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A NEWSLETTER FOR ROTARY LEADERS

## BILL GATES ANNOUNCES NEW US\$255 MILLION GRANT FOR ENDING POLIO

Polio has been completely eliminated in the Americas, the Western Pacific, and Europe, but the wild polio virus persists in Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, and imported cases from these countries threaten other developing nations.

It is in these four countries that the most serious challenges exist, including:

- vaccine effectiveness (India),
- low vaccination coverage rates (Nigeria),
- and access problems due to conflict (Afghanistan and Pakistan).

Much depends on the countries themselves. Recent progress in key areas has shown that these challenges can be overcome with sufficient national and sub-national commitment.



*The final push to get the caseload to zero is the most difficult and costly part of the job ... and failure would lead to a lessening of the intense global effort and "... a return to the days of tens of thousands of cases per year.*



*That is no alternative at all. We don't let children die because it is fatiguing to save them."*

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# OUR PRIORITY—POLIO ERADICATION

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and the Gates Foundation to \$555 million.

Shortly after meeting with incoming district governors from the four countries where the wild poliovirus is endemic - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- Bill Gates announced the new grant on Wednesday morning (21 January) at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

"Rotarians, government leaders, and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," Gates said. "However, complete elimination of the poliovirus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication."

"Who says we can't eradicate Polio? We are going to end polio now," affirmed Robert S. Scott, chair of RI's International PolioPlus Committee.

In response to the new \$255 million Gates Foundation grant, Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million.

The two Gates Foundation challenge grants now total \$355 million. Rotary International's matching effort in response is called Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which must be completed by 30 June 2012. As of 21 January, RI has raised almost 70 million.

The \$255 million grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 104-year history. Rotary will spend the grant in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by RI and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

The participation of Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians in Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge remains crucial to its success. Rotary has raised nearly \$73 million toward this amount: \$62 million in contributions and \$11 million in commitments. Each club is being challenged to organize a public fundraiser annually for the next three years. In October, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved special Paul Harris Fellow Recognition, which begins 1 July, featuring a certificate with the End Polio Now logo.



RI's partner Bill Gates



TRF Trustee Chairman  
2007/08 Bob Scott

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## WE WILL ERADICATE POLIO



Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, with more than \$1.2 billion contributed to the effort. Gates praised Rotary for providing the volunteers, advocates, and donors who have helped bring about a 99 percent decline in the number of polio cases. "The world would not be where it is without Rotary, and it won't get where it needs to go without Rotary," he said.

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The final hurdle still is ahead, said RI President-elect John Kenny. This grant shows that the Gates Foundation is just as committed as Rotary to ridding the world of this disease, he said.

Gates also shared with the incoming district governors and Rotary leaders a story from his trip to India in November, when he held a nine-month-old girl afflicted with polio in his arms in a slum in East Delhi.

"She obviously didn't understand why people were poking her legs and looking so serious. But she'll never be able to kick a ball around, never be able to play hide-and-seek with her friends, because she has polio," Gates said. "As I held Hashmin, I thought, We can end this."

"We don't know exactly when the last child will be affected. But we do have the vaccines to wipe it out," he said. "Countries do have the will to deploy all the tools at their disposal. If we all have the fortitude to see this effort through to the end, then we will eradicate polio."

In addition, the governments of the United Kingdom and Germany announced they have respectively committed \$150 million and \$130 million to eradicate polio, which will not count toward Rotary's challenge.

Government support is key to polio eradication efforts, said Scott.



# IT IS THE SEASON FOR ROTARY'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. ROTARIANS – WE NEED YOUR HELP TO IDENTIFY SCHOLARSHIP/FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS



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Have you ever met one of our Rotary Foundation alumni? Have you heard their unique story of how a Rotary Foundation Scholarship has changed their life? When we hear these personal success stories, we can be truly inspired. Throughout the world there are young people who are now fully attuned to what Rotary is all about and who can be our Ambassadors to the outside world.

All around the globe, we now have talented, skilled, motivated and enthusiastic alumni who are working so hard to fulfill our dreams of a better and more peaceful world.

Each Rotarian and every club needs to ask this question—Do we get value for money from our educational programs?

When we identify a potential Ambassadorial Scholar of Rotary Peace Fellow, we are not just enabling an individual to experience a highly sought after academic experience, we are enabling countless and diverse communities all over the world to benefit from this life changing educational opportunity.

**WE ARE SEEKING  
THE BEST AND  
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YOUR COMMUNITY  
TO PARTICIPATE  
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EDUCATIONAL  
PROGRAMS.**





## RI/TRF AVERAGES ALMOST US\$ 36 MILLION PER YEAR SUPPORTING OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

It is true that over the past few years we (RI/TRF) have allocated an average of US\$ 36 Million Dollars per year for our Educational Programs?

Leading the way are the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships and the Rotary World Peace Fellows Program, which are open to:

- college,
- graduate students,
- graduates
- and working professionals (these scholarships are not for high school students).

Right now is the time for clubs and districts to begin sending out informative press releases and placing advertisements to help attract qualified applicants for our Rotary Scholarships.

We are seeking the best and brightest in your community to participate in our Foundation's educational programs.



**THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS UP-TO-DATE AND RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER ROTARY FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.**

### HAVE YOU REFERRED A POTENTIAL FOUNDATION PROGRAM PARTICIPANT LATELY?

Most Rotary Foundation Alumni agree that their experiences as FOUNDATION ALUMNI have been life forming and life-changing.

Rotarians and Foundation Alumni are in a high percentage of those that recommend potential educational program participants.

Have you recommended an applicant recently?

You can open the door by referring a well-qualified person to a Foundation educational program.

Need help? Need more information?

Contact your area Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator (RRFC).

**ROTARY'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING BY BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND CULTURES.**

*THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS — THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRIVATELY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.*

**AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:**



The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 40,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million.

Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Over the past few years an average of over 900 scholarships per year were awarded for study

"THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DOES SOME TERRIFIC THINGS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM." — MICHAEL R. WHITEMAN, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas.

The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.





GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ROTARIANS WORLDWIDE REPRESENT A CONTINUED FAITH THAT TODAY'S AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS WILL BE TOMORROW'S COMMUNITY AND WORLD LEADERS.

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ALSO SELECTS AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS FROM LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES

The Rotary Foundation in 2008-2009 selected 27 people from low-income countries to receive [Ambassadorial Scholarships](#) for university studies.

The scholarships, which aim to promote international goodwill, allow recipients to study almost any field at a college or university in another country.

The recent 27 Ambassadorial Scholarship recipients (from low-income countries) are citizens of Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Tanzania, among other areas.

*Their places of study will include Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities, both in the United States; Simon Fraser University in Canada; Uppsala University in Sweden; and Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. They intend to take courses in fields such as law, psychology, medicine, business, and public health.*

The scholars will join those 822 from industrialized countries who also have been selected by the Foundation for 2008-09.

Whereas the Ambassadorial Scholars from developed countries will be financed by the [District Designated Fund](#), the others will be funded by the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries. Each year, a select percentage of Ambassadorial Scholars are from low-income countries.

THE AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM PROVIDES GRANTS TO MORE STUDENTS THAN ANY OTHER PRIVATELY FUNDED, UNIVERSITY-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM IN THE WORLD.

Since its creation in 1947, the Ambassadorial Scholarships program has supported more than 40,000 students from about 100 countries, for a total of almost US\$ 500 million dollars.



# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION PEACE CENTERS PROGRAM IS NOW SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE NINTH CLASS (2010-2012).



[Rotary Centers for International Studies](#)

*The Rotary Centers provide Rotary World Peace Fellows with the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in conflict resolution, peace studies, international relations, and related areas.*

Each year, up to 60 Rotary World Peace Fellowships and 50 Short Studies are offered on a competitive basis at seven Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with eight leading universities. They are::



Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA (joint Rotary Center)  
International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan  
Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England  
University of California, Berkeley, USA  
University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia  
Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok Thailand

Coursework at the Rotary Centers focuses on preventing and resolving conflict by addressing its root causes — for example, responding to hunger with food security, disease with health care, illiteracy with education, poverty with sustainable development, and environmental degradation with conservation.

Fellows put classroom lessons into practice through an applied field experience (AFE), when they work with a variety of governmental and nongovernmental organizations worldwide.





The fellows are chosen from countries and cultures around the globe based on their potential as leaders in government, business, education, media, and other professional areas.



Rotary Centers alumni have demonstrated their ability to further global understanding and peace in their work for United Nations agencies, the World Bank, European Parliament, the Organization of American States, and other nongovernmental organizations, along with national governments and international businesses.

To find out more about the Rotary Centers program, contact the [Rotary Centers Department](#) at The Rotary Foundation.

## HOW CAN ROTARY CLUBS FIND THE IDEAL ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOW CANDIDATES?

*Rotarians can help find the best candidates for the world-competitive selection of Peace Fellows.* Many of you may be asking though, where do we start? The following are some ideas that may just help get the process started.

*Check out the following in your local town or community* to draw qualified applicants who have demonstrated a commitment to peace and conflict resolution through academic, volunteer, or professional experiences:

- Department of international studies, political sciences, peace studies at your local universities or colleges
- Non-governmental organizations in-

involved in human rights, disaster relief, aid distribution, environmental advocacy, refugee issues, mediation and arbitration

- International organizations and corporations
  - Governmental agencies, diplomatic corps, local police and military offices
  - Returned Peace Corps volunteer meetings
  - University alumni associations and university placement or career offices
- Former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars who studied peace and conflict



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resolution and now work in international arenas.

***Clubs and districts can also consider the following for promoting the fellowship to attract candidates:***

- Try to hold informational meetings at the organizations and locations listed above
- Host lectures or discussions relevant to peace or international understanding and invite representatives from the organizations listed previously
- Invite current or former Peace Fellows to speak at informational meetings for Rotarians and non-Rotarians
- Send out Rotary World Peace Fellowship brochures to relevant organizations and agencies in your area with your contact information included
- Issue news releases to local/regional publications, university newspapers, radio stations and public-access cable television stations
- Begin to market the fellowship in December and January in order to ensure enough time for interviews at the club and district levels

***Profiles of successful Rotary World Peace Fellowships include:***

- A career civil servant charged with mediating local disputes over political and environmental issues who plans to develop and implement better social and environmental policies and training models for his or her home government
- A healthcare professional who has

provided medical care and training to the poor in war-torn countries and plans a career in international public health

- A career military professional who worked with protective operations plans to incorporate conflict prevention and resolution methodology in the nation's armed forces
- An educator who works with youth from different religious and ethnic groups, facilitating projects that will create greater understanding and prevent future conflicts.



Finally, it is very important to ***know who your Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair*** is in your District. Work with that person to help

you promote the Fellowship and solicit applicants. If you do not know your Fellowship chair, contact your district governor or contact me and I will help you make that connection. Also, do not hesitate to contact other districts who have been successful in nominating candidates. I am sure they will be happy to share their success stories.

Good luck and thank you all for helping us to find the BEST-QUALIFIED candidates for this flagship Rotary Foundation Program. We are now seeking applications for our ninth class for 2010 — 2012.

With your help, Peace is Possible.





# GIFTS TO TRF – NOMENCLATURE

TYPE OF GIFT	Brief Description	Indication on Report
<b>CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY</b>	A charitable gift annuity is an agreement between a donor and TRF in which the donor agrees to exchange a gift of cash or stock for fixed payments for life. With a deferred charitable gift annuity, the fixed payments will begin on a date in the future as requested by the donor.	CGA, Deferred CGA
<b>CHARITABLE REMAINDER ANNUITY TRUST</b>	A <i>charitable remainder annuity trust</i> is an irrevocable gift to a trust, which pays the U.S. donor or named beneficiaries a fixed percentage of the initial fair market value of the trust. TRF is the sole remainder beneficiary and acts as trustee during the lifetime of the donor(s) and/or named beneficiaries.	Annuity Trust
<b>CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST AND ADDITIONS</b>	A charitable remainder unitrust is an irrevocable gift to a trust, which pays the U.S. donor or named beneficiaries a fixed percentage of the <i>fair market value of the trust</i> . TRF is the sole remainder beneficiary and acts as trustee during the lifetime of the donors and/or named beneficiaries. If the gift is an addition to a pre-existing unitrust it will be marked (Addition).	Unitrust (Addition)
<b>CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST AND ADDITIONS - OUTSIDE</b>	A charitable remainder unitrust is an irrevocable gift to a trust, which pays the U.S. donor or named beneficiaries a fixed percentage of the fair market value of the trust. TRF is named as a remainder beneficiary and the Foundation is not acting as trustee. If the gift is an addition to a pre-existing unitrust it will be marked (Addition).	Outside Unitrust (Addition)
<b>DONOR ADVISED FUND GRANT – OUTSIDE</b>	A grant from a Donor Advised Fund to TRF, which is not made through a TRF Donor Advised Fund account.	DAF Grant- Outside
<b>DONOR ADVISED FUND GRANT – TRF</b>	A grant from a TRF Donor Advised Fund account directly to TRF programs.	DAF Grant - TRF
<b>LIFE INSURANCE</b>	TRF accepts ownership of life insurance policies that meet the gift acceptance policy guidelines.	Life Insurance
<b>MAJOR GIFT PLEDGE</b>	TRF may accept unconditional promises to give (pledges) with a payment term generally at three years or less and valued at \$10,000 or more. A pledge meeting these criteria is considered active upon receipt of the first payment, which shall generally represent a proportional share of the total pledge amount. Pledge terms must be established in writing. A pledge is a binding obligation of the donor and is recorded on the Foundation's financial statements.	Pledge
<b>POOLED INCOME FUND</b>	Donors can make a gift of cash or publicly traded securities to TRF's Pooled Income Fund. In return, units in the Fund are assigned to each donor. The donor or designated beneficiaries will receive all income from those units for life.	PIF
<b>REALIZED ESTATE GIFT</b>	An estate gift is generally the result of a provision made in a donor's will or final estate plan during their lifetime that becomes effective, or "realized", upon their death. Only when the asset has been received by TRF will a realized estate gift appear on this report.	Estate Gift
<b>INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT</b>	Provisions in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 reinstate the Charitable IRA Rollover, which is the direct transfer of any amount up to \$100,000 per year until 31 December 2009 from certain Individual Retirement Accounts to The Rotary Foundation without triggering federal income tax.	IRA

# Endowed scholarship's bottom line pleases former Rotary Volunteer

**T**o Canadian David Ker, something just didn't add up when he taught accounting at Russia's Novosibirsk State University in 1994.

"There was a great difference between the old Soviet accounting system and that in the West," says Ker, a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver South. He then began thinking about practical ways students could bring their business skills up to date.

The thought turned into action two years later, when he served as host counselor for Anton Sitnikov, a 1996-97 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar from Siberia.

"It was a rewarding experience, and I decided to establish an endowed fund with The Rotary Foundation... to provide three-month Cultural Scholarships at BCIT [British Columbia Institute of Technology] for students from Barnaul and Novosibirsk, Russia," says Ker, a past governor of RI District 5040 (British Columbia).

The scholarships give students the opportunity to learn business skills they can't acquire in Russia. The first Rotary Scholar funded by the David and Lis Ker Scholarship Endowment Fund, Roman Romanenko, came from Novosibirsk in 1999.

"Roman was an excellent student," Ker says. "He was interested in forestry, and I arranged visits for him to local sawmills and export lumber offices. I also talked

to Roman about the accounting profession. He must have been interested, as he joined an international accounting firm which had just established an office in Novosibirsk. He then completed his CPA course and is now a manager with Ernst & Young in Moscow."

Other students are also reaping success in their fields with Ker's help. Olga Yakovleva, a 2004 scholar, earned her CPA with Ernst & Young and is now managing the establishment of a new store in Novosibirsk for an Italian fashion house.

"I cannot even realize today how big the impact of this trip will be on my life, how many advantages it gave me," wrote 2006 scholar Roman Feldgandler in a letter to Ker. "I will never forget what you have done for me, and I hope sometime in the future I will be able to pay you back for everything."

Ker also played an instrumental role in forming Rotary clubs in Barnaul and Novosibirsk in the 1990s. In addition, he served as a Rotary Volunteer in Russia, funded by a Discovery Grant, where he developed a proposal for encouraging education and enterprise in farm villages.



David Ker (far right) receives an award from the Rotary Club of Barnaul, Russia, in recognition of the Foundation's Cultural Scholarships provided by the David and Lis Ker Scholarship Endowment Fund.

In 2004, the Kers were inducted as members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch C. Klumph Society. The society is named after the founder of the Foundation and honors Major Donors who contribute US\$250,000 or more.

Recently, the Kers delegated management of their endowed scholarship to Penny Offer of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, and Bill Johnston and Jane Le Porte of the Rotary Club of Burnaby-Deer Lake.

"I am sure that they will enjoy the rewarding experience of working with these wonderful young people, who are now part of our family," David Ker says. "Thanks to Rotary for giving me the opportunity to establish this successful program."

# Rotary Center alumnus plants peace studies program in India

**N**ani Mahanta deeply wanted to do something about the violence in Northeast India. He is from Assam, one of eight states in the region, where civilian casualties have been among the highest in the country.

Outside of India, little is known about the area. People have been shot and trains bombed as a result of terrorism and ethnic violence. The Centre for International Cooperation and Security has noted a "lack of respect for human life and human rights" and "high levels of physical and sexual violence, prostitution, substance abuse, and harassment."

Mahanta, who studied at the University of California, Berkeley, as a 2002-04 Rotary World Peace Fellow, understands that things need to change. "Most of the attempts to resolve conflicts are from the perspective of police and military," he says. "The state primarily relies on the conflict fatigue of the insurgents, and then an agreement is imposed, which is accepted by one faction. And the demand is fought back with vengeance."

Making the situation extraordinarily difficult, he says, is the United Liberation Front of Assam, which wants the state to secede from India and establish independence. The Indian government refers to the ULFA as a terrorist organization, and according to the South Asia Terrorism Portal, the group was responsible for 648 civilian deaths from 1992 to

2001. Mahanta says more than 35 armed secessionist groups are fighting against the Indian state.

But he is working to create a culture with a different mindset. He is a reader, an associate professor, and coordinator of the peace and conflict studies program at Gauhati University in Assam. Getting the program started was hard work because it was initially a self-funded course, but after it achieved some success, he was able to present a funding proposal. A grant helped the course develop into a two-year postgraduate program.

"Besides being a teacher of peace studies, [Mahanta] is alert as a citizen regarding the problem we are facing in our region due to insurgency," says Anuradha Dutta, a peace studies professor at Omoo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development and a former colleague of Mahanta's. "His Rotary experience in Berkeley helped him to analyse the situation meaningfully. The situation now is very confusing [for] some of our youth fighting for sovereignty. He has the quality of a leader, which helps him to take up activities."

Mahanta believes education is critical to solving Northeast India's social and political problems. He teaches his students about ethnicity, human rights, and peace and conflict, weaving economic, environmental, cultural, gender, and children's issues into his lectures. On several occa-



Nani Mahanta conducts peace studies class at Gauhati University in Assam, India.

sions, he has been invited to the United States to explain the violence in Assam.

Assam also has a high unemployment rate, and good jobs and profits often end up in New Delhi, India's capital. Yet, Mahanta continues his work, hoping to be part of a process that might fit the region, especially Assam, out of a difficult situation.

"My stay at Berkeley gave me the idea that the field of peace and conflict studies would be of great relevance in India," he says. "It's not about bringing peace overnight. It's an attempt to work for a worthy goal, where the resources

of society could be used for productive purposes. It's about accepting difference and resolving conflicts through dialogue, institution building, and ensuring human security."

In June, Mahanta wrote a guest column for the *Zwargoyak*, an English-language newspaper in Kolkata, about the ULFA, politics, and ways to achieve peace. "We may curse insurgents as he fundamentalist, alienated, frustrated lot," he observed, "but ultimately, it's persuasion, concession, reward, dialogue, and political will that can resolve it."





# Rotary-UN Day celebrates common goals

Not even malaria could keep Richelieu Allison of Sierra Leone from speaking at the United Nations on Rotary-UN Day, held on 3 November. The former Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant had just recovered from a bout with the disease when he addressed more than 1,300 Rotarians, UN officials, Rotaractors, Interactors, and alumni from 48 countries.



“I had to do something as an individual to make sure that my country would get back on its feet.”

Richelieu Allison

Allison told how civil war in his native Liberia forced his family to flee their community in 1990. “I witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of conflict,” he said. “I experienced starvation, I saw summary executions, and I witnessed the recruitment of some of my friends who, as young as eight, were sent to the battlefield.”

It was extremely difficult, Allison said, “walking through checkpoints, knowing that you and your family can be executed at any moment by just anyone with a gun. For three months, it was total madness. We were lucky to have survived.”

Once back home, Allison made a promise to himself: “I had to do something as an individual to make sure that my country would get back on its feet.”

In 2001, he started the West African

Youth Network, which helps young people pursue non-violent solutions to problems. Based in Freetown, Sierra Leone, the organization now has offices in 11 countries, including Liberia. He’s also organizing a Rotary peace caravan to travel through various African countries and writing his first book, an analysis of the conflict in Liberia.

“As Martin Luther King once said, ‘We don’t make peace by talking to our friends. We make peace by talking to our enemies,’” said Allison, whose address drew a standing ovation. “We will make peace by following the tradition of Rotary International, by training more peace ambassadors who can go into our communities and make a difference.”

Held annually, Rotary-UN Day celebrates the two organizations’ partnership since 1945, when 49 Rotarians served as delegates, advisers, and consultants at the conference that founded the UN. Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to nongovernmental organizations by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies.

Ban Ki-moon, UN secretary-general, and Kiyotaka Akasaka, UN undersecretary-general for communications and public information, praised Rotary’s work in support of the UN Millennium Development Goals, which aim to slash poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other social ills by 2015. But more work is needed.

“It is intolerable that 72 million children are not in primary school. Maternal health remains a scandal, and HIV is growing faster than treatments can be



While a 2006 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program participant at Thailand’s Chulalongkorn University, Allison shares a special moment with a child during a visit to a tsunami relief building project.

made available,” Akasaka said, adding that climate change threatens to undermine work toward all the goals.

Stephen Nicholas, professor at Columbia University Medical Center’s Department of Pediatrics and a member of the Rotary Club of Yonkers, New York, said that better, cheaper medication and intervention during pregnancy has greatly diminished the number of HIV-infected infants at the Harlem neighborhood clinic he founded. He also helped develop a family AIDS program in the Dominican Republic, which aims to reduce the rates of mother-to-child HIV transmissions and children orphaned by AIDS.

Other Rotary-UN Day highlights included panel discussions on health, hunger, water, and literacy. Brian Sloyer, of the Rotary Club of Saltash, Cornwall, England, reported that Tanzanians are able to buy mosquito nets below cost



Richelieu Allison speaks at the United Nations on Rotary-UN Day. At right is Rotary International President-elect Dong Kurn Lee.

through a Rotarian-supported program that has helped reduce malaria by 64 percent in targeted areas. John Boot, of the Rotary Club of Summerland, British Columbia, Canada, described how Kenyan villagers have built 12,000 concrete rain-water collection tanks and planted thousands of trees as a natural purifier.

## Former scholar gives back in a major way

Dr. Thomas Roberts says he learned a valuable lesson as a 1997-98 Ambassadorial Scholar from the United States at the University of Cape Town in South Africa, where he earned a master’s degree in health economics. While there, he also worked as a physician supervisor for a student-operated mobile health clinic and performed rotations in an emergency room. The clinic served indigent patients and residents unable to travel to other local health facilities.

One day, Roberts saw a boy with serious medical symptoms in the township of Guguletu outside Cape Town. Despite opposition from some residents, he and other staff members placed the boy in a station wagon and raced him to the nearest hospital. The boy was diagnosed with meningitis and went on to make a full recovery.

“The lesson I learned is that you have to recognize when people are really sick and when they are not—and to trust your hunch,” Roberts says.

A Harvard Medical School graduate when he went to South Africa, he credits his scholarship with directing him toward

oncology economics.

“I became interested in the policy issues such as how we can develop drugs efficiently and get more out of our nation’s investment to ensure that more people will have access to new developments,” he says.

Now a managing director and senior health care analyst for Moody’s Asset Management, an investment management firm in North Carolina, Roberts researches companies on behalf of foundations, institutions, and other organizations.

His connection to Rotary did not end with his scholarship, however. In 2000, Roberts helped his sponsor and host clubs, the Rotary clubs of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and Kirstenbosch, South Africa, raise approximately US\$200,000 to provide medical equipment to a Cape Town hospital.

He also became a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation in February.

“When I was asked to speak at the District [7900] Conference, it reminded me of what I had been given,” he says. “Contributing was a great way to give back for what was a pivotal time in my life.”



Dr. Thomas G. Roberts  
Rotary Foundation Major Donor



# THE 2008-09 GLOBAL ALUMNI SERVICE TO HUMANITY AWARD

The Rotary Foundation Trustees are very pleased to announce the selection of Rotarian Alex Buchanan as the recipient of the 2008-09 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Don Jago and Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator Wellington Choy of Zone 8 served as nominators for his award. Trustee Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe will present the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award to Dr. Buchanan during a plenary session at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. Below is an article profiling the achievements of Alex Buchanan, reprinted from the May 2008 issue of Reconnections

## Australian's career gives thought for food

Alex Buchanan has helped put food on the table for people in developing countries when they need it most. A food technologist and member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, Buchanan created the high-protein Australian Milk Biscuit 25 years ago and later the High Energy Biscuit. Today, the biscuits are not only a staple of his country's foreign food aid but are also permanently stockpiled by the Australian government for emergency relief purposes.

“I was drawn to Rotary because it changed my life with the opportunity to work, travel, and study.”

Alex Buchanan

While with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, Buchanan also developed an affordable infant food made from rice and soy flour that has been commercially produced in Thailand for more than 20 years. Listed in *Who's Who in Australia* since 1971, he received the Australian government's Centenary medal in 2008 “for service to Australian society in food science and technology.”

Buchanan's long connection with Rotary began with a 1959-60 Ambassadorial

Scholarship that took him to Iowa State University in the United States.

“I was drawn to Rotary because it changed my life with the opportunity to work, travel, and study in the United States,” Buchanan says. “This led to the experiences and qualifications [master of science degree] to get a job with Australia's national research organization.”

Buchanan has been a member of four Rotary clubs: one in Thailand and three in Australia, including the Melbourne club since 2000. His favorite Rotary project is one that created the East Timor Roofing Company and a campus for the Dili Institute of Technology in Bacau, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. The company was established by the Rotary clubs of Melbourne and Doncaster, with financial support from the Rotary Club of Adelaide and the Shell Foundation.

“It now employs 15 people and is operating independently and profitably,” Buchanan says. “We also started a revolving loan fund which helped more than 200 locals, mostly women, develop microenterprises in and around Bacau.”

In addition, Buchanan has been very active in obtaining Foundation Match-



Alex Buchanan

ing Grants on behalf of the Melbourne club for service projects in Cambodia, East Timor, and India. A Paul Harris Fellow (see “Former scholar honors Rotary adviser by giving back,” page 7), he has also worked closely with Past RI President Royce Abbey in establishing the Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund in The Rotary Foundation. The fund has provided scholarships to 10 students from developing countries for agricultural training in Australia since 2001.

In addition to professional honors, Buchanan has received Rotary district awards for “providing nourishment in underprivileged countries suffering from famine” and other service efforts. One other recognition is also especially precious.

“My father was a dairy factory manager in our small village and the outstanding community leader,” Buchanan explains. “As a boy, I always felt that I was in his shadow. Later, I [worked] in Melbourne. I traveled extensively and became well known in the dairy industry throughout the state. One day, at a dairy industry conference, my dad was introduced as ‘Alex Buchanan's father.’ The pride on his face was a revelation to me and a joy to behold.”





Former peace fellow Arik Gutler-Ofir leads a discussion during the War, Peace, and Social Justice Festival.



Actors perform a scene from a play illustrating tensions between Jews and Arabs and gender issues.

## Bringing peace to the stage in Israel

At the War, Peace, and Social Justice Festival in Acre, Israel, it wasn't Jewish-Arab tensions that took center stage. The spotlight, instead, fell on social justice issues of concern to both ethnic groups.

Organized by former Rotary World Peace Fellow Arik Gutler-Ofir of Kibbutz Cabri, Israel, the five-day, 10-play festival focused on issues such as globalization, the oppression of women, and poverty, as well as Jewish-Arab tensions and war. Half the plays were in Hebrew, half in Arabic. Each day, Gutler-Ofir facilitated a conversation among the audience, actors, and playwrights, in hopes of them gaining an understanding that the two ethnic groups have mutual concerns other than the ongoing conflict.

About 700 people attended the festival. Gutler-Ofir had expected a large audience but surmised that people thought the festival had a hidden agenda because of its topic. "Social justice in Israel sounds very suspicious," he says.

Gutler-Ofir came up with the idea of the festival during his 2004-06 peace fellowship at the University of Queensland in Australia. Before then, he facilitated theater groups with Jewish and Arab students but focused specifically on the ethnic conflict. He wanted to make future festivals different.

"I'm bringing you together and they're doing a project, and that's really nice," he says. "And then everybody feels good, and they're going home and nothing happens. My conclusion was that things should be

permanent and natural, not a Jewish group meeting an Arab group."

Gutler-Ofir says he became a peace fellow "by accident." He applied after his wife heard about the program, but he did not really expect to be accepted because of his background in theater. When he got into the program, he found he was one of the few peace fellows in the arts. He used the opportunity to explore the connection between art and conflict resolution.

In addition to organizing the festival in Acre, Gutler-Ofir has helped an Arab high school set up the first Arab theater department in Israel. Jewish and Arab high schools are working together on projects, he says, but more as one high school simply helping another. His broader goal is to meld the peace festival and his educational work into a broader theater center for social change.

Before he became a peace fellow, Gutler-Ofir thought no conflict could be worse than the one between Israelis and Palestinians. But he says his peace studies enabled him to see the conflict "in a relative way."

"Our conflict is not the worst; it can get worse," he says. "Look at Congo, look at Rwanda. The comparative point of view I got was there are worse situations that can be presented. I think the way to prevent it is to try to find new ways for dialogue. That's where I think it can be effective."

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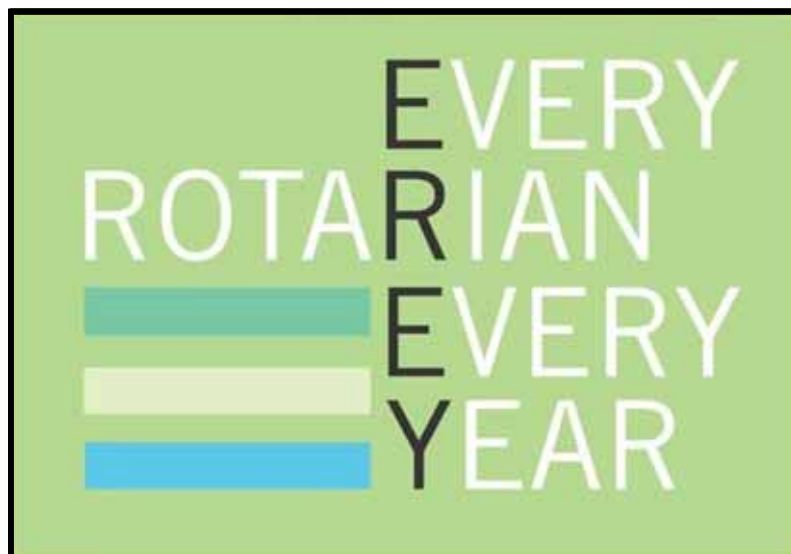
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# OUR THEME FOR 2009-2010 — THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

**OUR CLUBS CAN  
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FOUNDATION.**

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.

RI President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, on Monday during the opening plenary session of the International Assembly, an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA, for incoming district governors.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong."

Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.

"Everything begins and ends with our clubs," he said. "Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation."



RI President-elect John Kenny addresses the International Assembly in San Diego on January 19, 2009





"But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best."

At the same time, Kenny highlighted the importance of the RI Strategic Plan, adopted by the RI Board of Directors, as an essential tool in providing continuity.

"The plan is designed to strengthen and proclaim the core values of Rotary: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity,

and leadership," Kenny said. The training sessions for incoming governors during the weeklong assembly are all tied to some component of the strategic plan, and a final group discussion on Saturday will seek to tie all the pieces together and show the future district leaders how to take the strategic plan to the club level.

Kenny concluded his remarks by sharing a favorite saying from his homeland, Scotland: "We must look beyond our own parish pump."

"It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community," Kenny said. "We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world."

*Report by Arnold R. Grahl  
Rotary International News 2009*





## Rotarian Action Groups - Humanity in Motion



*PDG Ron Denham  
Chair WASRAG*

It's not too late to join the surge - almost 1000 Rotarians have joined WASRAG to support D.K. Lee's challenge to reduce child mortality by bringing safe water and sanitation to the millions lacking these fundamental needs for life and livelihood.

To see where we're going, take a look at the Executive Summary of WASRAG's Strategic Plan

<http://wasrag.org/downloads.php?reports=111>

If you have the time, the full document is available in the same area of the website. This roadmap provides a focus for moving forward in an organized, disciplined, and ultimately more successful approach to sustainable water and sanitation programs.

And the impact of WASRAG's approach is seen beyond Rotary. The United States Agency for International Development (US AID) has formed a three-year multi-million dollar alliance with Rotary to implement water and sanitation programs. Initially the program will pilot in Ghana, the Dominican Republic and the Philippines. Subsequent initiatives could expand to a number of other countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia where Rotary and US AID share common goals. Go to the WASRAG website to view the FAQs on this exciting new development!

<http://wasrag.org/news.php?news=26>

Then, just this week, WASRAG has been approached by the Global Water Challenge to participate in a major global event to be held in September





2009. "Live Earth" is pulling together a mega-event to promote awareness about the global water crisis and to raise funds to support WASH programs. You may remember that Live Earth organized a global concert in July 2007 to raise awareness of climate change. This upcoming event will be equally ambitious. A website with more information will be available shortly and we will notify you immediately.



A major feature of the Live Earth event will be a global "run". The first 6 kms will start in Fiji where Rotarians under the leadership of Warwick Pleass have already begun a major water program. The last will be a 6 km run in Hawaii as the sun sets. Participatory fundraising will be an integral part of the program.

As you can see there are huge opportunities for WASRAG and Rotarians everywhere. We have already demonstrated through the Polio National Immunization Days an ability to mobilize communities. We will now be able to harness those same skills to resolve the water and sanitation crisis.

*Charles Clemmons*  
*General Coordinator, Water Resource Group*

*PDG Ron Denham*  
*Chair WASRAG*

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# PRESIDENT-ELECT KENNY'S EMPHASES FOR 2009-2010



If Rotary is to stay relevant in the 21st century, it must work to improve access to clean water, combat hunger, and expand literacy.

RI President-elect John Kenny set that challenge in front of incoming district governors on

Monday, as he rolled out his 2009-10 presidential emphases, noting that The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

Kenny stressed that while clubs are the backbone of Rotary, emphases help coordinate the many individual efforts, encouraging clubs to direct their work in the areas where the organization has seen the greatest need and where there has been the greatest benefit.

"We also strive for continuity of service, so that we many continue to go from strength to strength," Kenny said. "In [2009-10], I will ask Rotarians everywhere to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to continue to work for the health and well-being of not only children but their families and people everywhere."





### Access to clean water

Kenny set water as his first emphasis because "it is the necessity of every man, woman, and child. We could, I suppose, all live without oil, but we can none of us live without water."

Kenny, who has worked consistently on water projects for the past two decades, emphasized that water projects must also encompass sanitation, "because without adequate sanitation, our good work is easily undone."

### Health and hunger

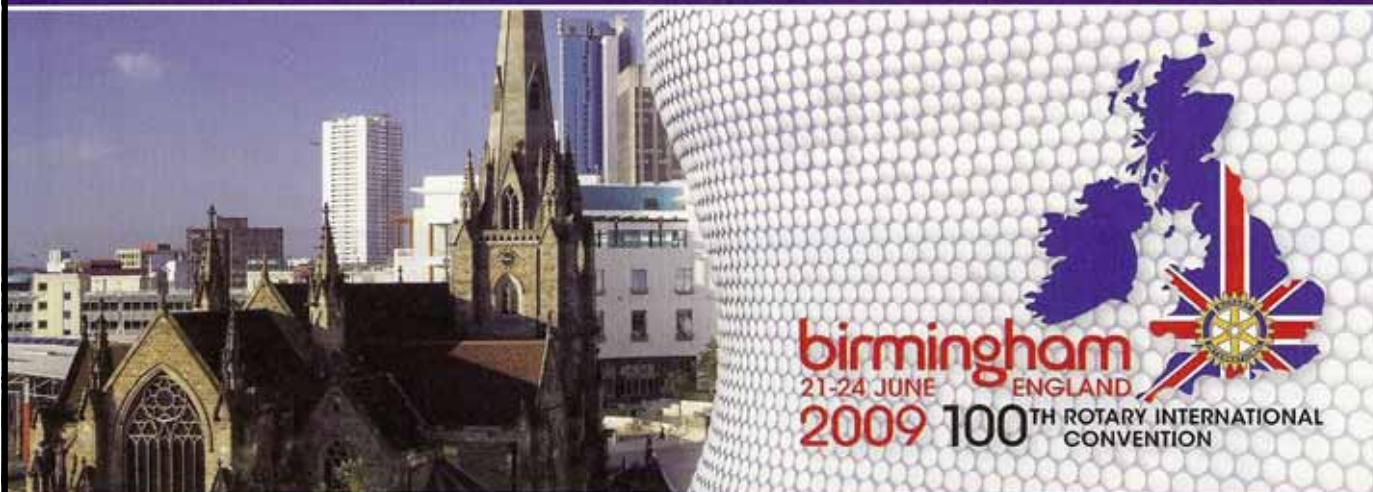
Kenny described health and hunger as the tent within which much of Rotary's service dwells. Rotarians who work in the area of health and hunger are also working toward peace.

"How can there be peace in the world when so many will try to sleep tonight without having eaten today?" Kenny asked incoming governors, assembled for the annual International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

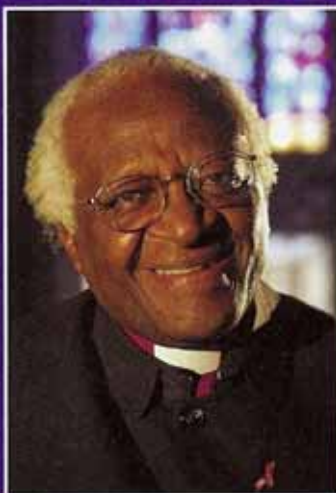
### Literacy

Literacy rounds out Kenny's emphases. "In the words of Nelson Mandela, 'no country can succeed if its future leaders are not educated,' " he said.

"Whether Rotary will thrive or falter, whether our service will mean much to many or little to few, whether Rotary is known with respect or seen as a relic of days gone by -- all this is up to you," Kenny said. "The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands."



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Bill Gates



# A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

The Future Vision Plan offers simplified and streamlined procedures and more ownership of Foundation activities at the local level. Burton acknowledged that such dramatic change can sometimes bring discomfort, but he believes the plan's benefits will erase any initial reservations.

"The Rotary Foundation's programs have not changed significantly since they were established," Burton said. "Yet the world has changed significantly since these programs first started. The Foundation has to remain relevant to address priority world needs of those most in need: the children, the poor, the hungry, and the less fortunate with limited resources and opportunities."

**THE FUTURE VISION PLAN IS THE CATALYST THAT WILL HELP ROTARY AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION REACH NEW HEIGHTS.**



*Ron Burton, Vice-Chairman,  
Trustees of the Rotary Foundation*

The pilot is "a critical step in validating the strategies and assumptions in the plan," Burton told the incoming governors. "We are confident in the plan, but we also recognize that it will have challenges and unknowns that will be addressed and evaluated by the districts that agree to participate in the pilot."

Burton admitted that some aspects of the plan may need adjusting. "But I believe we need to change and recognize that the Future Vision Plan is moving our Foundation in the right direction," he said.

*"Our mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty," Burton said. "That's what the Future Vision Plan is all about."*

*"This will all be made possible because of your efforts and the efforts of Rotarians worldwide to help improve our Foundation."*





Starting 20 January, the Foundation will be asking interested districts to apply to be a pilot district and help implement the Future Vision Plan. Once again, this will be a grassroots effort. That will ensure Rotarian commitment when the Future Vision Plan is implemented throughout the entire Rotary world.

The Foundation believes that the Future Vision Plan will:

1. Simplify the Foundation programs and administration to make it easier to understand and provide better ways for Rotarians to do good in the world
2. Focus the service interests of Rotarians and the Rotary movement to align service outcomes with the mission of the Foundation
3. Increase ownership of Foundation activities at the local level
4. Provide the necessary funding to achieve the goals by leveraging resources of all stakeholders and potential partners
5. Heighten recognition, visibility, and fundraising capabilities

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We think The Rotary Foundation is poised for:

- unprecedented change,
- unequaled opportunity,
- and unparalleled growth,

... and the Future Vision Plan is the catalyst that will take Rotary and its Foundation to unimagined new heights. This will all be made possible because of your efforts and the efforts of Rotarians worldwide to help improve our Foundation.

We look forward to working with a diverse and representative group of districts to help us build our Foundation for the future.

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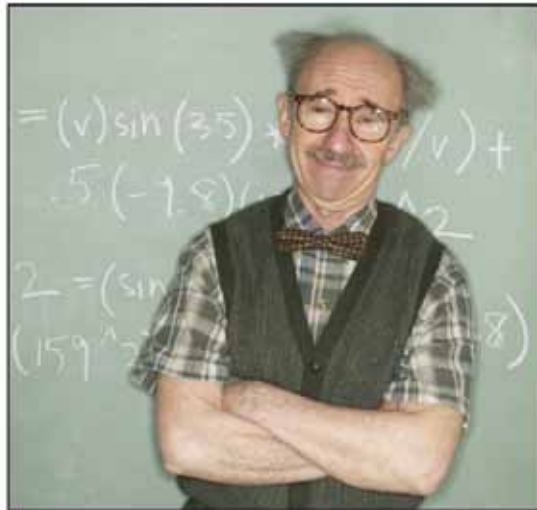
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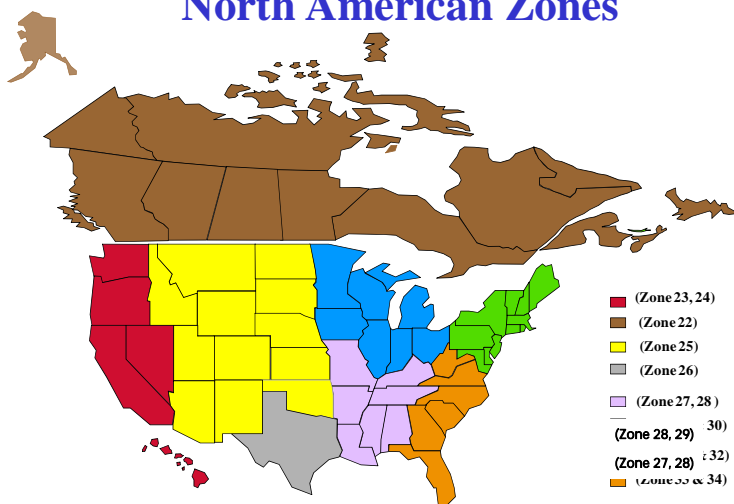
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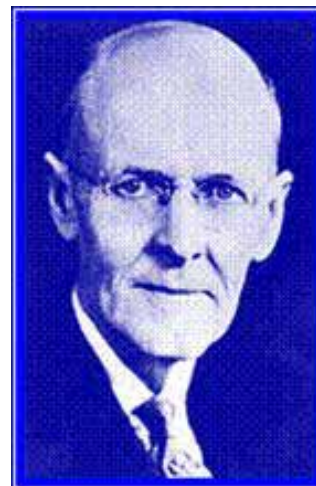
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# WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

*"The future of Rotary is shrouded  
In expectant mystery.  
It is for you my new Rotarian friends  
to aid in the unfurling  
of the Rotarian destiny."*

Paul P Harris' message to the 1914 Convention in  
Houston, Texas, USA



Paul P. Harris



From the very beginning of this movement we have discussed and debated the Future of Rotary.

As Paul Harris wisely suggests so many, many years ago, it is for ROTARIANS to decide what will happen in the future.

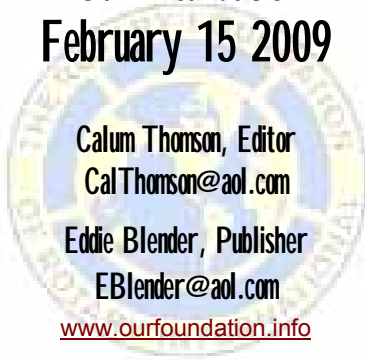
This was true in 1914 and it remains so today in 2009. As Rotarians — **THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS**. Can We eradicate Polio? Can we alleviate poverty and improve health? How we shape our future is entirely up to us.

This message from our RI President-elect John Kenny is a striking challenge to ALL Rotarians and ALL clubs to be proactive and to be absolutely determined to change our world for the better.

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### Dr. Albert Schweitzer wrote:

"One day, in my despair, I threw myself into a chair in the consulting room and groaned out:

'What a blockhead I was to come out here to doctor savages like these!'

Whereupon my native assistant quietly remarked: 'Yes, Doctor, here on earth you are a great blockhead, but not in heaven.'"

A Lutheran pastor's son and acclaimed for playing the organ, he earned doctorates in philosophy and theology, was pastor of St. Nicholai's Church, principal of St. Thomas College, and professor at University of Strasbourg.

Then, at age 30, he read a Paris Missionary Society article on the desperate need for physicians in Africa.

To everyone's dismay, he enrolled in medical school and became a medical missionary, founding a hospital in the jungle village of Lambarene, Gabon, west central Africa.

A friend of Albert Einstein, Albert Schweitzer won the Nobel Peace Prize and used the prize money to build a leper colony.

