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TRF'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

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

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

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

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IT'S ROTARY Scholarship Season

This newsletter contains important information about the Rotary Ambassadorial and the Rotary World Peace Fellows Programs for the academic year 2008-2009/2010, which are open to college, graduate students, graduates and working professionals (these scholarships are not for high school students).



Please be proactive and immediately create awareness and take the action to provide the scholarship information in this newsletter to the appropriate person in your club/district.

Right now is the time to disseminate informative press releases and ads to help attract qualified applicants for our Rotary Scholarships.





THE ROTARY FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE SUPPORTED BY THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND

**Your gifts to the
EVERY ROTARIAN,
EVERY YEAR
program and your
gifts as a
PAUL HARRIS
FELLOW
and your endowed
named scholarships
support the
educational
programs of
OUR FOUNDATION**

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Our Foundation sponsors one of the largest and most international scholarship programs in the world.

Scholars study in a country other than their own where they serve as unofficial "ambassadors of goodwill, helping to build greater understanding between different cultures."

Since **1947** almost **40,000 scholars** from some 110 countries have received scholarships at a cost of almost **\$500 million**.

ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS:

Since the inception of the program in 2002-03 we have graduated about 180 Rotary World Peace Fellows (WPF) from 50 different countries at a cost of \$11 Million dollars. Our seventh class (2007-09) is starting this year with 60 WPF at 7 peace centers worldwide.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE):

These annual awards are made to paired Rotary districts to provide travel expenses for a team of non-Rotarians from a variety of vocations. Rotarian hosts organize a four to six week itinerary of educational and cultural areas of interest.

Rotarians from different districts host teams and the team members live and eat and interact socially and vocationally on a daily basis building international good will, peace and greater understanding. **Since 1965 more than 52,000 individuals** (almost 12,000 teams) from 102 countries have participated at a cost of more than **\$88 million**.



Sample Press Releases and Ads/Info are for Attracting Qualified Applicants

Press releases and ads have proven to be one of the most effective means of recruiting quality candidates.

Simply fill in the blanks in the sample advertisement on the last page of this newsletter in order to customize the press release

for your own club and distribute the ad immediately to all newspapers, radio and TV stations in your area.

Please also remember to send the release to campus media at the local college or university in your community.

GEARING UP FOR THE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS AND UTILIZING:

THE FOLLOWING SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT LITTLE TO NO COST TO INDIVIDUAL ROTARY CLUBS:

- ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS, TOWARDS A MASTERS DEGREE ..(WORLD FUND)
- ACADEMIC YEAR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND
- MULTI-YEAR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS. (DISTRICT DDF)
- CULTURAL AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THREE OR SIX MONTHS. (DISTRICT DDF)
- GRANTS FOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

- Advertisements
- Applications
- Club and District Interviews
- Deadlines
- Local and International Selection Committees



RIGHT NOW IS A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CLUB AND YOUR COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN ROTARY'S PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM.

- Is your club aware of the Rotary Scholarship procedures, applications, interviews and deadlines?
- Most Rotary District Scholarships are available at no cost to your club.
- Ask for scholarship information from:
Your District Rotary Foundation Coordinator (DRFC) and/or
The District Scholarship and the World Peace Scholar Subcommittee Chairs
 - Also visit www.Rotary.org and click The Rotary Foundation and then Education and then any of the links you are interested in on the left side of that page.



WORLD PEACE



How often have you heard, “...a dialogue is needed. They must sit face to face with one another and talk”.

It seems that in this very cruel and bloody world we have threats and fighting and bombs and bloodshed speaking louder and more often than diplomacy.

Part of the mission statement of our Foundation (TRF) is: “... the achievement of world understanding and peace”. Mere words from Rotarians? I think not!

Rotarians do not find a corner and pull blankets over their heads hoping “it” will go away. They dream large, they walk the walk, working together they conjure up the Magic of Rotary.

For years Rotarians dreamed of a Rotary sponsored entity promoting world peace, goodwill and understanding. It’s here now! It is a reality! We have seven Rotary Peace Centers preparing our graduates through programs in peace studies and conflict resolution; preparing them to truly make a difference in the world—the Rotary World Peace Fellows!

TRF is rolling out a worldwide campaign to publicizing our Peace Studies Programs while soliciting applicants worldwide to apply for the two year Rotary World Peace Fellows Scholarships, which lead towards a masters degree (or doctorate) in peace studies and conflict resolution.

Your club/district by finding the best and the brightest in your community to apply for these scholarships can help to change the world.



Edward “Eddie” Blender, PRRFC

Eddie Blender, Editor

Our Rotary Foundation needs Rotary clubs and districts to become more involved in the Rotary World Peace Fellows program and they may do so by recruiting, nominating and nurturing applicants and by creating named endowments and allocating District Designated Funds to fully support this program.

OUR ROTARY SCHOLARS ... MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A MESSAGE FROM ROTARY PAST PRESIDENT FRANK DEVLYN

Friends, I have often heard the criticism that our alumni do not give back to Rotary. They simply take our money and walk away. I know this is not true.

Steve Hollingsworth is a former Ambassadorial Scholar, sponsored by Rotarians in Elgin Illinois in 1980. He went to Manchester, England, to study international development. The experience with Rotary convinced him that he should dedicate his life to helping the poorest of the poor. After graduating, he went to work for the relief agency CARE international. He later worked in Malawi, Bolivia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and since 2002 has been the director of CARE India.

India is home to 1 billion people, many of them living on less than \$1 a day. As director of CARE India, Steve oversees a \$60 million budget for aid programs that reach some 6.5 million people.

Their projects are like Rotary's humanitarian grants: they focus on health, on educating women, and on economic development — specifically micro-credit loans to poor women to help them achieve economic self-sufficiency. They have been highly successful in repeating the kind of success the Grameen Bank has achieved in Bangladesh. In addition, they are a disaster relief agency. When the tsunami hit the Tamil Nadu region of Southern India last December, CARE was one of the primary agencies that moved in to help victims of the disaster.

So I ask you: In 1980 when Rotarians in Illinois selected Steve Hollingsworth to be a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar and the Foundation invested \$12,000 in Steve Hollingsworth, was it a good investment? Has Rotary seen a positive return on that lone scholarship award? Has Steve Hollingsworth made a difference to other people?



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IT'S ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP SEASON

“Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding.” — Albert Einstein

Iran's President Ahmadinejad has stated that Israel should be "wiped off the map." In Darfur, genocide continues at the hands of the Janjaweed militia. And in China, North Korean refugees are being deported to persecution and possible death in their native country.

So, please share the information in your communities about the various Rotary Foundation Scholarships being awarded this summer for study abroad in 2008-2010. These scholarships are designed to further international understanding and goodwill and provide for study abroad in more than 169 countries where Rotary clubs are located. Almost 1000 scholarships of various types are made available from clubs and districts worldwide each year.



Rotarian Peter Leslie

Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships provide funding for three or six months of intensive foreign language study. The scholarship covers tuition and fees, room and board with a host family, and round-trip airfare to the host country up to a maximum of \$15,000. These cultural scholarships are available for students and also working professionals (Health Care, Teachers, etc.)

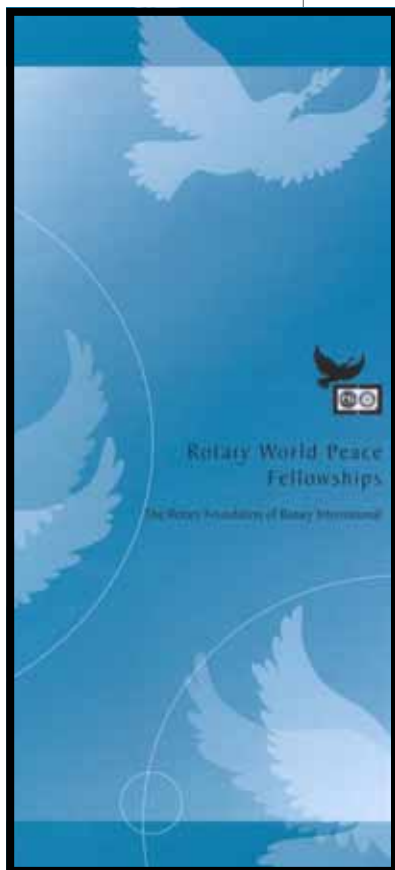
I wish that in my earlier years I had been able to win one of these scholarships. I was, however, lucky enough to study French one summer at the University of Paris and have been speaking the language ever since. During my four years working in Thailand, I was able to learn to read and write Thai, thanks to my employer who rewarded me handsomely for the effort. These language skills have enabled me to get a better understanding of different cultures and to obtain news without the distorting filter of international Press journalists. I also made life-long friends.

The Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship is an ideal way to spend several months abroad, studying languages for use in everyday work. Recent recipients of these scholarships have included undergraduate and graduate students, as well as teachers, counselors, and other professionals seeking to improve or obtain language skills as career training.

The Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarship is for one full academic year abroad at a recognized college or university in any foreign country where Rotary clubs are located. The scholarship includes tuition, books, fees, room and board and round-trip airfare to the host country via a flat grant of US\$23,000.

The 2008-2010 Rotary World Peace Fellows Scholarship is for a two-year master's level degree or certificate in international relations,

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peace, and conflict resolution. Studies will be at one of the six Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. These Centers involve seven universities, including Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia; University of California-Berkeley; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina and International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan.

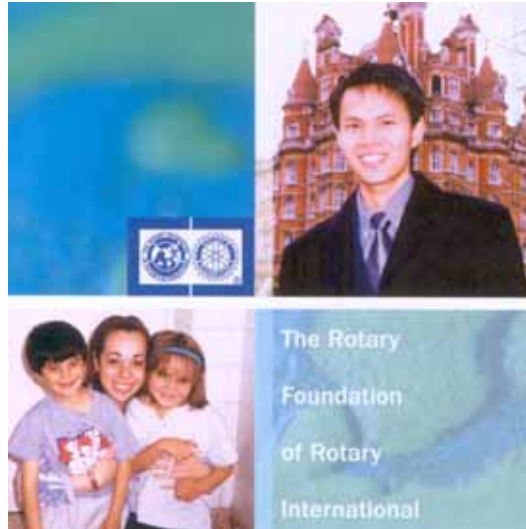
The scholarship includes tuition, books, fees, room and board, and round-trip airfare to the host country, and is valued upwards to \$70,000. Every club/district in the world may submit a candidate at no cost (regardless of its contributions to TRF).

During their studies, Rotary Foundation Scholars act as “ambassadors of goodwill”. Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organization, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and districts and work to further international understanding.

I firmly believe that understanding is the path to lasting peace. During my 13 years of service with the United Nations, I experienced a great deal of frustration at the bureaucratic inefficiency and the petty politics involved in an organization made up of 191 Member

States. But we all managed to work reasonably well together.

I was Director of a Division with 198 staff from all over the world – from over 50 different countries. It is true that there were some tensions and conflicts, as there are in most big organizations, but they were resolved without blows or bloodshed. Instead, staff working together had the opportunity to learn about different religions, value systems, approaches to life, and economic systems. While all brought to the table different views, often based on their own cultural background and education, most appreciated that there



AMBASSADORIAL AND CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS



can be more than one valid approach to most problems and that no one value system is necessarily better than all the rest.

Getting to know more about other countries with cultures and traditions that seem very strange to our eyes is one step towards greater tolerance and respect for others. Advertise this great opportunity to study and travel abroad at Rotary’s expense.

*Peter Leslie
Scholarships Chair
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MEET TWO OF ROTARY'S WORLD PEACE FELLOWS



Soon after he began working for the World Bank in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, former Rotary World Peace Fellow Stefano Gnes realized his studies were going to pay off. He says the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution helped him achieve his dreams.

"I feel very privileged and lucky to be able to go through an educational program like Rotary's," Gnes says. "I was able to be successful because they didn't put any restrictions on me. The education was empowering because the faculty and students are willing to invest in peace."

Gnes, who speaks English, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish, studied with the 2002-04 class at Sciences Po in Paris and received a degree in international affairs. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Voghera, Italy (District 2050).

In his position with the World Bank, Gnes helps communities cope with two major challenges: reconstruction efforts after the December 2004 tsunami and a 30-year political battle between the separatist movement and the Indonesian government. The strife between the two sides has resulted in martial law and the burning of homes, schools, and businesses. Gnes witnesses the communities' struggle daily. "Many of these businesses and families have lost everything," Gnes says. "Health and education are suffering immensely.

It's extremely hard day to day." But he's glad he can make a difference. "Every day is a learning experience here, and I have Rotary to thank for that."



Stefano Gnes (right), a former Rotary World Peace Fellow, is helping Indonesians in Aceh province cope with political strife and tsunami reconstruction efforts.

FORMER PEACE FELLOW HELPS BUILD A NEW SUDAN

As a 2003-05 [Rotary World Peace Fellow](#), Susan Stigant studied peace building theories. Now living and working in Sudan, she is using her education to help that country get back on its feet.

Stigant, from Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, works for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), a U.S. group that supports democratic practices globally. Her assignment is to work with the government of South Sudan in drafting its first constitution.

It's an ideal fit for Stigant. She earned a master's degree in political science, writing her thesis about Sudan, from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA (which shares a [Rotary Center for International Studies](#) in peace and conflict resolution with Duke University).



*World Peace Fellow
Susan Stigant*

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Stigant on the road in Sudan with friends.



Stigant lives in a simple tent at a base in Juba.

For 21 years, Sudan was embroiled in a civil war between the largely Muslim Arab north and the Christian and animist south. In 2005, the Sudanese government signed a peace deal with southern rebels, granting autonomy to the south. Though the peace still holds, millions in Africa's largest country have not seen the benefits. Regional violence rages in the western province of Darfur while citizens displaced by decades of strife live in makeshift camps that depend on foreign aid for survival.

Based in Juba, Sudan, and Nairobi, Kenya, Stigant works with other national and international nongovernmental organizations to help Sudanese officials understand the legal framework of the peace agreement and the South Sudan constitution. She is also working on the production of a civic education radio program and conducts listening groups with citizens on democratic principles, some of which are then taped for national radio.

"I find the politics of it fascinating — watching a country go through the process of setting up a government," says Stigant. Life is not always easy in Juba. Stigant sleeps on a military-style cot in a small tent. She also contracted malaria shortly after arriving.

"It's the people I work with who keep me going — and seeing that the work you're doing has incredible impact," says Stigant.

"I realized that this work was the same thing that was all over my dorm room floor as I was writing my thesis," she says. "It is really satisfying to see that it wasn't just a thesis, but knowledge and understanding that I can contribute to helping people."

Stigant's former academic adviser, Andrew Reynolds, is among her fans. "She combines intellectual curiosity and human empathy with the practical ability to get things done," says Reynolds.

Past District Governor Carol Allen, Rotary's main representative for the program at Duke/UNC center, also praised Stigant, saying: "It's because of Susan, and the other fellows like her, that I believe this program is worth the investment Rotarians are making in it. She is going to continue to make a difference in the world."

By Joseph Derr

Rotary International News

Photos by Alyce Henson/RI (top) and Susan Stigant (others), Cary Silver, a former senior editor at The Rotarian, contributed to this article.



PROMOTING ROTARY'S AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

**CURRENT SCHOLARS
AND ROTARY
FOUNDATION ALUMNI
CAN BE THE MOST
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Who better to promote Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships Program than its scholars? Attracting and selecting suitable scholars is the most critical stage of the scholarships program. While it's important to promote the program through traditional PR channels, remember that current scholars and Rotary Foundation alumni can be the most powerful spokespeople for the Ambassadorial Scholarships program. Please find a guide to promoting Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships Program below.

ATTRACTING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

Attracting and selecting suitable scholars is the most critical stage of your scholarships program. From a public relations perspective, current scholars and Rotary Foundation alumni are the most powerful spokespeople for the Ambassadorial Scholarships program. The program depends upon enthusiastic, responsible scholars who will talk about their experiences abroad.

CREATE AWARENESS OF ROTARY'S SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

Public relations can make students and university administrators aware that scholarships may be available through their local Rotary club. The more people that are aware of Rotary's scholarships program and its unique objectives, the larger the pool of qualified applicants. Make sure international student/study abroad offices of area colleges and universities have up-to-date brochures and information as well as a contact name, phone number, and e-mail address of the scholarships chair for your district.

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program

The latest class of **Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program** participants began their studies on 8 January 2007. The 17 representatives of 13 different countries will graduate on 9 March 2007. Contact Jenn Weidman at jenn.weidman@rotary.org to schedule Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program alumni to speak at your next Rotary event!

Rotary World Peace Symposium

Sign up now to meet many of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program alumni from the first two classes at the Rotary World Peace Symposium from 14-16 June 2007 in Salt Lake City!

Featured Participant - Mr. Francis Kabosha of Zambia, January 2007 session, sponsored by District 9210.

Francis is a refugee officer for the Commissioner for Refugees' Office for Zambia. Francis says, "My interest in the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program stems from my current job. Currently I am handling the effects of man's destruction on another man and I fully understand the evils of an unpeaceful world. It is time for me to take another step further from dealing with the aftermath of conflicts, to that of preventing them. The program has the answer to my desire for creating a strong career in conflict resolution, prevention and transformation to ultimately see a world free to atrocities and a better environment to live in."

Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Fellow Alumni

Mr. James Hosannah from India, July 2006 session, sponsored by District 3240



James (left) with classmate Richelieu Allison from Liberia lead the way to interview Thai villagers about the impact of the construction of dams on local waterways during a field study in northeast Thailand that focused on resource based conflict.

"This three month course of **Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies** has drastically changed my understanding and widened my knowledge about peace and conflict resolution. Most importantly, because I live in a region of conflict, I now feel the responsibility to share my knowledge with my students and my community. I hope to be able to share the history of my land and people, my understanding of our conflict, and my ethnic-based and identity, recommendations for bringing about peaceful resolution. I thank Rotary for the skills I have learned and I look forward to joining its growing army of peacemakers." --James Hosannah, Principal, *Sentinel College, Ukhrul, India.*

OUR NEWEST TRF PROGRAM: ROTARY PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

The Rotary Foundation's educational programs support Rotary's mission of world understanding and peace by educating the leaders of the future. Have you ever wondered how Rotary helps those building peace now?

In 2005 The Rotary Foundation launched its newest educational program, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program, to equip mid-career professionals with conflict resolution skills they can immediately put into practice in their current professions. Participants in the RPCS Program are professionals in mid- to upper-level positions in the governmental, non-governmental, academic, corporate, law enforcement, armed forces, medical, or media fields.

Up to 30 program participants are selected for each program session with two sessions offered annually from July-September and January-April. These participants embark on three months of intensive study with instruction by some of the leading specialists in the conflict

resolution field at the Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies established at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand. The intensive course includes both theoretical and practical fieldwork components.

Unlike many other Rotary Foundation educational programs, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is a funding partnership between the Rotary Foundation and participants' employers. The Rotary Foundation covers the cost of round-trip transportation to and from Bangkok for all participants who need it. The cost of the program is approximately US\$5,000 for individuals requiring housing in Bangkok and US\$2,500 for individuals not requiring housing in Bangkok.

Each participant's employer is asked to contribute as much of the program cost as possible and a limited number of full and partial fellowships are awarded by The Rotary Foundation to individuals whose employers are unable to cover the entire program cost.

These fellowships are available so that individuals from low income regions and organizations, which are often the very areas and organizations in need of this training, have the opportunity to participate in the program.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is an excellent opportunity for Rotarians to have an almost immediate impact on many of the current and diverse peacebuilding efforts being conducted worldwide. District Designated Funds (DDF) contributions to the program fund the important fellowships that allow talented professionals the opportunity to gain the training and skills necessary for their peacebuilding efforts.

**THESE PARTICIPANTS
EMBARK ON THREE
MONTHS OF INTENSIVE
STUDY WITH INSTRUCTION
BY SOME OF THE
LEADING SPECIALISTS
IN THE CONFLICT
RESOLUTION FIELD**

“... As far as the **Rotary Centers Program** goes, we still have a long way to go. We need **Peace Fellowship Chairs** in each district (as a part of the District Foundation Committee) and that is a goal I think that will be achievable over this next year, if not before (see page 24).

We need more applicants which is of course related to the need for the **Peace Fellowship Chairs**. We need more DDF and most importantly, we need more major gifts!

We are working with **Public Relations** and **Fund Development** to increase the knowledge of the Peace programs within the Rotary World.

We are all excited here (in Evanston) about the upcoming **Peace Symposium (SLC)** where we have 9as of 15 January) close to 300 Peace Fellows, Rotarians and Alumni attending.”

**Judy Gibson, Department Manager
Rotary Centers for International Studies**

Scholarships Timeline

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FELLOWSHIP ADVISORS (NAFA) are College and University Advisors helping Rotary Clubs and districts to identify qualified students for Rotary World Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial and Cultural Scholarships.

Please contact an advisor at a local college in your community and ask their help in identifying students for these Rotary awards. Please remember that the recipient must be a citizen of a country in which there is a Rotary Club and that the initial application must be made through a local Rotary club in the applicant's legal or permanent residence or place of full time study or employment.

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE FOR WORLD PEACE FELLOWS APPLICATIONS FOR CLASSES STARTING IN 2008:

Each district must set its own deadline for clubs to submit applications to the district selection committee. District endorsed Rotary World Peace Fellows applications for 2008-10 are due to The Rotary Foundation no later than 1 July 2007. See the timeline below

WPF, AMBASSADORIAL & CULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS TIMELINE 2008

The following timeline is recommended for promoting the scholarship and selecting candidates for Rotary Scholarship 2008-2010:

November-December 2006 *Districts receive applications from the Rotary Foundation and begin distributing application materials to clubs.

January to May 2007 *Districts and clubs promote the scholarship opportunity to attract well-qualified candidates. Utilize local Press Releases (PR) and College and University Advisors (NAFA).

January to May 2007 *Clubs conduct interviews and the selection process. Clubs begin submitting their club-endorsed applications to the district in accordance with district deadline.

April to June 2007 *Districts conduct interviews and the selection process for their Ambassadorial, Cultural and Rotary World Peace Scholar candidate. Districts must submit their candidate's information for a WPF to Rotary International World Headquarters to arrive on or before the 1 July 2007 deadline.

December 2007 *Districts and their candidates will be notified of the results of the world competitive selection process for the classes that begin in JANUARY 2008 (Southern Hemisphere) and August 2008 (Northern Hemisphere).

**THE TRF
SCHOLARSHIPS
PROGRAM STAFF
HAVE SENT
2008-10 SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION
MATERIALS TO ALL
DISTRICT
SCHOLARSHIPS
SUBCOMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSONS
IN DECEMBER 2006.**

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS — Is the investment wise?

**The Ambassadorial Scholar program is a long term
investment opportunity for Rotarians.**

When Dr Keith Rayner retired as Anglican Primate of Australia and Archbishop of Melbourne, many tributes were paid, but one stands out to me. The Governor of Victoria paid tribute to him as an advocate for the poor and underprivileged and in addition he described Dr Rayner as “a man of deep spirituality, with a powerful mind linked to a human sensitivity to the needs of ordinary people, and as an austere man to whom the trappings of office have meant little. ... Premiers and Ministers of the Crown have sought your advice, though not always liking the answers you gave.”

Dr. Keith Rayner was an Ambassadorial Scholar. Was the investment wise?

The funding for scholars comes from our districts and that is made up of individual and club donations within that district. The selection of scholars is also made by a committee from within the donating or home district. We all have to live with the choices we make from year to year – then wait decades or more to see if our selections were sound.

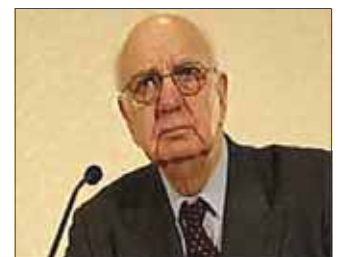


United Nations

Mrs. Sadako Ogata was born in 1927 in Tokyo and was selected as a scholar for study in 1951. Did the all male selection committee of Rotarians see something special in this small female scholar? I think so. Mrs. Ogata has been a prominent academic figure and eventually gained her doctorate in political science from Berkeley in 1963. She later served the United Nations as High Commissioner for Refugees from 1991 to 2000. In that role she challenged nations to do better, to play fair and to recognize the dignity and needs of the 27 million genuine refugees. She has also been the Independent Expert of the Commission on Human Rights for Myanmar.

I have a clear visual in my head of Dr Ogata in a flak jacket striding through refugee camps in Europe, in Asia and in Africa. – facing critics and talking to those in intense need. She remains a fighter for what is right, sharing Rotary’s principles amongst decision makers and national planners. In 2000 Dr Ogata received the Seoul Peace Prize and the committee said (in part), “As a tireless spokesperson for refugees, she has strived to solve refugee problems at the very scene of conflict, in spite of extreme personal risk”. Was the investment in Mrs. Ogata wise? Did that small committee in Tokyo get it right over fifty years ago?

Paul Volcker went from New Jersey to the London School of Economics. I guess that the topics of his study were available in North America somewhere. However as an Ambassadorial Scholar he came up against the integrity of Rotarians through the mentor/counselor system we have in place to support all scholars. Did some of this “high ethical standards” thrust of Rotary rub off on him?



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Paul Volcker eventually became Chairman of the US Federal Reserve Bank (1979 – 1987) under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. By the way, in Wikipedia in the bio on Paul Volcker, The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar program is described as – “perhaps the most prestigious scholarship to be awarded on a global basis”. More recently, the United Nations assigned Paul Volcker to research possible corruption in the Iraqi Oil for Food program. Using his considerable audit experience combined with his ultimate integrity he did indeed uncover and report on considerable inconsistencies. He reported without favor to friends or governments and we in Australia trust that the outcomes in this country will also mirror those high ethical standards by this former Ambassadorial Scholar.

Did that small committee of Rotarians in New Jersey in 1951 see something special in the younger Paul Volcker? Maybe they did.

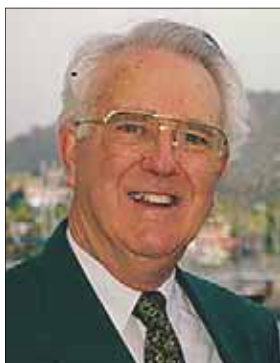
A key part of the Ambassadorial Scholar program is the sponsoring and host ‘counselor’ aspect. It is intended that Rotarians interact with the prospective scholar well before he or she travels overseas – that this continues during the period of study, and that the Rotary involvement remains with the scholar on returning home.

Ambassadorial Scholars are chosen by the home district. The funds come from the home district. All decisions on how to spend those funds are made in the home district. Do we want to have people from our home area of the likes of Dr. Keith Rayner, Paul Volcker or Dr Sadako Ogata.

Are District committees brave enough to look into the faces of people and trust their own judgment that the support of Rotary will be the launching pad for new leaders like those I have described? I’m not sure.

Rotarians, Clubs and Districts also need to make more commitment with donations to the Annual Programs Fund in order to have sufficient funds so that in turn they are able to make wider choice in decision making about their Foundation spending.

The Rotary Foundation is not intended to offer short term fixes for anything. Like all good planners we must think in terms of medium and long term results and by doing this and continuing the great Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial program the world will become a better place.



IS THE INVESTMENT WISE? IT CERTAINLY IS !

Written by: Former Ambassadorial Scholar
John G. Thorne
Rotary Club of North Hobart
Past Director, RI



Most districts do not have an Alumni Association

Would you encourage your Alumni to initiate an Alumni Association?



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DEFINED:

Each district, either singly or by regions or nations, is encouraged to establish an Association of all living Rotary Foundation Alumni in that district, region or nation.

The purposes to be served by these Alumni Associations:

- A source of members for Rotary Clubs.
- Support for Rotary programs, e.g., to orient and counsel outbound or returning Scholars, to help with community service projects.
- Provide addresses and programs for Rotary Clubs and Districts.
- Help for the public relations of RI and The Rotary Foundation in creating and sustaining international good will.
- A source of financial support for the Foundation programs.
- A sense of pride in and identification with an outstanding group of men and women.

John Ortengren, D 2370,
RFAC Zone 15.

Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars are NOW mandatory



As most of you probably already know, the Rotary Foundation is subsidizing Regional Scholar Orientation Seminars to allow Rotarians in the field to provide Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars, Grants for University Teachers Recipients and Rotary World Peace Fellows with a comprehensive and inspiring orientation on Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation and its programs, and what is expected from our grantees before, during, and after their grant period.

Please check the list of Regional Scholar Seminars organized in the world, which is: regularly updated on the RI website, at:

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/seminars.html

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... OUR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS



Melissa Laine Skorka

My experience as Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar has allowed me to build upon my foundation as a humanitarian, internationalist, economist, and ambassador, thus contributing to my ultimate goal: to improve communication and world understanding person by person, state by state, country by country, and continent by continent.

My studies at Oxford this past year and for the next few years to come will allow me to realize my philanthropic and social entrepreneurial vision at an early stage in life. I believe the sooner one begins investing in the community, the more time one has to compound the assets, enhance one's portfolio and create a greater return in the long-run.

I recently founded and spearheaded the development of the Oxford Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar Team (RIAST), which aims to increase the number of scholars from low-income countries.

The team is currently promoting awareness about the scholarship program, as well as identifying expandable solutions at the international, district and local Rotary levels. This summer, RIAST, via a request to the Gates Foundation and numerous other corporate sponsors, aims *to establish a reservoir of resources to fuel the Ambassadorial Dividend. Investing in top quality scholars who, addressing the wide-ranging and most significant humanitarian issues everywhere in the world, promise to catalyze extraordinary ideas, events and outcomes, will lead others toward world peace and understanding.*

My masters program in International Development is a tight-knit community with so many students from all over the world: Bangladesh, Kenya, Norway, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Canada to name a few. We have already had several activities together including an international potluck and get-to-know-you party.

I will have one free day each week (hard to believe!) so *I'm hoping to do some volunteering either with Oxfam in their Indigenous Australia Program or with a refugee resettlement organization and the rest of every waking moment will, of course, be dedicated to promoting Rotary and pockets of peace.*

I'll keep you updated on my activities.

Thanks again (Rotary) for this wonderful opportunity to be here and meet all these incredible people and, hopefully, help the world to become a little better place along the way...



Nichole Graber

BUILDING WORLD PEACE



For years, dedicated Rotarians dreamed of a Rotary-sponsored academy promoting world peace, goodwill, and understanding. This concept was first proposed in 1996 as the Paul Harris Centers for International Studies to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Rotary founder Paul Harris.

This idea evolved even further when Rotary Foundation Trustees recommended the creation of Rotary Centers at educational institutions worldwide where Rotary Fellows would obtain a two-year graduate degree in international relations, conflict resolution, and peace studies.

“What is the next mountain to climb? Where is the next life we can touch? We need to do this for the world... to achieve world peace and understanding. Rotary is the vehicle and the Permanent Fund is the fuel.”

*PDG Gary Nolte,
Major Gift Advisor,
Zone 25*

In April 1999, the Trustees planted the seed for such a program with the approval of the Paul Harris Centers concept and now it is officially known as the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary World Peace Fellows are graduates of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution program. They will be a part of tomorrow’s solution in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among people worldwide. Rotary World Peace Fellows, who are chosen from a wide variety of countries, can help future leaders advance knowledge and understanding.

The first class of scholars in 2002 began their studies at one of the seven Centers located around the globe. In 2004 the seed that was planted five years prior had now matured and produced the first graduating class of Rotary World Peace Fellows.

With this first group of graduates came remarkable individuals who are truly making a difference in the world. Please see following page.

Sean C. Allen
Major Gifts Officer
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE TODAY

Read about some of our recent graduates of The Rotary Centers for Peace and Conflict Resolution . They are making the dream of so many Rotarians into a reality. The difference that these Rotary Fellows are making is due to the generosity of Rotarians contributing to the APF.



Path Heang: Current employer, Program Officer, World Bank for Justice for the Poor Project (Cambodia Officer).

Arnoldas Pranekevicius: Current employer, domestic policy advisor to the President of Lithuania.

Michel Huneault: Current activities: Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution. Participant in the Summer symposium, The Hague, Netherlands and Guatemalan Human Rights Commission, International Observer in the Guatemalan Presidential elections.



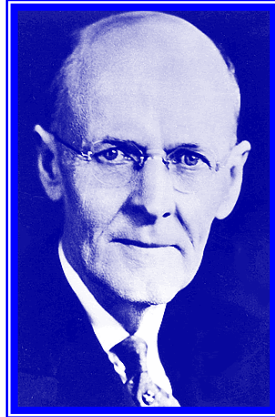
Amritha Fernandes-Bakshim: Working on legal post-conflict reconstruction and the challenge of transplanting the rule of law to post- conflict societies.



Carmen Strigel: Designed a project to train Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland in conflict management, negotiation, and mediation. "My work (today) is a direct continuation of my studies at the Rotary Center, by training me, Rotary has indirectly spread the message of peace and understanding to the people I work with in Pakistan, Rwanda, and Iraq."

Rochelle Arms: A community coordinator at the Brooklyn and Manhattan Mediation Centers of Safe Horizon in New York City, works with the community on collaborative ways of resolving differences between individuals, groups, and organizations as an alternative to prolonged litigation or violence.

What Paul Harris said



Paul P. Harris

PAUL HARRIS: QUOTES ON KNOWLEDGE AND EDUCATION

Rotary was born of the spirit of tolerance, good-will and service, all qualities which characterized New England folks of my boyhood days, and I have tried to interpret, so far as lies within me, that faith to other men.

Paul Percy Harris, The Founder of Rotary

Education is the most potential weapon placed by God in the hand of man with which to combat the foes of individual and national righteousness.

PPH, Message to 1918 RI Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, USA

In the clashes between ignorance and intelligence, ignorance is generally the aggressor.

PPH, This Rotarian Age

The greatest gifts of the greatest men are world gifts. He who contributes to the sum total of human knowledge is not merely a benefactor of a nation; he is the benefactor of the world.

PPH, Message to the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, 1926

The thoughts of others are as necessary to one's mental well-being as food is necessary to one's physical well-being.

PPH, The Founder of Rotary



Quoted from "What Paul Harris Said". This service is prepared by Rotary's Global History Fellowship (an Internet Project) and is available by a free email subscription. Please subscribe by writing to: mail@rotaryhistoryfellowship.org

Foundation Alumni — *Find them and invite them into Rotary*

Clubs and districts have not utilized our Rotary Foundation Alumni to their full potential. Rotarians have sponsored them as Group Study Exchange members, Rotary Volunteers, Ambassadorial, Cultural and World Peace Scholars and yet over the past 50 years less than 11% of our alumni have ever joined Rotary.

Historically we have a lot of Rotary inertia to overcome regarding alumni. It will not all happen in one year, but will take two or three years before we see substantial changes. Change occurs slowly! Realistically, it takes that long for substantive change (or thinking) to take place in Rotary – just think how long it took for the District Leadership Plan (Assistant District Governors) to be adopted by everyone.

We can change the Rotarian outlook on Alumni by continuing to tell compelling stories about their success. As a result of alumni growth, we will eventually see more contributions to TRF, more members for Rotary, and greater numbers of Scholars sponsored throughout the world.

OUR ROTARY PEACE CENTERS ARE located in seven leading universities around the world, Rotary Centers provide Fellows the chance to study in a master's level program in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and other related disciplines.

Rotary World Peace Fellows work toward mediation, conflict resolution, and peace where there is war. Understanding where there is disharmony. Food security where there is hunger. Health care where there is disease. Education where there is illiteracy. Conservation where there is environmental degradation, and sustainable economic development where there is poverty.

FOUNDATION ALUMNI:

- more members for Rotary,
- more contributions to TRF,
- and eventually greater numbers of Scholars sponsored throughout the world.



These young men and women are recent graduates of the Rotary Peace Centers and are active in Rotary

WHY I AM A ROTARIAN



Harvey Newcomb III



There are several reasons why I am a Rotarian.

However, the main reason is due to the countless number of Rotarians who generously supported my service as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar abroad.

I now want to give back and support future generations of Ambassadorial Scholars as a Rotarian myself.

Harvey Newcomb III

*Chairman, TRF Educational Programs
Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse,
Illinois, District 6440
USA*

WHY ARE YOU A ROTARIAN?

Send your statement in about 300 words (or less) and please include your full name, photo, club, district and country to: EBlender@aol.com

Ambassadorial Scholarship Awards Changed to Flat Grants Effective 2008-2009

At their April, 2006, meeting, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation received the General Secretary's evaluation of the Ambassadorial Scholarships Program and, with a two-thirds majority vote, changed the award calculation for Ambassadorial Scholarships from individually determined amounts to flat grant amounts effective with the 2008-09 program year,



The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation approved these changes to:

- Make the Scholarships program more affordable to districts;
- Encourage scholars to study in developing and/or less expensive countries;
- Accelerate the use of DDF by eliminating Lower Cost Scholarship DDF Credit;
- Simplify TRF by streamlining the Scholarships Program, while aggressively negotiating tuition discounts with universities;
- Enable Scholarship Program staff to provide outstanding service as study abroad advisors; and
- Provide all scholars with a stipend that takes into account indirect and hidden costs associated with study abroad.

For more information please contact Stephanie Veit, Scholarships Program Department Manager, at 847-866-3323 or at Stephanie.Veit@rotary.org

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 nearly 40,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Through grants totaling approximately US \$500 million, recipients from some 100 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. Peace Is Possible!

FAR TOO FEW MEDIATORS



**"Today, there are still far too few mediators who are experienced practitioners in conflict resolution. There is an urgent need to produce another generation of people who can play a mediating role in the future."
- Paul Rogers,
Professor of Peace Studies,
University of Bradford**

THE ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Did you know that the trustees approved a Rotary World Peace Fellowships (RWPF) subcommittee of the District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) at their June meeting? Now there are 8 subcommittees.

Purpose of the RWPF SC:

The District Rotary World Peace Fellowship Subcommittee is responsible for promoting club and district participation in the World Peace Fellowship as well as for selecting candidates for the Rotary World Peace Fellowship. Ensures careful attention is paid to four basic elements – Promotion and Selection, Orientation, Hosting Fellows and Alumni Outreach.

Qualifications of Members:

The subcommittee reviewing Rotary World Peace Fellowship applications and selecting the district-endorsed candidate should include the current district governor, immediate past governor, the governor-elect, the district Rotary Foundation committee chair, and three Rotarians or non-Rotarians with expertise in the fields of peace and conflict resolution, education, and/or civic or business

leadership. Where practical, the committee should include members with language abilities who can assess an applicant's foreign language skills during the interview.

Subcommittee Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist the Chair in notifying clubs of the Rotary World Peace Fellowship opportunities.
- Assist the Chair in promoting and understanding of and effective participation in the Rotary World Peace Fellowship through regular contact with each club in the district and through district meetings.
- Encourage and assist assigned club chairs in carrying out their responsibilities.
- Participate in the selection of a qualified Rotary World Peace Fellowship candidate from club-endorsed candidates.
- Assist the Chair in promoting an understanding of and effective participation in the Foundation's Rotary World Peace Fellowship program, through regular contact with each club in the district and through district meetings.
- Participate in meetings called by the subcommittee Chair.

FORMER ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW NAMED PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER

A Rotary World Peace Fellowship helped open the door for Arnoldas Pranckevicius of Lithuania to become a domestic policy adviser to his “idol of moral leadership” and president of the Baltic republic, Valdas Adamkus. Pranckevicius, who speaks English, French, Lithuanian, and Russian, graduated from the Rotary Peace Center, Sciences Po in Paris with a master’s degree in international affairs.

His fellowship was sponsored by District 7150 (New York, USA). “I was indeed blessed with the opportunity to join his team and contribute in his effort of making Lithuania an ever more democratic, secure, and prosperous nation,” he said.

Pranckevicius analyzes trends and developments in Lithuania’s political system, along with drafting speeches and policy statements for the president. The 25-year-old adviser has tackled issues such as political corruption, advancement of ethical standards, and promotion of a civic and open society. The country’s parliamentary elections in 2004 and information of a new government proved particularly challenging.

“I not only had to follow and analyze the campaign and programs of the political parties [and] make election predictions,” he said, “but also draft possible coalitions and suggest the long-term consequences of one of the other formations in the government.”



Arnoldas Pranckevicius (left), adviser to Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus (front)

Rotary PEACE Centers Major Gifts Initiative

Past Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Edward "Eddie" Blender (Rotary Club of Edwards/Vail Down Valley, Colorado, USA) and past RI vice-president John Germ PVPRI (Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA) have agreed to serve as chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative (RCMGI). They will provide leadership and coordination of the US\$95 million effort to endow the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

Today, we have already raised nearly \$15 million towards our US \$95 million dollar goal. Achieving the target hinges on our ability to identify, cultivate and solicit qualified prospects with the financial capacity and connection to Rotary to contribute a gift of US\$60,000 for a one time gift or upwards of US \$1,500,000 to endow a scholar every year in perpetuity.

TRF SEEKS NAMED AND ENDOWED GIFTS FOR WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS



The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution has been identified as the highest educational priority for The Rotary Foundation. With the matriculation of the first few classes of Rotary World Fellows, this program is no longer a dream but is a program producing tangible results. The financial future of the program will be secured through a new initiative of The Rotary Foundation which seeks named and endowed gifts and commitments worth a cumulative amount of US\$95 million to cover Rotary World Peace Fellowship program expenses by 30 June 2015.

focuses on identify-

Working Towards . . .

*Mediation, conflict resolution, and peace where there is war,
understanding where there is disharmony,
food security where there is hunger,
health care where there is disease,
education where there is illiteracy,
conservation where there is environmental degradation,
sustainable economic development where there is poverty.*

The long-term fund development planning, cultivating and securing major gifts at or above US\$500,000. Districts, however, will be encouraged to continue donating District Designated Funds (DDF) to become Rotary Centers Peacebuilder Districts. The plan builds on the Foundation's fund development efforts, including the momentum gained with the *Every Rotarian, Every Year* message. Over US\$10.1 million, excluding DDF, has been given or committed to support Rotary World Peace Fellowships thus far.

Additional information on communications, major events, training, donor relation activities and naming opportunities will be forthcoming shortly. Please contact: Eric Schmelling at eric.schmelling@rotary.org with any questions or if you know a Rotarian who might be interested in supporting the Rotary Centers in a significant way.

The 2008-2010 Rotary Foundation World Peace Fellowship Informational Brochure and Application is available for download in either Word or Adobe formats at: <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/foundation/educational.html>. (Scroll down about two-thirds of the page for the application.)

TRF advises that candidates should have at least three years of professional experience in a field related to peace and conflict resolution. Please keep this in mind during your candidate search process.

Any Rotary Club worldwide may submit one applicant (at no cost to the club). Each Rotary District then interviews the applicants and may submit one candidate for the worldwide selection process for 60 Rotary Peace Scholars for the class of 2008-2010.

MAJOR GIFTS

The Rotary Foundation has received major gifts throughout its history and has been actively developing a major gifts effort since 1996, when the Permanent Fund Initiative (PFI) was launched.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) defines a major gift as a gift of US\$10,000 or more.

A major gift depends on matching a donor's interest with the mission and needs of the Rotary Foundation. Most TRF zone advisors believe their energies are best spent working with donors who are knowledgeable about the Foundation's programs and mission. And feel that someone who does not have a pre-existing relationship with TRF is unlikely to make a major gift.

Rotary solicitors believe the major gift process must be "donor-centric." In other words, they feel they must help Rotarians and others accomplish their philanthropic goals in conjunction with The Rotary Foundation's programs.

The fulfillment of a philanthropic goal may be to leave a legacy to Rotary by making a gift to the Permanent Fund, making a significant gift to a special cause like PolioPlus, a named endowment, or a challenge gift for the Annual Programs Fund.



WHO ARE OUR ALUMNI?

THEY ARE OUR
 AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS,
 ALMOST 40,000 SINCE 1947.
 THEY ARE OUR GROUP STUDY
 EXCHANGES, NEARLY 46,000
 INDIVIDUALS
 (MORE THAN 11,000 TEAMS).
 THEY ARE NUMEROUS
 UNIVERSITY TEACHERS,
 ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS
 AND UNCOUNTEED ROTARY
 VOLUNTEERS FROM
 HUNDREDS OF COUNTRIES
 SERVING IN COUNTLESS AREAS, DOING GOOD AND
 MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD.



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ROTARY WORLD PEACE

SYMPOSIUM,

14-16 JUNE 2007,

SALT LAKE CITY

There has been an enthusiastic response to the invitations extended to the Rotary World Peace Fellows and Fellow Alumni to participate in the Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City in June 2007.

As of 15 January 2007, 98 alumni, 57 current Fellows, and 136 Rotarians and guests have registered for the symposium. Registration remains open for Rotarians and Fellows through 31 March 2007.

A Sample Advertisement for your local Newspaper

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE
DO YOUR CAREER PLANS INCLUDE STUDY ABROAD?**

College, graduate students, working professionals and graduates may apply for a Rotary Ambassadorial, Cultural or Rotary World Peace Fellowships to study at a foreign university or college.

Visit www.Rotary.org & enter Scholarships in the search box for applicant criteria or contact the Rotary Club of **XXXX** at **970-xxx-xxxx** for further information and applications.

Application deadline is XXXX 15, 2007