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A NEWSLETTER FOR ROTARY LEADERS

THE WORLD PEACE SYMPOSIUM



*Eddie Blender,
Publisher,
Our Foundation*

Rotary's second World Peace Symposium is scheduled for 18-19 June at the International Convention in Birmingham, England. Tickets are available now.

"Challenges to Peace Building" is the central theme. Matriculating and Peace Fellow Alumni will be presenting. Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu is the keynote speaker.

Rotarians will interact in a dialogue on Peace-Building and learn how political, economic and ethnic forces can work for, or against conflict resolution. All Rotarians are invited to attend.

I believe if you want to choose one issue that will have the biggest impact in making this a better world, choose education.

Since 1947 we (Rotary) have named almost 40,000 scholarship recipients and Rotarians have donated more than US\$ 500 million dollars towards education.

Our most recent and keystone educational program is the Rotary Peace Centers. Since 2002 we have graduated almost 400 Fellows from this Masters Degree program.

How important is this TRF program? Read excerpts from a recent presentation by Peace Fellow Alumnus, Colin Spurway on pages 4- 5.

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED
SUPPORTING THE ROTARY
CENTERS AND THE PEACE
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED
ESTABLISHING AN
ENDOWMENT IN YOUR
FAMILY'S NAME AND
CREATING/LEAVING
A LEGACY
THAT WILL LAST FOREVER?**



THE ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM MAKES A DIFFERENCE.



Colin Spurway, a 2003-05 Rotary World Peace Fellow, during a recent visit to RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Spurway, now a manager with BBC World Service Trust, spoke to Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators about the Peace Fellowships program. *Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee*

Colin Spurway, a 2003-05 peace fellow, says the program equipped him to make the world a more peaceful, just, and sustainable place.

Speaking to regional Rotary Foundation coordinators (RRFCs) during a training meeting in Chicago, Spurway thanked The Rotary Foundation for its support of the [Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution](#), and he urged the RRFCs to promote them.

"Only Rotary has the combination of financial capacity, internationalism, patience, and worldview to invest in something as imaginative, hopeful, progressive -- but intangible -- as peace," he said.

Spurway, a native of Scotland, added that peace is not a goal that can simply be checked off a list. "Peace is a continuing process. It is slow, long-term work."

In introducing Spurway to the RRFCs, Duane Sterling, Rotary Centers Committee member and aide to the RI president-nominee, suggested that the peace studies program receives less publicity than it deserves. *"The Rotary Centers come in right behind polio in priority," said Sterling. "But we are not giving it the kind of attention we need to be giving it. The program has one of the greatest potentials to change the world for generations to come."*

Spurway studied at the Rotary Center at the University of Queensland and spent his fourth semester at the University of California, Berkeley.

"My experience of the fellowship was made particularly rich by the semester in Berkeley," Spurway told the RRFCs. "But I know that I speak for the overwhelming majority of alumni when I say that the fellowship has proven to be of great value after graduation."





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PDG **Duane Sterling**, Rotary Centers Committee member and aide to the RI president-nominee,

After managing peace-building and development programs for international charities in South and Central

Asia, Spurway now works for the [BBC World Service Trust](#) in London as a manager for international development projects in Bangladesh.

He said the peace studies program contributes substantially to Rotary's image. It is also a feather in the cap of the participating universities.

Eddie Blender, Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative Chair, said almost US\$40 million has been raised toward the goal of creating a [\\$95 million endowment fund by 2015](#) to sustain the program.

Alluding to a famous speech that **Robert F. Kennedy** made at the University of Cape



Robert F. Kennedy

Town, South Africa, in 1966, Blender called the approximately 400 graduates of the program "our ripples of hope. With them and with our peace centers, peace is possible."

Please read the first person account by RRFC Christopher N. Phillips, who was present at Kennedy's speech. "I WAS THERE!" Pages 15 to 18

EXCERPTED FROM COLIN SPURWAY'S PRESENTATION IN CHICAGO, "PEACE IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION"



In Kyrgyzstan while working with an organization called Mercy Corps, Spurway (left) visits a demonstration field where farmers and agronomists planted vegetables to learn about diversifying crops and assessing their market value.

"So, I applaud you, Rotarians, for your investment in that journey. We stand at a critical point in the human journey. The environment is teetering on the point of no return. The west has done nothing meaningful to eliminate its nuclear arsenal, and the south is bit by bit arming itself in response. Our cultures (even within our own nations) appear to understand and respect each other less and less as globalisation ties us closer and closer together ... like cats in an ever-shrinking bag.

We react to violence with more violence, spending over 200 times as much per year on making war as we do on making peace.

What can we do? We each play our part. If we all followed the Four-Way test in our personal lives, I do think that would be a real start. Events like this bring us together for Fellowship and understanding, which is no mean feat. But actually you have already all done more. At this critical moment you are producing a generation of practitioners with skills in building peace.

Be ready. You are hearing from me today, but you will not see me on the news. I dearly hope I never become Secretary General of the UN because I'm sure I'd make a real mess of it. You will not read about the vast majority of the graduates of this programme on the front pages of Le Monde or India Today or Pravda. But I promise you this, we are out there.

Arik is running theatre events for young people from Palestine and Israel. **Noelle** is housing Sudanese

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refugees in snowy Winnipeg. **Run** is reporting to Iceland on child soldiers in Uganda. **Saeed** is researching peace and security in Pakistan. **Ryan** is getting Save the Children message to the 10 Downing Street. **Path** is representing the people of Cambodia to the World Bank. **Sanjana's** very life is on the line in Sri Lanka.

... And all thanks to you. Who else could do that? Who else would do that? Thank you. Keep going. *As District Governors do your bit by recruiting the best and the brightest. Recruit as many people as you can* ... who don't look like me. Seriously. Too many applicants are middle class white, western men. Get everyone else too. And then the team that is Rotary, the brand that is Rotary, the family that is Rotary, will be a making a contribution to a peaceful, just, and sustainable world that I genuinely believe no other organisation is capable or qualified to make.

Salaam malayekum. Peace be with you all. And ... on behalf of all the Peace Fellows from the last seven years, and the next fifty ... thanks. Keep going."

Colin Spurway

CLUBS AND DISTRICTS MAY NOMINATE AS MANY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO THE PEACE CENTERS AS THEY WISH.

APPLICANTS TO THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS MUST DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH THEIR PERSONAL, ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

WE ARE SEEKING THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITIES WORLDWIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR FOUNDATION'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL OFFERS PEACE FELLOWSHIPS WITH A WORLD SCOPE—PEACE FELLOW ALUMNUS SHAI TAMARI SAYS WORK CHANGED HIS OUTLOOK



*Shai Tamari, UNC
Peace Fellow
Alumnus*

Rotary International is well known for its two-decade attempt to eradicate polio.

Less known is its start-up fight against a different type of paralysis - obstacles to peace. Rotary funds up to 60 Rotary world peace fellowships each year for students who seek careers promoting cooperation, peace and conflict resolution.

Shai Tamari, one of the almost 400 fellows already graduated, told the Rotary Club of Birmingham last week how he wants to work on the conflicts between Palestinians and Israelis.

Tamari was born and raised in Israel. He said he personally had traveled a long way. As a youth he saw Jews as good, Arabs as bad, and he joined an extreme right-wing political party. But he later realized there were two sides to the coin, and in his master's degree work as a Rotary peace fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he studied Middle East history, Arabic and conflict resolution.

One summer of the fellowship felt life-changing. He worked in Jordan - an Arab country - for Cooperative Housing Foundation International to help build schools for children of the 1.5 million Iraqi refugees.

"The idea of traveling in an Arab country was beyond imagination," he said. "I had to get over that fear."

He found himself taken into a Palestinian home for a feast, perhaps the first Israeli and Jewish person the family had ever hosted. He realized how isolated he had been growing up in Israel, where he said lived in a "bubble."

Tamari now works as a legislative assistant on foreign affairs for U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va. Tamari said he wants to understand how the U.S. government can help the Middle East, since he believes the road to political peace between Palestinians and Israelis has to run through Washington.

One problem, he said, is the conflicting ways that Israelis and Palestinians define peace. To Israelis, it means security for themselves. For Palestinians, it means independence, freedom of movement, justice.

Rotary International is backing its long-term, world peace fellowship effort with money. Chair of the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative, Dr. Eddie Blender said it has already raised almost US\$40 million toward its goal of a \$95 million endowment by 2015 to sustain its Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

JEFF HANSEN
Birmingham News staff writer





Photos by Monika Lozinska-Lee

THE LIFE OF A ROTARY
WORLD PEACE FELLOW.
AN EXCERPT FROM "THE
PEACEMAKERS" IN THE
FEBRUARY 2007 ISSUE OF
THE ROTARIAN

"Today, we are going to be speaking Arabic only – English is banned," Professor Nasser Islem tells the 23 students in his beginning Arabic class at the [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#). He hands out their graded midterm exams.

Shai Tamari, a first-year [Rotary World Peace Fellow](#), gets 94 1/2 points. "There'll be peace after all in the Middle East," he jokes. A Jewish man born in Jerusalem, Tamari hopes that by studying global history with a specialization in conflict resolution and Arabic, he'll be able to help find a political solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Tamari says he grew up in a society that taught him to feel superior to Palestinians. But as a child, he never understood why he was supposed to feel that way. "I always felt something wasn't quite kosher to hate Arabs for a reason I didn't understand," he says.

It's 4 p.m. on a Friday. Tamari is pretending to be a conflict consultant advising Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh. He stands at a lectern in front of his international conflict management class. The 21 students seated in front of him are his team. Their job is to figure out whether Tamari should advise Haniyeh to persuade Palestinian officials to recognize the state of Israel.

After he gives an overview of the problem, Tamari talks about the obstacles that might color his thinking. "Because I was raised in Israel, I was raised with walls in my head," he says. "That's why it's impor-



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tant for me to talk to people who are not Jewish."

At 18, Tamari began his mandatory service in the Israeli military. "I wanted to go into it," he says. He had a hard time adjusting, though. As an only child, just sharing a room with other soldiers was something of a shock. But his eventual disenchantment with the military stemmed from a more serious factor. "I realized I didn't want to hurt people," he says. "I don't have the ability to confront someone with a weapon."

During his first month in uniform, members of Tamari's unit were ordered to man a checkpoint just outside their base in the West Bank. They were told to allow all cars to pass. At one point, a car with a Palestinian license plate drove up. "One of the soldiers from my unit walked to the center of the road, lifted his rifle, and aimed it at the driver," Tamari says. "The driver slammed on the brakes and stopped a few meters from the soldier. Neither of them spoke. The soldier then lowered his weapon and let the driver resume his journey. As the soldier returned to the side of the road, he wore a grin on his face. What bothered me most was that I did not speak a word. I was shocked. Until that time, I never thought Israeli soldiers abused Palestinians."

After three years in the army, Tamari became a civilian again, uncertain about what to do next. He moved to Australia and earned his bachelor's degree in journalism. Halfway through his studies, however, he realized he wanted to change paths. He knew he wanted to work to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In 2006, he obtained his master's degree in Near and Middle Eastern studies from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies.

"I found my passion," Tamari says. "This is my way of changing a small piece of the world."

How you can help?

Fellows such as Tamari are largely funded by Rotary districts and Rotarians that contribute financially to our seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution around the world. Do you wish to help? Do you wish to be more involved in The Rotary Foundation's educational programs? Please write/e-mail EBLender@aol.com for more information.



The Rotary Foundation aims to raise US\$95 million by June 2015 to fund 120 Rotary World Peace Fellows every year. So far, almost US\$40 million has been raised. For information on how to donate, including special naming opportunities, e-mail Peggy.Asseo@rotary.org or call Peggy Froh Asseo, Director of Planned & Major Gifts , 847.424.5369 .



THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE 2009 – 2010 CLASS INCLUDE:



NISREEN ABDALLAH, West Bank, Palestine, age 26, is program director for youth leadership development for OneVoice Movement, which promotes a two-state solution for the Israeli and Palestinian conflict and trains Palestinian youth in conflict resolution.. **Abdallah will attend the Rotary Center at the University of Bradford, England.**

ABU SIFIAN TAJ ELASSFIA, NYALA, Sudan, age 28, has worked with International Non-Government Organizations in Darfur to help generate income for people living in camps for internally displaced people (IDP). As founder of Youth Without Borders, he assists youth by making a link between war refugees and host communities in southern Sudan. **He will attend the Rotary Center at Duke University , USA .**

ROSA MARIA MARTINEZ BOLIVAR, Bogota, Colombia, age 22 , works in the Human Rights Observatory of the Vice Presidency of Colombia where she monitors human rights violations and Colombian armed conflict. **She will attend the Rotary Center at the University of California, Berkeley, USA.**

HUMARI SHAFI AWAN, Abbottabad, Pakistan, age 34 , established the Al-Ansar Society which helps poor families improve their income and send their children to school. The society also raises funds to establish a schooling system for underprivileged children and has organized short term training courses for untrained teachers. **She will attend the Rotary Center at the University of Queensland, Australia.**

GLENN IAN RAYNOR, Victoria, Canada, age 40, is the executive director for the Pacific People's Partnership in British Columbia, where he has worked on sustainable development initiatives in the developing states of Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia. **He will attend the Rotary Center at International Christian University, Tokyo.**

SARA SARNO, Naples, Italy, 28, works as a volunteer coordinator for Unnayan Ud-dog, which combats commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking of children in Bangladesh. As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Quito, Ecuador she promoted the Yachana Project which helps with development and education in the Amazon. She also worked at UNICEF's Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean on child protection issues. **She will attend the Rotary Center at the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aries, Argentina.**





ALL ROTARIANS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND — ROTARY WORLD PEACE FELLOWS SEMINARS

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*El Señor Rector de la Universidad del Salvador,
Dr. Juan Alejandro Tobias, tiene el agrado de invitar a usted al
V Seminario Anual del Centro de Rotary para Estudios Internacionales
"El poder de las ideas para entender la paz, el desarrollo y la cooperación" que
tendrá lugar el próximo 29 de abril entre las 9.00 y las 14.00 hs*

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Invitation to the 7th Annual Rotary Center Seminar International Christian University

ICU Rotary Peace Center is pleased to invite you to the 7th Annual Rotary Center Seminar to be held on Saturday, 6 June 2009. The Rotary World Peace Fellows at ICU will be presenting their work related to peace and conflict resolution. Please see the attached program for more detail of the seminar.

Please inform us your attendance by e-mail (to Mari Kotaki: mkotaki@icu.ac.jp) or fax (+81-422-33-3688) by May 18.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2009

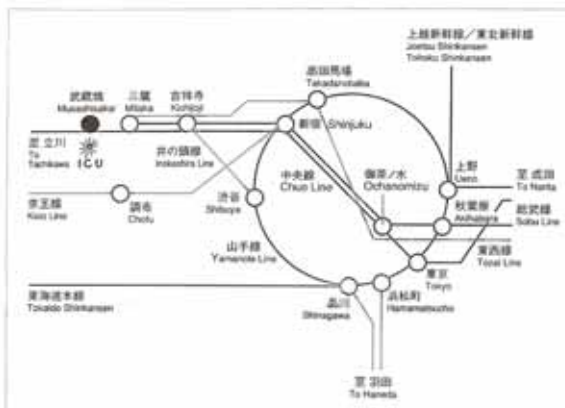
Time: 12:15 - 13:00 Registration

13:00 – 18:40 The 7th Annual Rotary Center Seminar

19:00 – 21:00 Ceremony for the graduating Class of Rotary World

Peace Fellows (hosted by the Rotarians)

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A MESSAGE TO THE 2009-10 REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATORS

Thank You – Obrigada – Danke –Merci – 多謝 – Dhannyavaad –Grazie --
ありがとう-- 감사합니다 -- Takk – Gracias – Tack – Thank You

A VERY
SUCCESSFUL
RRFC
TRAINING
INSTITUTE!

With the assistance of Google, Moderator Mark Daniel and Assistant Moderator Carolyn thank you for participating and contributing to the success of RRFC Institute 2009. We wanted to engage your interest, inform you, motivate and inspire you. We hoped it would be an educational and training experience where you would participate on both sides of the table. We wanted to set a high standard for the future

We read and heeded your evaluation comments regarding RRFC Institute 2008 and that was reflected in the optional activities offered on Sunday. The Sunday schedule provided some introductory sessions for first-year RRFCs as well as some specialized sessions, such as the videotaped practice, the contact center, and the TRF Canada Orientation sessions.

Monday was our day to offer a broad overview of some of the important issues that confront the Foundation – Future Vision, PolioPlus, the Peace Centers, Foundation finances in this brutal economy, and Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. This agenda and the powerful speakers who presented really set the tone for the remainder of the Institute.

Tuesday's agenda was the total opposite from Monday's. We took you to One Rotary Center where you had hands-on sessions with the staff on a variety of practical bread and butter issues relevant to doing the job of an RRFC - Member Access, RI Website, RITS, personal meetings with the staff, and intimate dinners with members of the fund development staff. It was a long day but we hope you will agree that it was worth it.

Wednesday, we returned to the actual business of The Rotary Foundation. From an overview of the 19 past and present humanitarian programs to the nuts and bolts of programs, fundraising and SHARE/ District Structure, Stewardship, Alumni, and Training the Zone Team – all these topics delivered the information that you will need to get the job done and to serve the Rotary regions to which you are assigned. We

thank again the third year RRFCs who provided nostalgic insights into the role of an RRFC.

And all too soon, it was Thursday and it was "clean up" day. We finished the round of sessions begun on Wednesday. You spent some quality time with the training and development specialist for your zone. You demonstrated your presentation skills to your peers. Your peers were insightful and kind in their constructive comments. Before we knew it, you graduated!

We have not forgotten the nontraining items that contributed to the success of this Institute. This was our first time holding the Institute at the Marriott. The TRF staff worked very hard to familiarize themselves with this property and to make the best use of the space assigned to us. In a few cases, they even made instant changes to the room assignments so that you would be more comfortable.

The hospitality suite was a big hit. Both moderators brought a food item from their parts of the Rotary world. We hope to continue that practice. By Thursday evening, you had eaten everything in sight so we think you liked it!

The Institute is over and our work begins. We thank you in advance for giving your time to come to Chicago for this very important training. You are all so committed to The Rotary Foundation and the good that we can do in the world. We know that you are ready to face the challenges of 2009-2010 and to take the Foundation programs to the districts and clubs. We know that we can count on you to lead by example in every way.

"Thank you"



Mark Daniel
Maloney,
Moderator



Carolyn E. Jones
Assistant
Moderator





REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR NICK C. PHILLIPS, A WITNESS TO HISTORY



*Nick C. Phillips, RRFC
South Africa*

During a plenary session at the recent Regional Rotary Foundation Training Institute in Chicago I spoke of a famous moment in history. I quoted some words from Robert F. Kennedy's speech, "Ripples of hope".

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC) Nick stood up, astounded the auditorium and said, "I was there. I witnessed that speech at Capetown University in South Africa. It was June 6, 1966."

In June 1966 Senator **Robert Kennedy** made an historic visit to South Africa. *It remains the most important visit an American made to South Africa* because it took place during the darkest years of Apartheid. The architect of Apartheid, **Dr. Verwoerd**, was Prime Minister, while **Nelson Mandela**, **Chief Albert Luthuli** and other opposition leaders were in prison on Robben Island or in exile. With rare exception, all opposition across the spectrum of black and white South Africa- political parties, the universities, the churches, the arts and the media- were living under the tight control of the National Party and its military, bureaucratic and ideological machinery.

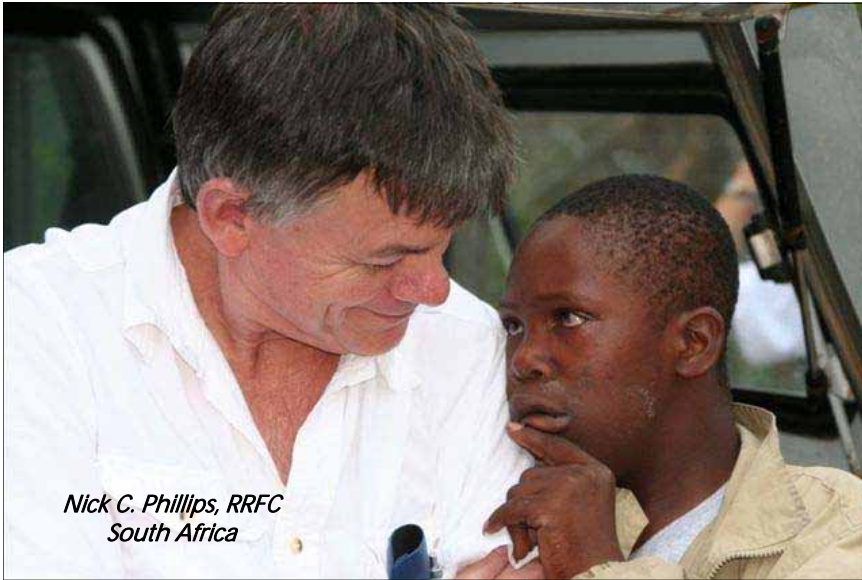
Kennedy was invited by NUSAS, the anti-Apartheid **National Union of South African Students**, to deliver its Annual Day of Affirmation Speech to be held that year at the University of Cape Town. He was accompanied by his wife, Ethel Kennedy, and a small number of close aides.

The value of the visit needs to be understood within the context of America's special relationship with South Africa. For many Americans the pictures and news reports coming out of South Africa in the 1960's seemed hauntingly similar to the pictures emanating from the American South during the Civil Rights Movement. The visit emphasized the connections between the fight against racism in the United States and South Africa. Read **RRFC Nick Phillips** account on the following pages.

Eddie Blender, Publisher

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YES, I WAS THERE ON JUNE 6, 1966.



*Nick C. Phillips, RRFC
South Africa*

I am pretty bushed! We spent the weekend planning a reception for an important visitor.

As a nineteen-year-old member of the National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) at Cape Town University I have to be careful. On Monday the 6th June 1966 anyone in

South Africa who has ideas about doing away with racial inequality and apartheid needs to keep their ideas to themselves.

The NUSAS chairman, Ian Robertson, who extended the invitation to our visitor to deliver the Day of Affirmation Address at UCT today was banned under the Suppression of Communism Act last month by the South African Government. He is a law student like me. He can attend lectures but cannot be present to hear his guest deliver his address.

I have never seen so many people on campus. It's just as well that I decided to walk up here from my home. The atmosphere here is electric. The Jameson Hall is packed and I have just managed to squeeze in near the front. As I look around the raised galleries I can see people with cameras photographing the audience. They are not from the media so I can only guess that they are from the security police!

The entire Convocation has assembled on stage with our visitor and his wife and our Rector is introducing him.





Now you can hear a pin drop.

“Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Vice Chancellor, Professor Robertson, Mr. Diamond, Mr. Daniel, and Ladies and Gentlemen:

I come here this evening because of my deep interest and affection for a land settled by the Dutch in the mid-seventeenth century, then taken over by the British, and at last independent; a land in which the native inhabitants were at first subdued, but relations with whom remain a problem to this day; a land which defined itself on a hostile frontier; a land which has tamed rich natural resources through the energetic application of modern technology; a land which once the importer of slaves, and now must struggle to wipe out the last traces of that former bondage. I refer, of course, to the United States of America.”



Senator Robert Kennedy

The measured tones of Senator Robert Kennedy wash over the great hall and flow out over our beleaguered land.

I don't know what to do with my feelings. I feel as if I have suddenly been confronted by all my fears, concerns, hopes and aspirations and have an opportunity to let my emotions out in one great outpouring of grief for my downtrodden countrymen and hope for a better future.

“This is a Day of Affirmation, a celebration of liberty. We stand here in the name of freedom. At the heart of that Western freedom and democracy is the belief that the individual man, the child of God, is the touchstone of value, and all society, all groups and states exist for that person's benefit. Therefore, the enlargement of liberty for individual human beings must be the supreme goal and the abiding practice of any Western society.”

Senator Kennedy challenges us with great brush strokes of philosophy and goes on to explain his beliefs in simple, understandable English that cuts to the very heart of his arguments.

My pulse is racing. Everyone around me is straining forward as if they want to get onto the stage and become one with this great man.

Senator Kennedy explains the difficulties being experienced in the United States surrounding the path of that country towards true equality.



Senator Robert Kennedy

I begin to realize that I am not just one man unable to influence the course of events.

"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

In an instant my view of life is clear and boundless. I know that I can be proud of my country and still be an agent for change. I know that common sense and simple values are all that I need to approach the challenges that life will present to me. I know the elements of the Rotary Four Way Test without ever having heard of Rotary.

It never crosses my mind that, one day, eleven years later I might be invited to join Rotary and there, with like minded people, adopt a philosophy and attitude of mind with all the power and authority to change the face of the earth; to bring down tyrants; to bring hope and dignity to the millions of hungry and homeless; and to permit me to live a life permeated by a deep sense of satisfaction knowing that I learnt at the feet of a great teacher and I lived up to his expectations.

Yes, I was there on June 6, 1966.....

PDG Christopher N. Phillips,
Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC)
Zone 10A (south)
Southern Africa





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THE ABCs OF TRF TEAM TRAINING



A VERY
SUCCESSFUL
RRFC TRF
TEAM
TRAINING

Traveling from Colorado, USA to California, USA I had the opportunity to participate in TRF's Zone 25-26 (old 23-24) Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators (RRFC) Team Training. The zone RRFCs Brenda Cressey and Bob Kings recently participated in the worldwide RRFC Training Institute in Chicago in March .

Is there another organization other than Rotary that trains their members as well?

Starting with Governor-Elects Training (GETS) last Fall then the International Assembly (IA) in January and Presidents-elect Training (PETS) shortly thereafter, the cycle continues with the District Rotary Foundation Chairs (DRFC) and down the line with District Leadership Seminars, etc.

The following pages are some of the events that occurred. All of it planned to strengthen RI/TRF and help us to achieve world understanding, goodwill and peace..

Eddie Blender, Publisher

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEE CHAIR:

Dear Zone Team Leaders:

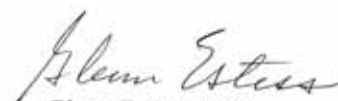


The year ahead will be a pivotal one in determining the course of our Foundation as we embark on a Future Vision Plan that will help shape our Foundation's second century of Rotary service. There are new challenges before us — challenges that we must rise to meet, to keep the promises we have made, and to be able to keep Rotary's promises for many generations to come.

At the International Assembly in January 2009, I shared the following four goals for our Foundation with the District Governors-elect. I now seek your leadership in helping me bring these 2009-10 goals to fruition. They are:

- 1. Keep the promise to eradicate polio.*
- 2. Work through the Foundation to achieve a better world, through the six areas of focus in the Future Vision Plan (peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and, economic and community development).*
- 3. Implement the Future Vision Plan, which will help revitalize and strengthen the Foundation so it can adequately support another century of Rotary service.*
- 4. Support Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund.*

Sincerely,



Glenn E. Estess, Sr.
Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Alabama, USA
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2009-10



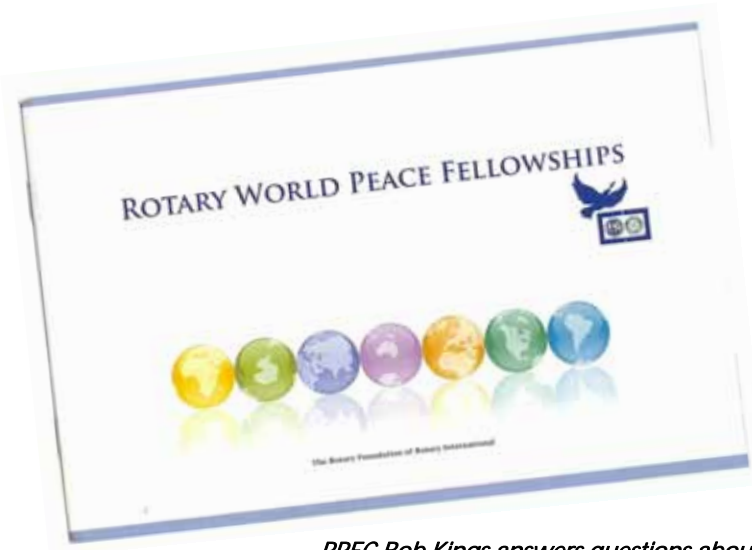


TRF TEAM TRAINING AGENDA OBJECTIVES

- Review progress of group and establish zone goals for the coming year.
- Develop a pro-active, goal-oriented approach to your position.
- To review current priorities of TRF and establishing goals for 2009-10 Rotary year to include: EREY, Bequest commitments, major gifts, Rotary Centers, etc.
- Develop strategies for securing ongoing support for the Foundation.
- Share successful strategies in various areas of fund development



RRFC Brenda Cressey with Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator (RFAC) Mike Abdulla



RRFC Bob Kings answers questions about the Rotary Peace Centers



The Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative (RCMGI) aims to raise US95 Million Dollar to endow the Rotary Peace Centers by 2015.

THE ABCs OF TRF TEAM TRAINING



ZCC (Zone Challenge Coordinators) Brad Howard and Al Frumkin discuss Rotary's US\$200 Million Dollar Challenge.

The role of the Zone Challenge Coordinator has been established to provide additional leadership and foster fundraising activities at the district and club level toward the achievement of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

The Zone Challenge Coordinator is responsible for promoting and supporting the solicitation of gifts to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge in assigned territories. Identifying and soliciting gifts at the zone level will be an integral component of successfully meeting Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge over four and a half years from 1 January 2008 until 30 June 2012. This fundraising effort, however, should not detract from gifts routinely made to the Annual Programs Fund and the Permanent Fund.

Rising to the Challenge

**Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge
2008 totals***

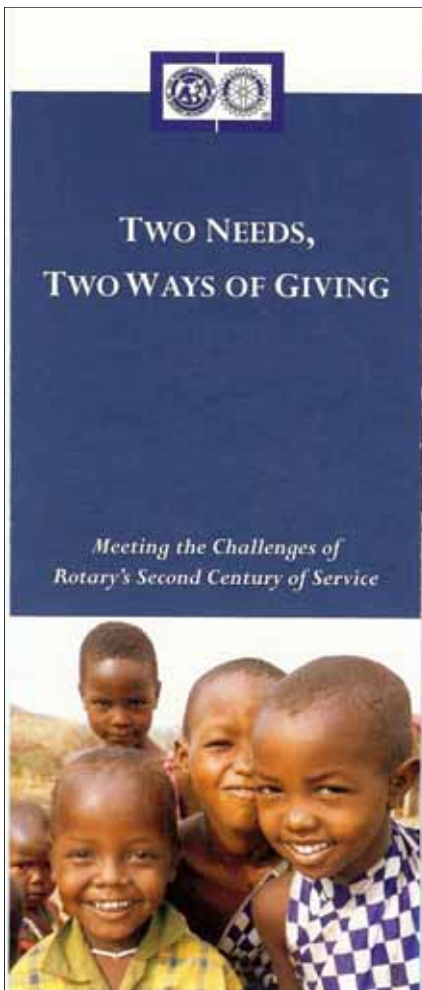
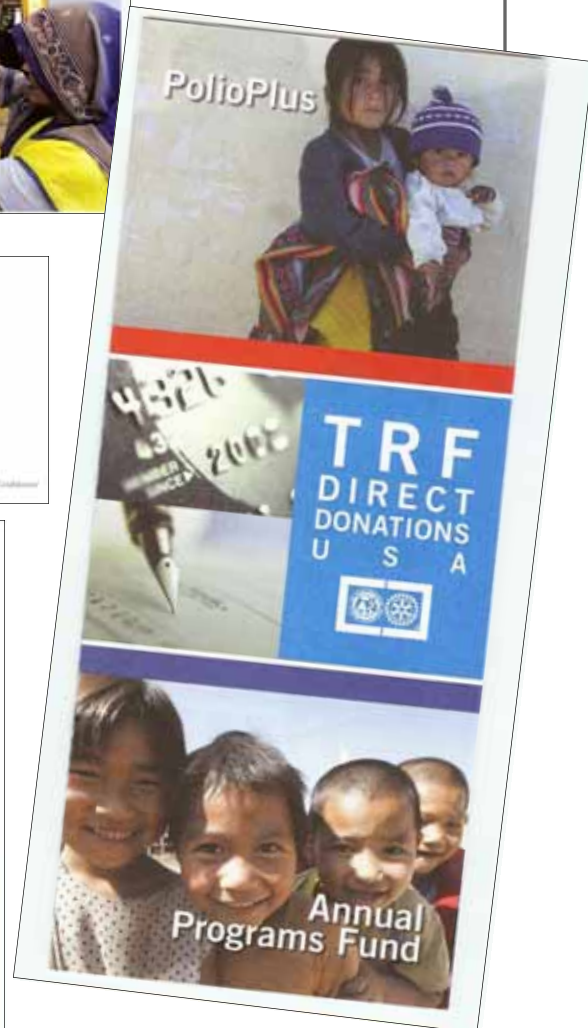
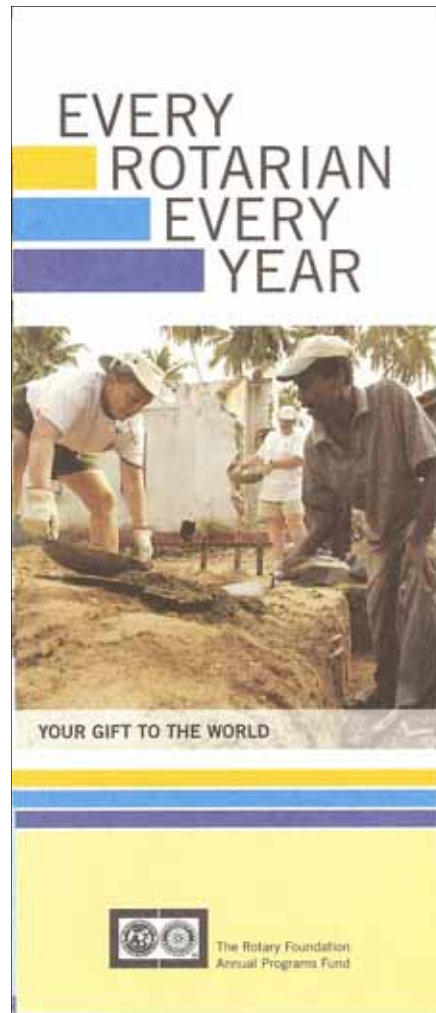
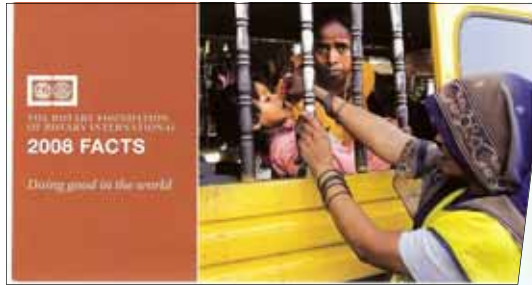
US\$75.3M

*As of 1 April 2009





Annual Programs Fund Officer Steven Solomon calls attention to many facets of Our Foundation



Working with dedicated TRF staff, the Major Gifts Officers, the Annual Programs Fund Officers, the Educational Division, Planned Giving, etc. provides professional advice to districts and clubs.

THE ABCs OF TRF TEAM TRAINING



Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC) Art Harrington representing the three districts in Arizona USA discusses Our Foundation and working in new Zones after re-districting.

How do we bring new districts into your zones? Districts that were leaders in Foundation participation and fundraising in their areas?

Are there plans for quick integration? Will they participate fully in planned Rotary Institutes?

Will they be appointed zone level leaders?

Benefactors of the Rotary Foundation

Your legacy will make a lasting difference in the world

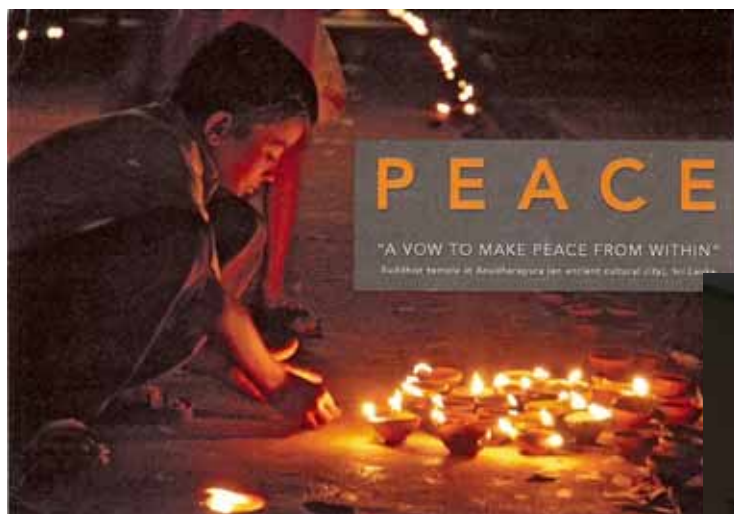


The Permanent Fund builds long-term stability for the future of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International by providing an extra stream of income to meet an increasing demand for the Foundation's educational, humanitarian, and cultural programs. We invite you to invest in tomorrow by joining Rotarians in their efforts to improve and enrich lives of people around the globe.

A Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation is anyone who informs the Foundation in writing that he or she has made provisions in his or her will, or other estate plan, naming the Foundation's Permanent Fund as a beneficiary; or anyone who makes an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.

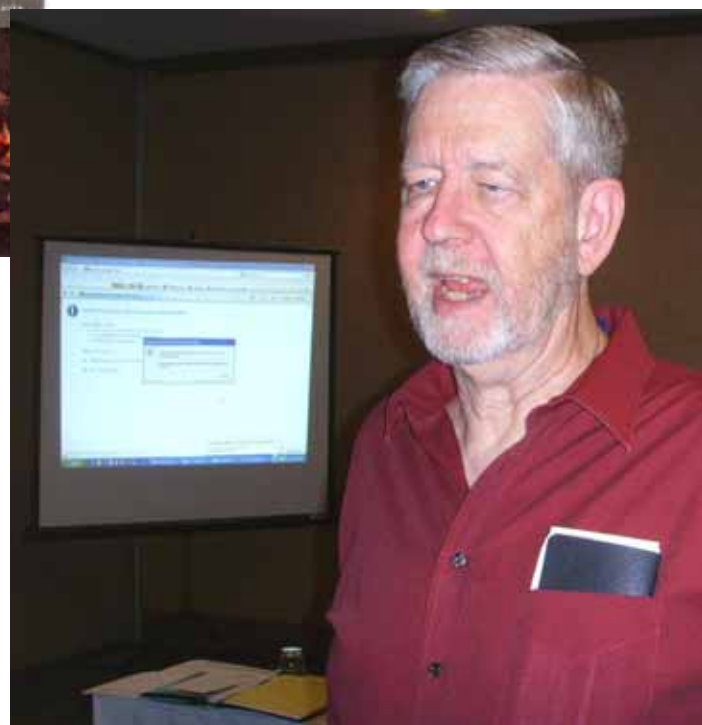
The Rotary Foundation appreciates information about commitments from which it will benefit in the future. We recognize the highly personal nature of these commitments. Unless we receive other directions from you, Benefactor recognition will be sent to your club president. Pictured above is the Benefactor insignia behind a Paul Harris Fellow lapel pin. The Trustees are grateful for your gift and for your permission to publish your name as a Benefactor so that your example may inspire others.





ROTARY CENTERS MAJOR GIFTS INITIATIVE

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution program is a bold and critical step in the Foundation's commitment to world peace, goodwill, and understanding.



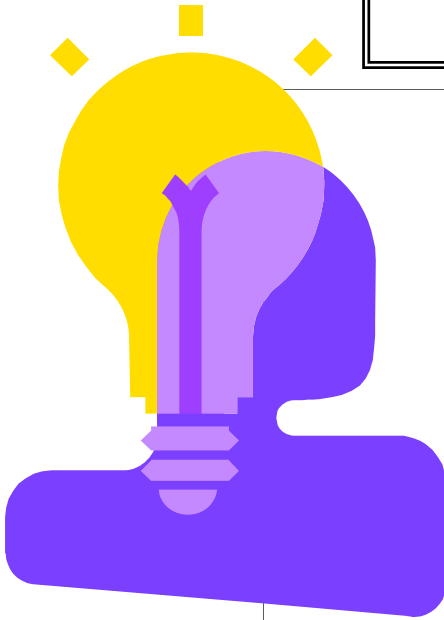
Host Area Coordinator Bruce Campbell enumerates ways to support the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative

The program is no longer a dream but is producing tangible and meaningful results, especially with the matriculation of the first few classes of Rotary World Peace Fellows.

Recognizing the Rotary Centers importance and potential in creating world understanding and peace, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) adopted it as a permanent program and approved a special fundraising initiative in October 2005. ***The Rotary Centers continue to be the highest educational priority for the Foundation.***

The Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative seeks named and endowed gifts and commitments worth US\$95 million by 30 June 2015 to assure continued funding of Rotary World Peace Fellowships.

Foundation Recognition Points (FRP) Help to Build TRF Contributions



IDEAS FOR UTILIZING CONTRIBUTIONS & FOUNDATION RECOGNITION POINTS (CREDITS)

1. Identify how much it would take to make each member a Paul Harris Fellow (who is not already a PHF), and play "Let's Make A Deal" with matches from accumulated club credits (FRP).
2. Contact your club's Paul Harris Fellows who have generated credits with their additional giving, and challenge them to utilize their credits (FRP) toward making a Community Leader, a family member or another Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow.
3. Contact your club's former members who have accumulated TRF contributions and ask them to consider: Completing their own Paul Harris Fellow contributions Giving written authorization to transfer their accumulated TRF contributions to another Rotarian.
4. Plan a club fundraising project to raise money for TRF Annual Programs Fund and generate club credits.
5. Consider developing a major annual fundraiser for your club that would generate regular TRF contributions and credits (FRPs) for your club.

For additional information about making contributions to The Rotary Foundation, you can call the Foundation directly at (847) 866-3100, or call your district's Annual Programs Fund Chairman, Permanent Fund Chairman or District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman.





THE SWINE FLU —



*RI Past President
Frank Devlyn (2000-'01)
reports from Mexico City*

So much is happening so fast in Mexico that we are all in a state of Shock like most of the world regarding this Swine Flu Epidemic.

Everything started a week ago today on Thursday night April 23rd when Mexican Health Officials & the President of

Mexico Felipe Calderon came out on National TV and informed all of Mexico that we were on a Swine Flu Alert.

I was unaware of the situation as I was Speaking in Des Moines, Iowa at the District 6000 Conference that same night as I had been the weekend before at another District 5150 Conference in Monterrey, California.

I flew back late Friday Evening to Mexico City and arrived past midnight (early Saturday morning) as I had another Speaking Engagement at another District 4110 in Zacatecas about a 1 & ½ hour flight north of Mexico City which made it was more convenient to stay that night at the Mexico City Airport as I had to check in (5 hours later) at 7.00 AM Saturday & not enough time to go home.

On arrival around 1.00 AM Saturday in Mexico City from Des Moines / Dallas, I started seeing many wearing Face Masks at the Mexico City Airport. Gloria Rita by phone put me up to date on all that was happening as did the TV

Mexican Health Authorities were recommending that persons be cautious with this Swine Flu Alert and not to shake hands, or kiss one another or

give abrazos / hugs which is a custom we have in Mexico. They reminded all of the symptoms to be on the outlook for which are similar to the Flu all of us are aware of such as severe Headache, coughing, muscular aches, etc. & that we should go immediately to the doctor or clinic for necessary treatment.

Leaving Mexico City, I arrived In Zacatecas to a Big Mexican District Conference with about 900 persons present to speak at noon. Many wanted to greet me with Abrazos / Hugs, etc. & I showed all a new way to greet by simply "touching our elbows". I opened my address explaining to all the reasons why we had to greet one another Japanese Style and not the normal way we normally do. It was interesting to note that most attending the then 3rd day of the district conference were not aware of the seriousness of the Swine Flu Alert. They all had not given it much thought to something that was happening in Mexico City. At that moment most were surprised when I told them that Face Masks in Mexico City were being recommended and used to cover the mouth and nose of persons and that they should start using antibacterial gel when they were in places where trying to wash their hands 15 or 20 times a day with soap and water as being recommended by the Mexican Health Authorities would be difficult. The District Conference helped that night with a big dinner / dance, etc. and all started to realize that night that something big was happening in all of Mexico.

The next morning on Sunday I visited the cities of Zacatecas and Fresnillo where we also have opticals and I was surprised to find that many in the street were also using these Face Masks. The Swine Flu Virus Scare was occurring all over Mexico. I visited different pharmacies and super markets where people were rushing

to buy food and medicines. The pharmacies had signs "No More Face Masks". Similar situation was happening all over Mexico besides Mexico City.

In the early afternoon of Sunday I took a flight back to Mexico City making sure I was using my Face Mask in the airport and in the plane. Arriving in Mexico City I found many more using these Face Masks.

All of Mexico was glued to the TV to learn what else was going to happen. We learned that the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) and Mexican Health Authorities were working hand in hand in determining what had to be done to bring a potential Swine Flu Epidemic under control. Major League Football Soccer Games were carried out in Mexico City with no fans allowed to be present.

Government authorities informed all schools in Mexico City and neighboring State of Mexico that all Schools including Universities would continue to be cancelled till May 6.

Churches in Mexico City were closed for Sunday Mass because this brought problematic large groups of persons together that could promote the Swine Flu Virus infections.

On Monday I had my first meeting as the new president of the ANDECO Association that brings all honorary consuls of Mexico together. It was impossible to cancel all who planned attending the meeting at such a short notice. Interesting that of the 24 Consuls who had confirmed their attendance after many had beforehand sent their regrets only 10 arrived to the breakfast meeting at the exclusive Industrial Club where we knew there would not be only small groups of people.

After the meeting, I went to my

nearby Mexico City office where we had all our employees wearing Face Masks. All the offices on each floor had antibacterial bottles of gel in strategic places to constantly be cleaning their hands. Everyone was trying to remain calm but all waiting to see what was coming next. Mexican Health Authorities were giving updates 4 & 5 times a day on TV and Radio plus internet.

We all continued watching reports on CNN and FOX which those of you outside of Mexico have also been seeing. Everyone was worrying not knowing what would be happening next. We saw reports of more persons coming down with regular Flu and strong colds but the authorities were not sure which of these cases was the Swine Flu Virus unless checked out by Center for Disease Control in Atlanta and a similar group in Canada. We have to remember that many persons come down with Flu and Respiratory ailments besides the new Swine Flu Virus. Now equipment has been installed in Mexico to identify this new strain of Swine Flu Virus. The Mexican Govt. Health reports showed that more and more persons were coming down with the dreaded Swine Flu Virus. Important Sate Fairs such as the Aguascalientes Feria de San Marcos were cancelled.

Tuesday the President of Mexico came out on National TV & cancelled school attendance all over Mexico as well as any reunions that brought large groups of persons together. We were given the explanation that they were trying to break the cycle of an increased number of persons getting infected from the deadly Swine Flu Virus. Everyone was told that they could go to all and any Government Health Clinics/ Hospitals to be checked out. The Mexico City Government Authorities had all restaurants closing to receive clients unless they came to only pick up food to take out. Expecting Mothers and nursing mothers were told that they need not go to work and that they would be paid by their employers.

Everyone was on Pins and Needles

with reports mentioning the severity of what could happen if this turned into a pandemic epidemic. We were told that we were in what the W.H.O. calls a Phase 4 and the necessary precautions were being taken.

On Wednesday afternoon the Mexican Government Health authorities informed all that we were now in a Phase 5 which means that the Swine Flu is now being transferred among humans in more than one country.

On Wednesday Night the President of Mexico and Minister of Health, etc. informed that all government and private business except hospitals, clinics, mass transportation, supermarkets, hotels and their respective restaurants, had to be closed down from May 1 to May 5th. The President recommended all to stay in our homes which would be the safest place to stay. As you can see it is one thing after another.

Gloria Rita and I had planned on flying from Mexico City to Washington D.C. and then to Hartford Connecticut this Wednesday to participate in Grandparents Day on Friday with our oldest 14 year old grandson at a school called Eaglebrook in Massachusetts. Because of so many changes occurring we decided to stay a day longer in Mexico City and leave today Thursday. On late Wednesday we were told that the school preferred that Grandparents coming from Mexico schedule coming at another date. Changes / Changes... Stress/ Stress

The District 4200 Conference in the Southeast of Mexico which was to start today Thursday was also cancelled.

Today businesses in Mexico that have been asked to close are wondering how they are going to pay their help if not allowed to work.

We are with all of our 3 Girls and grandchildren in our / their weekend home outside of Mexico City. My brothers Jesse and Pat with their families are also leaving Mexico

The only thing that I can relate to all that is happening is the Polio Scare many of us had in the early 50's when those of who were kids can remember persons coming down with Polio and that street or area of town was put under quarantine. We were not allowed to go swimming as it was thought that we would be subject to getting the dreaded Polio. Everyone lived in a continual state of shock until the Salk and then Sabin Vaccine were developed and allowed us to breathe easier. We can be proud that we in Rotary with Polio Plus are doing something to rid all the world of the dreaded Polio. I was surprised talking to my grown children that they did not completely relate to how it was back in the 50's with the Polio Scare we lived with as before mentioned. This is similar to what we are living on a day to day basis here in Mexico and other parts of the world.

City today & tomorrow to be with their families in their respective weekend homes outside of Mexico City until May 6, glued to the TV to see what else comes up next. If we come up with the known symptom we know we have to go immediately to the doctor to receive antiviral treatment.

In the meantime, I have been invited to be a Guest Speaker at the District Conference this coming weekend in Spain and then 2 weeks later in another district conference in Torino, Italy. I am waiting for Monday to see what decision I and all involved with those conferences will take. Right now we wait and check things out every few hours on TV and Internet.

Keep all of us and the world in your prayers as we are doing likewise.

Your Amigos in Mexico City,

Frank & Gloria Rita Devlyn





SUBSIDY PLAN SEEKS TO CUT MALARIA DRUG COST

\$225 MILLION PARTNERSHIP TO BRING EFFECTIVE MALARIA DRUGS TO ALL WHO NEED THEM. PRICE REDUCTIONS PART OF GLOBAL EFFORT TO END DEATHS FROM MALARIA

A new campaign to save lives and prevent drug resistance by driving the price of the best malaria medicine down to as little as 20 cents was announced 17 April by international health agencies and European governments.

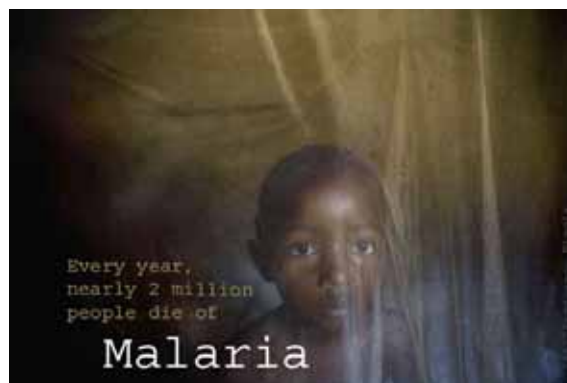
The subsidy program, unveiled in Norway, will have an initial budget of \$225 million and will be run by a new partnership called the Affordable Medicines Facility for Malaria.

Malaria experts hailed the program as one of the most important recent advances in fighting the disease, which kills two million people a year, 90 percent of them children.

The goal of the program is to press the few drug companies that now make artemisinin combination drugs to lower their private-sector price to \$1 per treatment from \$4, and then use donor funds to pay 95 cents of that dollar so the drugs cost only a nickel wholesale. The hope is that when the drugs are sold at retail in villages in Africa and Asia, the marked-up price will still be low enough to drive out inexpensive but less effective alternatives.

"For a poor farmer in Cameroon or a poor market woman in Ghana, the difference between 20 cents and \$8 is huge," said Olusoji Adeyi, who led the [World Bank](#) task force that drew up the plan.

The program is a joint effort by the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria](#); the [Roll Back Malaria Partnership](#); the governments of Norway, Britain and the Netherlands; and the [Unitaid](#) partnership of 30 countries raising money through airline ticket fees.



UNITAID is an international drug purchase facility, established to provide long-term, sustainable and predictable funding to increase access and reduce prices of quality drugs and diagnostics for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in developing countries.



ROTARIANS ELIMINATING MALARIA - A ROTARIAN ACTION GROUP.



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**KILLS
3000
CHILDREN
EVERYDAY**

IN AFRICA. PLEASE HELP.

The ultimate goal is to eliminate malaria from the face of the earth. The intermediate goal is to reduce malaria morbidity and mortality in each country quickly and efficiently through provision of goods, education and other interventions that lower malaria, thus to set the stage for rapid dissemination of the eventual malaria vaccine.

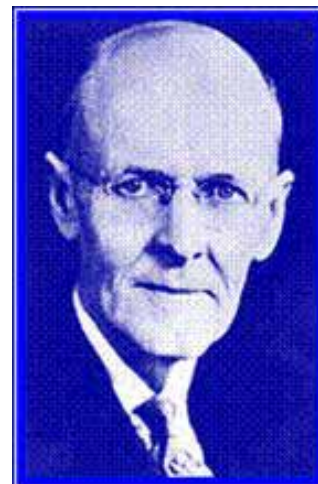




WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

***"WAR ALWAYS IS A GHASTLY
BLUNDER; EVEN THE WINNERS LOSE."***

*Paul P. Harris,
My Road to Rotary*



Paul P. Harris

The Rotary World Peace Fellowship Program is a positive step helping to overcome the disastrous blunders in this often cruel and bloody world.

A donation of US \$500,000.00 would endow a Rotary World Peace Fellowship and provide a Fellowship in your family's name in perpetuity.

Individuals, clubs and districts are encouraged to participate in this endowed (named) Fellowship program.

In addition, DDF donations in the amount of US \$50,000 will recognize your district as a Rotary Centers Peace-builder district.

Moreover, a one-time gift of \$60,000 will support a Rotary World Peace Fellow for two years of study towards a masters degree at one of our seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and conflict resolution.

Interested? Care to help? Please contact:

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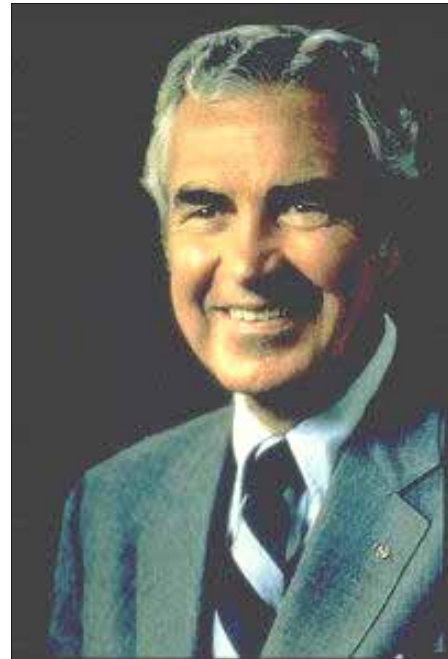
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"It is my firm conviction that Rotary, with one million members in 172 countries (in 1981), and our purpose of peace in the world, more than any other organization, can make a vitally significant contribution to the objective of world understanding and peace among the nations of the world."



1981-82 International President, STANLEY E. McCAFFREY (regional civic and economic development), Rotary Club of Stockton, California, USA.

ROTARY VISION:

To apply its many resources toward the achievement of *World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary.*

