordinator's training. For a number of years Leigh has trained the RI training leaders at the International Assembly. His thoughts on the training of Rotary



leaders were the subject of a feature article in the June 2002 issue of *The Rotarian*. Leigh has represented Rotary International presidents at district conferences held in Sacramento, Boston, Thunder Bay, Berlin Germany and Jefferson City. He represented his district at the 1998 Council on Legislation in India.

Leigh is recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Foundation Benefactor. [*Spouse: Filomena*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**I see The Rotary Foundation as a model for the future of the world. Instead of countries focusing on self-serving endeavors, they accept that they are all on this planet together, that our futures are interdependent and they are secure only if all people are secure. When everyone has food, clean water, medical assistance and education we will move toward a world of peace and understanding. The Rotary Foundation is leading the way.**



**Reid Asselstine****Zone 22, 28, 31 (Canada only)**

PDG 7010 (2000-01)

Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 6330, 7010, 7040, 7070, 7080, 7790, 7810, 7820**Districts Located in:** Canada, including Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, St. Pierre & Miquelon**Contact Information****Address:**6 Blue Ridge Crescent  
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**R**eid retired in 1997 from the Simcoe County School Board, where he had been vice-principal since 1983. He is a past president of the Science Teachers' Association of Ontario. He has also been on the board of the Canadian YMCA and was president of the Mariposa Arts Theatre in Orillia.

A Rotarian since 1990, Reid is a member of the Rotary club of **Orillia**, where he served as club president in 1995-96. He has served as chair for all the major fundraising events in his own club, the latest being *The Rotary Festival of Trees*. He has been special district governor representative for the formation of a new Rotary club in Orillia.

**Recent Committees:**

- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2002-04)
- District Extension Committee (Chairperson, 2003-04)
- District Presidential Emphases Committee Chair

During his year as District Governor, Reid and his wife Mary went to Consuela, Dominica Republic to help distribute school supplies to the people living in the small village in the sugar fields. While there he planted the seeds for a new Rotary club in Consuela. The club was chartered on May 2001 and became the host for many of District 7010's humanitarian projects. Reid and Mary also went to India in February 2004 to participate in a



National Immunization Day. Reid serves on the Board of Directors of the Rotary Foundation - Canada.

Reid has made numerous presentations at zone meetings, at PETS, and at district meetings and conferences. He is a faculty member for the district's leadership academy. He has attended five international conventions.

Reid is a Major Donor and charter member of the Bequest Society. He is a recipient of the Rotary Foundation District Service award and the Four Avenues of Service citation. [*Spouse: Mary*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**As I gave a couple of polio vaccine drops to a very young baby in India recently, the wife of a Rotarian turned to me and said, "That one will walk". Then I realized that the Rotary Foundation actually does provide hope, peace and world understanding, one individual at a time.**



**John Rasmussen****Zone 23**PDG 5030 (1995-96) Languages: *English*2<sup>nd</sup> Year**Districts:** 5030, 5100, 5110, 5130, 5150, 5160, 5180, 5190**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including Oregon, Washington, California, and Nevada**Contact Information****Address:**16524 9<sup>th</sup> Place NW  
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**J**ohn is a Certified Public Accountant and was employed at a large international CPA firm and a small local firm before opening his own practice in 1979.

A Rotarian since 1981, John is a member of the Rotary Club of **Edmonds Daybreakers**. He served as club president of the Rotary Club of North Seattle in 1987-88 and served three terms as his club's Rotary Foundation Chair.

John has given over 200 club presentations on the Rotary Foundation and has been a speaker at many district Rotary Foundation events from California to Alaska. He was the Rotary Foundation instructor at the Southern California and Nevada PETS in 2002 and 2004. He has also served as a discussion leader at the Zones 23 and 24 GETS.

**Recent Committees:**

- Family of Rotary Task Force (Member, 2004-2005)
- PolioPlus Partners Task Force (Member, 2003-2005)
- Hunger Task Force (Member 2001-02)
- Polio Eradication Fund Raising Campaign, (Zone 23 Leader, 2002 – 2005)

John represented District 5030 at the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi, India, and also at the 2001 Council in Chicago. He has served on numerous zone and international committees for



Rotary International. He has served on several zone institute committees, including as vice chair of the 2000 Institute. John was Permanent Fund National Advisor in 1999-2001.

Together with his wife, Paula, John has hosted several Group Study Exchange members and they have been host counselors for two Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars.

John is a Major Donor to the Rotary Foundation, a Benefactor, and Charter Member of the Bequest Society. [*Spouse: Paula*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

I recall the first time I heard the words of Arch Klumpf, quoted in a speech by a district governor, calling for establishment of a foundation "for doing good in the world." I wonder if Arch knew what he was starting. As M.A.T. Caparas said, "Rotary Brings Hope." Bringing hope is exactly what The Rotary Foundation does. It is the soul of our international service efforts.



# Joseph LaGuess

(Joe)

## Zone 24

PDG 5330 (2000-01)

Languages: *English*

3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 5000, 5170, 5220, 5230, 5240, 5260, 5280, 5300, 5320, 5330, 5340

**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including Hawaii, Central and Southern California, and Nevada

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**J**oe has over 40 years of experience in fund development. He recently retired as Vice-president of the Eisenhower Medical Center Foundation in Rancho Mirage, California. During his career, he served at Knox College, Hanover College, Emory University and the not-for-profit 23-hospital system, Intermountain Health Care. He was Assistant Administrator and Director of Development from 1976 to 1992 at Primary Children's Medical Center as well as Director of Development at Intermountain Health Care, based in Salt Lake City, Utah. Recent community service includes the Board of Directors and President of the Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce, Board member and President of the Desert Estate Planning Council, and Board member of The Family YMCA of the Desert.

A Rotarian since 1968, Joe is a member of the Rotary club of **Rancho Mirage** where he served as club president in 1995-96. He served as his district's annual fund chair (1997-98), Assistant Governor, and Foundation chair (2002-2005). Joe represented District 5330 at the 2004 Council on Legislation and was elected as his District's representative to the 2005 Zone Nominating Committee. He has served as instructor at both GETS and PETS.

### Recent Committees:

- Permanent Fund National Advisors  
(Member, 2002-present)

While serving as Permanent Fund National Advisor, Joe oversaw the highest number of gifts received in his zone.

Joe is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, member of The Paul Harris Society, Foundation Benefactor, and a member of the Bequest Society. In 2005, he was awarded the Foundation's "Citation for Meritorious Service." In his free time he enjoys photography and golf. [*Spouse: Myrna*]

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

**The Rotary Foundation provides me an opportunity, and like all opportunities I get out of it what I put into it. For me, it provides a heartfelt sense of fulfillment knowing that my service and my gifts have made a difference in someone's life. Opportunities last a lifetime!**



# Philip Silvers

(Phil)

## Zone 25

PDG 5500 (1999-2000) Languages: *English*

3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Districts:** 5390, 5400, 5420, 5440, 5450, 5470, 5490, 5500, 5510, 5520, 5580, 5610, 5630, 5670, 5690

**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, Arizona, California, New Mexico, Texas, N. & S. Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Ontario, Canada

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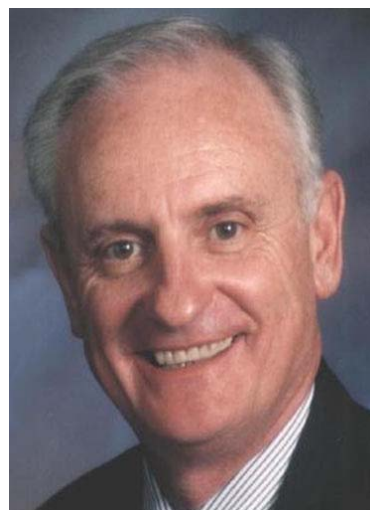
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Phil is principal of SilverLode Associates, a research and planning firm. He served as a high school counselor, teacher, and principal. He has also been a federal program policy planning specialist and a private-sector management consultant in Washington, D.C. For the past 25 years, Phil has worked in higher education—at the University of Arizona, Arizona State University, U.S. Military Academy West Point, and Pima Community College District, where he is Vice-Chancellor Emeritus.

A Rotarian since 1986, Phil is a member of the Rotary club of **Tucson Sunrise**. He served as club president for the Rotary club of Tucson in 1994. He is currently the Arizona Tri-district PETS and Assistant Governor Trainer, and a Zone 25/26 GET Trainer.

#### Recent Committees:

- Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisors (Member, 2003-2004)
- RI Membership Zone Coordinators (Member, 2002-2004)
- Community Service Programs Task Force (Member, 2001-02)
- 2001 International Institute Committee (Member, 2000-01)

Phil and his Rotary partner/spouse, Kathleen, have started two highly successful Rotary clubs in Russia. He chaired the third Annual *Rotary in Russia* conference in 1999, and spoke at the Presidential Peace Forum in St. Petersburg. Phil

was named Zone 25 Most Outstanding PDG for Rotary's Global Quest in 2001-02. He led Rotary's first all-indigenous GSE to Western Australia; did a New Opportunities Grant University Exchange to Russian; participated in an NID in India, and served as District 5500 representative to the 2004 Council on Legislation.

Phil and Kathleen are Foundation benefactors, Major Donors, Bequest Society and Paul Harris Society members, and donors to a TRF Advised Fund. [*Spouse: Kathleen*]

#### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

With tragic scenes all around us, we feel compelled to respond, to do something to relieve suffering and help others have sustainable lives. But how can we make a meaningful response? The challenges are so vast! Our Rotary Foundation has the tools which can make a significant difference in people's lives. We leverage our resources and mobilize volunteers. Our grandchildren will want to know what we did to challenge hunger, dysentery, polio, AIDS, terrorism, and other evils in our day. Our commitment to our Rotary Foundation not only responds to human suffering, it provides a legacy for our children and grandchildren of a kinder, safer world. We are accountable to them!



**Noel Bajat****Zone 26**

PDG 6200 (1998-99)

Languages: *English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 5730, 5750, 5770, 5790, 5810, 5830, 5840, 5870, 5890, 5910, 5930, 6200**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including parts of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana**Contact Information****Address:**

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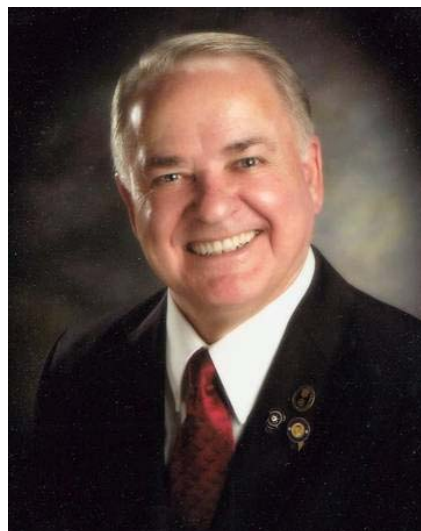
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**N**oel is President/Chief Executive Officer and Director of Abbeville Building & Loan, a mutual Savings Bank specializing in owner occupied residential home loans. A Rotarian since 1977, Noel is a member of the Rotary Club of **Abbeville**. He was president of his club in 1993-94 and is the recipient of the Rotary Foundation District Service Award and the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. He was awarded the Rotarian of the Year Award, the District 6200 Governors Cup Award and the Rotary International "Service above Self" award. Noel has served his District as Foundation Chair 2001-03, District Trainer 2000-01 and 2005-06 as well as Chair of numerous District Committees. He has served Zones 25-26 as Institute Program Chair, Institute Assistant General Chair, Institute General Chair and GETs Training Leader. On the International level, Noel has served as Zone Coordinator for Avoidable Blindness (two years); Zone Leader for the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign; and as a Presidents' Representative in England, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma. Noel is a frequent guest speaker at Clubs, District PETs, District Assemblies and District Conferences in several states.

**Recent RI Committees:**

- National Advisor to the Permanent Fund (2002-2004)
- Osaka International Institute Committee (Member, 2004)



- Council on Legislation (Delegate 2004)
- International Assembly Training Leader (2004)
- Rotary Foundation District Service Award
- Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

Noel and his spouse Sis are Major Donors, Benefactors and Charter Members of the Bequest Society of the Rotary Foundation [*Spouse: Helen*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**Without The Rotary Foundation there would be no program to eradicate polio; there would not have been an avoidable blindness program; there would be fewer wells for those without clean water to drink; there would be fewer scholars in the world. Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation now and in the future will continue to enable us to provide the needs of the impoverished of the world**



# Mary Beth Growney Selene

## Zone 27

PDG 6250 (2000-01) Languages: *English*

1<sup>st</sup> Year

**Districts:** 5650, 5950, 5960, 5970, 6000, 6220, 6250, 6270, 6420, 6440, 6450

**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois

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**M**ary Beth is founder and president of Ryan Signs, Inc. She has served as a member of Illinois Sign Association, Business and Education Partnership, and International Sign Association. Mary Beth is an active participant in the programs of the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Business and Education Partnership. She is involved as a non-lawyer volunteer with the State Bar of Wisconsin.

A Rotarian since 1987, Mary Beth is a member of the Rotary Club of **Madison West Towne-Middleton** and served as club president in 1993-94. She was a District Trainer in 1999-00 & 2001-02.

### Recent Committees:

- Public Image Task Force (Zone Coordinator, 2005-06)
- Annual Programs Fund Strategic Advisors for U.S. and Canada (Member, 2005-06)
- District Permanent Fund Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2004-06)
- District Grants Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2004-06)
- District Annual Giving Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2003-06)
- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2002-05)
- Concern for Health Task Force (2004-05)
- Literacy and Education Task Force (Member, 2003-04)
- District Membership Development (Chairperson, 2001-02)



Mary Beth received the Service Above Self Award in 2004-05. She is a Level 9 Paul Harris Fellow. She is currently a Sustaining Member to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation and became a Major Donor Bequest Society member to The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund in 2000. [Spouse: Alan]

### *What The Rotary Foundation means to me*

I am honored to be a part of an organization that is so inclusive. The Rotary Foundation embraces projects that the clubs identify, through their own member's interests, while never losing sight of our founder's vision. We help clubs understand how important [and truly easy] it is to become a part of the Rotary "world", through Matching Grants. Hosting a GSE Team at your club and in your community show the members how small our world truly is. We as Rotarians, and through The Rotary Foundation, are creating peace and understanding one project at a time and one exchange at a time.



**Dave Groner****Zone 28**

PDG 6360 (1997-98)

Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 6290, 6310, 6360, 6380, 6400, 6540, 6600, 6630, 6650, 7090, 7280, 7300, 7330**Districts Located in:** U.S., including Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania**Contact Information****Address:**208 Michigan Ave.  
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1-269-782-2129 (res.)**Fax:** 1-269-782-4260**Email:** groner@locallink.net

**D**ave is director and owner of Groner Funeral Home & Cremation Services. He is a director of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association, where he also served as a district president. He has served as vice-president and national director of the Michigan Jaycees and as the Dowagiac, Michigan City Councilman. He was a member of the Cass County Mental Health board, and chairman of the Cass County United Way.

A Rotarian since 1970, Dave is a member of the Rotary club of **Dowagiac**, where he served as club president in 1976-77. He has had over 25 years of perfect attendance. He has served as Regional Foundation Director for Zones 27 and 28.

**Recent Committees:**

- 2005 Chicago Host Organizing Committee
- Family of Rotary Task Force (Member, 2003-04)
- PolioPlus Partners Task Force (Member, 2003-06)
- District PolioPlus Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2002-04)
- World Community Service Programs Task Force (Member 2001-02)
- North American Advisory Committee (Member, 2000-01)

Since 1998 Dave has lead 18 National Immunization volunteer teams to assist with polio immunizations. The countries visited are India, Niger, Nigeria, Egypt, Benin and Mali. Dave



strongly supports healthy children and a polio free world.

Michigan State University in 2003 named Dave as the Michigan resident who best promoted International Understanding. In 2004 Dave was recognized as one of Michigan's 10 outstanding citizens.

Dave is a Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife Barbara are major donors and benefactors of the Foundation. He is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service, the Service Above Self Award, and the Legacy for Children Award. Both Dave and Barbara have received Rotary Service Awards for a Polio Free World. [*Spouse: Barbara*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**Life's a journey of community and world self-improvement. The R.I. Foundation unites the colors and languages of our world into one peaceful song, which the people of the planet can sing in perfect harmony. I like the sound.**



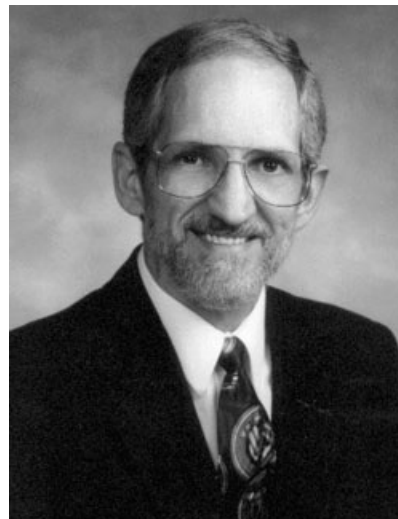
**Charles Frazier****Zone 29***(Chuck)*PDG 5710 (1998-99) Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 5710, 6040, 6060, 6080, 6110, 6150, 6170, 6190, 6460, 6490, 6510, 6820, 6840**Districts Located in:** in the U.S., including Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Illinois, Mississippi**Contact Information****Address:**P.O. Box 1071  
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USA**Phone:** 1-620-342-9016 (bus. & res.)**Fax:** 1-620-342-9016**Email:** [pdg5710@cableone.net](mailto:pdg5710@cableone.net)

Chuck retired in 1997 from 28 years as a professional photographer. He has served on the National Council of Professional Photographers of America (PPA) for 12 years, and served in many leadership roles for the Kansas Professional Photographers of America. He was awarded the PPA's National Award for professional contribution to the industry and the Kansas PPA's Life Membership Award. Chuck has served several years, including a one-year term as president on his community's United Way board and on the United Way Allocation board. He was also a member of the Sacred Heart School Board of Trustees.

A Rotarian since 1979, Chuck is a member of the Rotary club of **Emporia**, where he served as club president in 1986-87. He has served as club secretary for 8 years. Chuck was a GSE team leader to District 9100 in India in 1991. He was Permanent Fund National Advisor (2001-03), and District 5710 Foundation chairman (2002-03).

**Recent Committees:**

- Osaka Convention Promotion Committee (Member, 2003-04)
- Brisbane Convention Promotion Committee (Member, 2002-03)
- Rotary Community Corps Task Force (Member, 2000-01)
- District 5710 Annual Giving Committee (Chairman, 1999-2002)



Chuck twice traveled to Ghana, West Africa to participate in a National Immunization Day. As a result of his first trip, he initiated a special campaign to raise \$75,000 in his district to fund another NID in Ghana the next year. District 5710 succeeded in raising over \$100,000.

Chuck was awarded the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, and the Citation for Meritorious Service. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, Major Donor, Bequest Society Member, Paul Harris Society and Benefactor to the Foundation. [*Spouse: Nancy*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

The Rotary Foundation provides a secure and reliable means of carrying out the vital mission of Rotary International; that is the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace. Given the amount of funds to work with, I believe that no other organization could have accomplished what we have done and had the impact on the world over our first century of service.



**Kenneth Schuppert Jr.****Zone 30****(Ken)**

PDG 6860 (1996-97)

Languages: *English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 6560, 6580, 6670, 6690, 6710, 6740, 6760, 6780, 6800, 6860, 6880**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama**Contact Information****Address:**

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USA

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**K**en and his wife Lynn are partners with the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney & Schuppert, LLC, practicing in the areas of corporate, real estate, and probate law. They are both members of the American Bar Association and Alabama Bar Association and have served as president of the Morgan County Young Lawyers Bar Association. Ken has served as vice president of the Tennessee Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a past president of the Decatur Junior Chamber of Commerce and past Senior Warden and Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church and currently serves as Chancellor.

A Rotarian since 1983, Ken is a member of the Rotary Club of **Decatur, AL**, where he served as club president in 1992-93. He has served RI as District Governor, Task Force Zone Coordinator, twice as a Council on Legislation delegate, twice as an International training leader, and as a GETS Training Leader and Chair.

**Recent Committees:**

- Permanent Fund National Advisors for United States & Canada (Member, 2005-06)
- Regional Rotary International Membership (Coordinators, 2003-05)
- 2004 Zones 29 & 30 Institute Chairperson (2004-05)
- 2003 Rotary International Training Leaders (Member, 2003-04)
- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2001-04)



- Rotary International Membership (Zone Coordinator, 2001-03)
- 2001 Rotary International Training Leaders (Member, 2001-02)
- District Grants Subcommittee (Chairperson, 2001-02)
- United Nations Agencies Task Force Member (2000-01)

Ken is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service. He and his wife are Foundation Major Donors and Benefactors. [Spouse: Lynn]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

The many faces of hope and need come to my mind when I think about and speak of TRF. I see all too clearly an elderly woman's face in Mexico who benefited from surgery at a Rotary Cleft Palate Clinic and was able to unveil her face in public for the first time in 80+ years, and when on a 3H literacy project, a small child that climbed a hill from a squatter camp in Suito, South Africa to get a pencil from me and the look of excitement and thrill on his face at such a small gift. This is what our Foundation means and does!



**Carolyn Pierce****Zone 31**

PDG 7890 (1996-97)

Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 7120, 7150, 7170, 7190, 7780, 7850, 7870, 7890, 7910, 7930, 7950, 7980**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including New York, Main, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut**Contact Information****Address:**130 Plunkett Ave.  
PO Box 415  
Hinsdale, MA 01235-0415  
USA**Phone:** 1-413-655-8891**Fax:** 1-413-655-0045**Email:** wadcar2204@aol.com

Carolyn retired in 1994 after 35 years of teaching. She has since embarked on a successful career in real estate, associated with Century 21 Realtors. She is active in her church, serving as a Vestry member and vice-chair for Grace Episcopal Church. Carolyn has also served as the chair of the Realtor Community Service Committee, and she is on the membership task force for the Berkshire Chamber of Commerce.

A Rotarian since 1988, Carolyn is a member of the Rotary club of **Dalton**, where she served as club president in 1990-91. She has held the chair of almost every committee in her district since her year as governor. From 1997 to the present she has worked as a member of the Zone Foundation committee in some capacity for four directors.

She has served as facilitator, training leader, and chairperson for the Northeast Multi-district PETS, and served multiple terms as District Trainer. Carolyn is a member of the committee for the Northeast LINK program and was the keynote speaker in 2004. She heads the Zone 31-32 Foundation Training Team.

**Recent Committees:**

- District Trainer (2000-01, 2005-06)
- Zone 31 RI Membership Coordinators (Member, 2001-2004)
- World Community Service Programs Task Force (Member, 2001-02)



- District Foundation Chair for 4 governors (2000-01)
- District 7890 Foundation Leadership Committee (Chair, 1997-2003)

Carolyn is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, Foundation benefactor, and Major Donor. In her free time she enjoys producing and directing musical variety shows.

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**Our Rotary Foundation conjures many pictures: smiling children, saved from starvation by Our Foundation; women in mountain villages that have been taught how to feed their families and get micro-loans because of Our Foundation; parents, watching their children receive the life saving polio vaccine because of Our Foundation; a world at peace because of the Peace Scholars of Our Foundation. I see Rotarians world wide, supporting Our Rotary Foundation and its work.**



**Hogie Hansen****Zone 32**

PDG 7450 (1993-94)

Languages: *English*1<sup>st</sup> Year

**Districts:** 7210, 7230, 7250, 7260, 7350, 7370, 7390, 7410, 7430, 7450, 7470, 7490, 7500, 7510, 7620, 7630, 7640

**Districts Located in:** the U.S., including New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Delaware, and Bermuda

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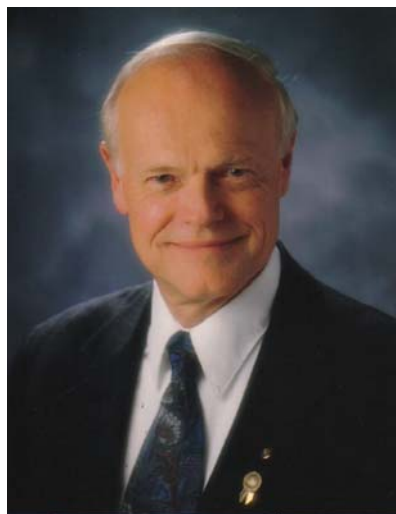
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**H**ogie was employed for over 32 years in educational fundraising positions at colleges in the USA, including 22 years at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, where he served many years as Vice President for institutional Advancement, Secretary of the college, and Secretary of the Board. An ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, he served churches in Connecticut for five years and is a trustee of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, for which he chairs the development committee. A Rotarian since 1977, Hogie is a member of the Rotary Club of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, USA, where he was president in 1990-91. Hogie has chaired his district's Rotary Foundation, extension, and PEFC committees and has led polio NID teams to India and Madagascar. He served as a National Advisor for the Permanent Fund, consultant to the Fund Development committee of the Trustees, and as a delegate to the 1998 Council on Legislation.

**Recent Committees:**

- Poverty Alleviation Task Force (2003-04)
- Public Image Development Task Force (2001-02)
- Polio Eradication Private Sector Initiative Mid-Atlantic Committee (2000-01)
- Children at Risk Task Force (2000-01)

From 2003 to 2006, Hogie has been the manager of The Rotary Foundation's Fund Development Division. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor, and a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation. He is also a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service Award, Distinguished Service Award, and Service Above Self Award. [**Spouse: Anne**]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**Our Foundation is one of the most effective and efficient instruments available to Rotarians and clubs for building tolerance, peace and world understanding in their communities and around the world. We have seen how the Foundation's programs are bringing hope where there was despair, healing where there was injury and new life and knowledge where there was hunger, disease, and ignorance.**



**Anne Matthews****Zone 33**

PDG 7770 (1999-00)

Languages: *English*1<sup>st</sup> Year**Districts:** 7530, 7550, 7570, 7600, 7610, 7670, 7680, 7690, 7710, 7720, 7730, 7750, 7770**Districts Located in:** in U.S., including West Virginia, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina**Contact Information****Address:**31 Braddock Point  
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**A**nne is president of Matthews and Associates, an educational consulting firm. She is a former director at the State Department of Education. She served as president of the National Business Education Association and on the board of several national organizations. She serves on the board of trustees of Coker College. She is the recipient of several awards including honors from the YWCA and Girl Scouts of America. Anne received two presidential appointments from President Reagan.

A Rotarian since 1989, Anne is a member of the Rotary Club of **Columbia East**. She has served RI as committee and task force member, RI training leader, and as Permanent Fund national adviser.

**Recent Committees:**

- RI Training Leader, (2004-06)
- Zones 33 & 34 Institute Chair (2005)
- Zones 33 & 34 Institute Program Chair (2004)
- Council on Legislation (2004)
- District Rotary Foundation Committee (Chairperson, 2002 – 05)
- Permanent Fund National Advisor (2001 – 03)
- Hunger Task Force (Member, 2001-02)
- Rotary Community Corps Task Force (Member, 2000-01)
- District Chairperson-On-to-Buenos Aires (1999-00)
- District Chairperson-On-to-Singapore (1998-99)



Anne is a recipient of the Service Above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service. A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Anne is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Bequest Society member, and Major Donor.

Anne established the Paul Harris Society during the Centennial year and set a record of 125 charter members for the year. Anne's District was #1 in the world in 2004-05 in annual giving.

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

**I have seen people who used the same contaminated water to cook their food, to wash their clothes, to bathe with and to drink from, and I have seen how a few Rotary Foundation dollars can eliminate this serious problem. If Rotarians could see and experience some of the life and death situations which exist in pockets over the world, the dollars would double and we could attack more expeditiously many of these devastating situations. To me, the Foundation is one of the most effective charities to address many of the critical humanitarian issues because of our financial resources and the volunteer efforts of Rotarians. We simply need to increase the ways we access both to more quickly and more effectively tackle the problems.**



**John Smarge****Zone 34**

PDG 6960 (1995-96)

Languages: *English*3<sup>rd</sup> Year**Districts:** 6890, 6900, 6910, 6920, 6930, 6940, 6950, 6960, 6970, 6980, 6990, 7000, 7020, 7030**Districts Located in:** in the U.S., including Florida, Georgia, all of the Caribbean, Guyana, Puerto Rico and Suriname**Contact Information****Address:**7685 Santa Margherita Way  
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1-239-566-8861 (res.)**Fax:** 1-239-643-2180**Email:** JohnSmarge@RayTheMover.com

**J**ohn graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a degree in Entrepreneurial Management. He earned his college tuition working as a driver for a local moving and storage company. Upon graduation John purchased a year-old moving and storage company in **Naples, Florida**. Today the company employs more than forty people, operates out of three facilities, and is the largest interstate mover in Southwest Florida. John is past Board Chairman of the Naples YMCA where he continues to volunteer as a youth basketball coach.

A Rotarian since 1981 John is a member of the Rotary club of Naples, Florida, where he served as club president in 1992-93. John has served twice as delegate to the Council on Legislation and as a member of the Nominating Committee for RI Zones 33/34 Board of Directors. He has also served as General Chairman of the Zone 33/34 Institute.

**Recent Committees:**

- Convention Promotion Committee (Member, 2003-04)
- Literacy North America Sub-Committee (Member, 2002-03)
- Rotary Int'l Membership Coordinator (Coordinator, 2001-2002)
- TRF Alumni Resource Group (Member, 1999-2001)
- Election Review Committee (Member, 1998-99)

John considers two of the highlights of his Rotary career to be the opportunity to participate in a National Immunization Day in India and his medical mission to Ternopil, Ukraine. John is a regular speaker throughout the US at PETS, District Assemblies, District Conferences and Membership/TRF Seminars.

John is recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service, the Service Above Self Award and in 1999 was recognized as the District 6960 Rotarian of the Decade.

In his spare time John races cars competitively. [*Spouse: Cindy*]

***What The Rotary Foundation means to me***

The Rotary Foundation is viewed as a symbol of hope for those whose lives are marred by poverty, oppression and suffering. Through the generosity of Rotarians around the globe, we are delivering on our promises that each of us has made to help those less fortunate in our world.



## From the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies

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### **Article 5. Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators**

#### **Functions**

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators serve as a key volunteer resource on all general Foundation matters, program and financial, and serve as a vital link between Rotarians and the Secretariat. In general, each regional Rotary Foundation coordinator shall be concerned with the promotion of The Rotary Foundation and its various programs, shall actively work in support of Rotary goals, and shall be responsive to requests by the Trustees and the general secretary. The Trustees recognize the importance of coordinated and consistent efforts in providing the most effective training possible to all Rotarians.

*(April 2000 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 126)*

*Source: November 1996 Trustees Mtg., Dec 12;  
May 1997 Trustees Mtg., Dec 181*

#### **Responsibilities**

Specific regional Rotary Foundation coordinator responsibilities include:

- a) Plan, promote and conduct a Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar annually.
- b) Assist district governors and their Foundation committees to plan district or multi-district Rotary Foundation seminars.
- c) Train existing district leadership to inform club membership on the Foundation's programs and fund-raising.
- d) Conduct, when invited to do so, special sessions on the Foundation at Rotary Institutes.
- e) Effectively communicate and actively promote the work of The Rotary Foundation to Rotarians and non-Rotarians around the world.
- f) Assist the Trustees and the general secretary in explaining Foundation programs and the need for funding to district and club leaders.

- g) Support district governors-elect in establishing their district Foundation goals for program participation and financial support, as well as helping to prepare for their year of service.
- h) Promote the importance of stewardship, oversight and reporting in the use of TRF funds governors, district Rotary Foundation committee
- i) Actively support district leaders to achieve their program goals by conducting information training sessions on Foundation programs, and monitoring progress toward goals throughout the year.
- j) Actively support district leaders to achieve their fund-raising goals, both Annual and Permanent Fund, by conducting informational training sessions and monitoring the progress toward goals throughout the year.
- k) Work in coordination with the Major Gift Advisors to accomplish the goals of the Permanent Fund Initiative.
- l) Provide assistance, guidance and support to district governors, governors-elect, assistant governors and district Foundation committees.
- m) Serve as a Foundation information resource for Rotary leaders at the district and club levels.
- n) Conduct zone-level training for governors-elect on the Trustee-recommended Foundation subjects at sessions held in conjunction with Rotary Institutes, when invited by the appropriate authority.
- o) Complete reports as necessary and forward them to World Headquarters in a timely manner. *(April 2006 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 109)*

*Source: November 1996 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 12; May 1997 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 181*

*Amended October 1999 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 24 and 26;  
April 2005 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 109*



### **Responsibility for Zone-Level Fundraising**

The regional Rotary Foundation coordinators have responsibility for overall coordination of all volunteer fundraising efforts benefiting The Rotary Foundation at the zone level. This includes but is not limited to promotion of the Annual Programs Fund and the Permanent Fund. (October 2001 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 7 and 21)

*Source April 2001 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 149; October 2001 Trustees Mtg., Dec. 21*

# RRFC Zones, Districts, Countries

## 2006-07

### Zone 1 **Nobuhiko Kataoka**

**Districts:** 2500, 2510, 2520, 2530, 2540, 2550, 2560, 2790, 2800, 2820, 2830, 2840

**Countries:** Northern Japan

### Zone 2 **Takashi Uyeno**

**Districts:** 2570, 2580, 2590, 2600, 2610, 2620, 2750, 2770, 2780

**Countries:** North Central Japan, Micronesia

### Zones 3 & 4A **Satoshi Kojima**

**Districts:** 2630, 2640, 2650, 2660, 2670, 2680, 2690, 2700, 2710, 2720, 2730, 2740, 2760

**Countries:** South Central and Southern Japan

### Zone 4B **Wei-Lin Shao**

**Districts:** 3450, 3460, 3470, 3480, 3490, 3500, 3510, 3520

**Countries:** Hong Kong, Macau Mongolia, and Taiwan

### Zone 5 **Gulam Vahanvaty**

**Districts:** 3010, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3080, 3090, 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3240, 3250, 3260, 3290

**Countries:** West, central, eastern and northern India, Nepal

### Zone 6 **Krishnan V. Chari**

**Districts:** 2980, 3000, 3020, 3150, 3160, 3170, 3180, 3190, 3200, 3210, 3220, 3230, 3270, 3280, 3300, 3310, 3330, 3340, 3350, 3360, 3400

**Countries:** Southern India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Pakistan, Afghanistan

### Zone 7 A **Heather Yarker**

**Districts:** 9450, 9460, 9470, 9500, 9520, 9550, 9570, 9600, 9630, 9640, 9650, 9670

**Countries:** Northern/Western Australia, Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands

### Zone 7 B **Gil E. Divinagracia**

**Districts:** 3770, 3780, 3790, 3800, 3810, 3820, 3830, 3850, 3860, 3870

**Countries:** Philippines

### Zone 8 **Don Jago**

**Districts:** 9680, 9690, 9700, 9710, 9750, 9780, 9790, 9800, 9810, 9820, 9830, 9910, 9920, 9930, 9940, 9970, 9980

**Countries:** Southeastern Australia, New Zealand, French Polynesia

### Zone 9 **Byung Hee Pae**

**Districts:** 3590, 3600, 3610, 3620, 3630, 3640, 3650, 3660, 3670, 3680, 3690, 3700, 3710, 3720, 3730, 3740, 3750

**Countries:** Korea

### Zone 10A (English-speaking) **Abdulrahman Olatunji Funsho**

**Districts:** 9100, 9110, 9120, 9130, 9140, 9200 (English speaking)

**Countries:** Benin, Burkina, Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Nigeria, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda

### Zone 10A (south) **Trevor Long**

**Districts:** 9210, 9250, 9270, 9300, 9320, 9350

**Countries:** Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia

### Zone 10A (French-speaking) **Vishram Jadvia Patel**

**Districts:** 9100, 9150, 9220 (French speaking)

**Countries:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Burundi, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayetta, Reunion, and Seychelles

### Zone 10B (North Africa / Middle East) **Doros Jeropoulos**

**Districts:** 2450, 9010

**Countries:** Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia

### Zone 10B (Southeastern Europe / Turkey) **Turgut Gökyigit**

**Districts:** 2420, 2430, 2440, 2470, 2480

**Countries:** Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro

### Zone 11 **Bernard Bonnes**

**Districts:** 1510, 1520, 1640, 1650, 1660, 1670, 1680, 1690, 1700, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1740, 1750, 1760, 1770, 1780, 1790

**Countries:** France, Andorra, Monaco

# RRFC Zones, Districts, Countries

## 2006-07

### Zone 12, part of 10B **Carlo Sarasso**

**Districts:** 1960, 1970, 2030, 2040, 2050, 2060, 2070, 2080, 2090, 2100, 2110, 2120, 2200, 2210

**Countries:** Portugal, Azores Islands, Madeira Islands, Italy, San Marino, Albania, Malta, Spain, Balearic Islands, and the Canary Islands

### Zone 13 **Rudolf Hoorweg**

**Districts:** 1550, 1560, 1570, 1580, 1590, 1600, 1610, 1620, 1630, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2170

**Countries:** The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Liechtenstein

### Zone 14 (west) **Paul-Josef Zeisler**

**Districts:** 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1930, 1940, 1950

**Countries:** Germany, Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, and Bosnia-Herzegovina

### Zones 14 (east) **David Neumann**

**Districts:** 1910, 1920, 2240, 2241, 2490

**Countries:** Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Israel

### Zone 15 **Suzanne Brenning**

**Districts:** 1380, 1390, 1400, 1410, 1420, 1430, 2320, 2330, 2340, 2350, 2370, 2380, 2400, 2410

**Countries:** Finland, Estonia, Western Russia, Latvia, and Northern Sweden

### Zone 16 **Kaj Witt**

**Districts:** 1360, 1440, 1450, 1460, 1470, 1480, 2230, 2250, 2260, 2270, 2280, 2290, 2300, 2310, 2360, 2390

**Countries:** Iceland, Ukraine, Denmark, Poland, Belarus, Lithuania, Greenland, Norway, and Sweden

### Zones 17 **Milton Fray**

**Districts:** 1010, 1020, 1030, 1040, 1050, 1150, 1160, 1180, 1190, 1210, 1220, 1230, 1270, 1280

**Countries:** Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England

### Zones 18 **Alan Hollands**

**Districts:** 1060, 1070, 1080, 1090, 1100, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1170, 1200, 1240, 1250, 1260, 1290

**Countries:** England

### Zone 19A & 20 (south) **Gedson Junqueira Bersanete**

**Districts:** 4310, 4420, 4430, 4470, 4480, 4510, 4540, 4590, 4610, 4620, 4630, 4640, 4650, 4651, 4660, 4670, 4680, 4700, 4710, 4730, 4740, 4780

**Countries:** Brazil, Paraguay

### Zone 19B & 21B **Daniel Osvaldo Elicetche**

**Districts:** 4300, 4320, 4340, 4350, 4360, 4450, 4460, 4690, 4790, 4800, 4810, 4820, 4830, 4840, 4850, 4860, 4870, 4880, 4890, 4900, 4910, 4920, 4930, 4960, 4970, 4980

**Countries:** Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay

### Zone 20 (north) **Aldair de Queiroz Franco**

**Districts:** 4390, 4410, 4440, 4490, 4500, 4520, 4530, 4550, 4560, 4570, 4580, 4600, 4720, 4750, 4760, 4770

**Countries:** Northern Brazil

### Zone 21A, Part of 21B **Mario Yee**

**Districts:** 4060, 4100, 4110, 4130, 4150, 4160, 4170, 4180, 4190, 4200, 4240, 4250, 4270, 4280, 4290, 4370, 4380, 4400

**Countries:** Dominican Republic, Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador

### Zones 22 & 23 (parts of) **Leigh Higinbotham**

**Districts:** 5010 (including Russia east of the Ural Mountains), 5020, 5040, 5050, 5060, 5080, 5360, 5370, 5550

**Countries:** Canada, including Yukon Territory, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories, Manitoba and Ontario; the U.S., including Alaska, Washington, and Idaho; and Russia, east of the Ural Mountains

### Zones 22, 28, & 31 (parts of) **Reid Asselstine**

**Districts:** 6330, 7010, 7040, 7070, 7080, 7790, 7810, 7820

**Countries:** Canada, including Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, St. Pierre & Miquelon; and the U.S., including New York and Main

### Zone 23 **John Rasmussen**

**Districts:** 5030, 5100, 5110, 5130, 5150, 5160, 5180, 5190

**Countries:** British Columbia, Canada, and in the U.S., including Oregon, Washington, California, and Nevada

### Zone 24 **Joseph LaGuess**

**Districts:** 5000, 5170, 5220, 5230, 5240, 5260, 5280, 5300, 5320, 5330, 5340

**Countries:** the U.S., including Hawaii, California, and Nevada

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### Zone 25 **Philip Silvers**

**Districts:** 5390, 5400, 5420, 5440, 5450, 5470, 5490, 5500, 5510, 5520, 5580 (USA), 5610, 5630, 5670, 5690

**Countries:** the U.S., including Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, California, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma; and Ontario, Canada

### Zone 26 **Noel Bajaj**

**Districts:** 5730, 5750, 5770, 5790, 5810, 5830, 5840, 5870, 5890, 5910, 5930, 6200

**Countries:** the U.S., including Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana

### Zone 27 **Mary Beth Growney Selene**

**Districts:** 5650, 5950, 5960, 5970, 6000, 6220, 6250, 6270, 6420, 6440, 6450

**Countries:** the U.S., including Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois

### Zone 28 **David Groner**

**Districts:** 6290, 6310, 6360, 6380, 6400, 6540, 6600, 6630, 6650, 7090, 7280, 7300, 7330

**Countries:** Canada, including Ontario; and the U.S., including Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania

### Zone 29 **Charles Frazier**

**Districts:** 5710, 6040, 6060, 6080, 6110, 6150, 6170, 6190, 6460, 6490, 6510, 6820, 6840

**Countries:** in the U.S., including Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Illinois, Mississippi

### Zone 30 **Kenneth M. Schuppert Jr.**

**Districts:** 6560, 6580, 6670, 6690, 6710, 6740, 6760, 6780, 6800, 6860, 6880

**Countries:** the U.S., including Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama

### Zone 31 **Carolyn Pierce**

**Districts:** 7120, 7150, 7170, 7190, 7780, 7850, 7870, 7890, 7910, 7930, 7950, 7980

**Countries:** Canada, including Ontario, Quebec, Nunavut, and New Brunswick; and the U.S., including New York, Main, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut

### Zone 32 **G. Holger Hansen**

**Districts:** 7210, 7230, 7250, 7260, 7350, 7370, 7390, 7410, 7430, 7450, 7470, 7490, 7500, 7510, 7620, 7630, 7640

**Countries:** the U.S., including New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Delaware, [and Bermuda](#)

### Zone 33 **Anne L. Matthews**

**Districts:** 7530, 7550, 7570, 7600, 7610, 7670, 7680, 7690, 7710, 7720, 7730, 7750, 7770

**Countries:** in U.S., including West Virginia, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina

### Zone 34 **John Smarge**

**Districts:** 6890, 6900, 6910, 6920, 6930, 6940, 6950, 6960, 6970, 6980, 6990, 7000, 7020, 7030

**Countries:** in the U.S., including Florida, Georgia, all of the Caribbean, Guyana, Puerto Rico and Suriname

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