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ROTARY'S INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

In my opinion the most exciting Rotary meeting each year is the International Assembly (IA) where every incoming District Governors-elect (all 550 of them and their partners) have the opportunity to spend a week with one another and partake in education and preparation for their upcoming year.



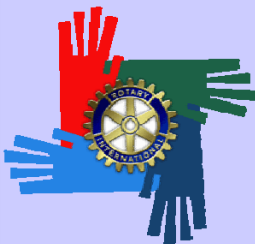
Edward Blender, Publisher
Our Foundation

The most recent meeting was held at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego, California USA and the venue, besides intensive Rotary education, includes wonderful social interaction where the DGEs have the opportunity to meet their cohorts with whom they will bond and work together in the upcoming years.

The incoming Rotary International President introduces his theme and shares the upcoming year's RI initiatives and the incoming Chair of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation presents his goals.

Instruction in every phase of Rotary is led by a

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ROTARY'S INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY (CONTINUED)

THE
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THEME:

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cadre of Training Leaders (moderators) who work in small interactive discussion groups where the DGEs have ample opportunity to participate and share ideas.

In addition, this year prior to the IA, the first Future Vision Plan meeting of the selected 100 participating districts was held with the invited incoming District Rotary Foundation Coordinators (DRFC) and Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinators (RRFC) attending.

This issue of the Our Foundation Newsletter will focus on RIPE Ray Klingensmith's Theme and Goals and the Chairman-elect of the Trustees of TRF Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's initiatives.

Both RIPE Ray and TRF Chair-elect Carl-Wilhelm emphasized Rotary's two primary Initiatives:

- THE GATES US\$ 200 MILLION
POLIO CHALLENGE
- THE ROTARY CENTERS MAJOR
GIFTS INITIATIVE

These initiatives will be highlighted in this issue.

As I travel and present programs at various venues about the Polio Challenge and the Rotary Peace Centers, Rotarians often comment that these fundraisers are in competition with one-another.

“Not true”, I answer, “...for Rotarians who

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make major gifts to the RCMGI also donate generously to the Polio Challenge”.

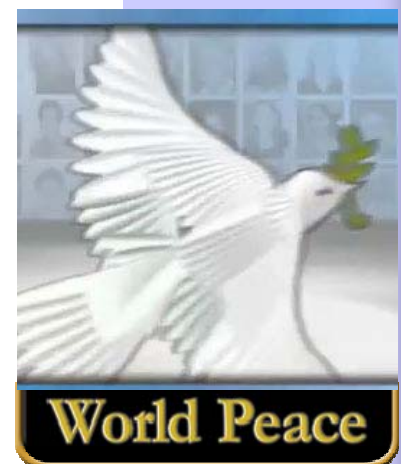
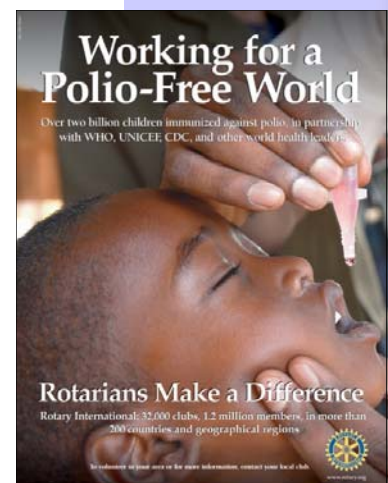
The Polio Challenge has raised over US\$ 110 million dollars by contributions from hundreds of thousands of donors while the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative has so far raised over US\$ 45 million towards its US\$ 95 million dollar goal. These Rotary Centers gifts have come from only 250 donors .

RIPP Rick King had invited the internationally read author, Rotarian Steven Covey to speak at his Presidential Conference in Salt Lake City in 2001 and among other insights, Covey spoke about his understanding of the four basic human needs: live, love, learn and legacy.

Legacy has been the key to the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative and at this time 45 million dollars has been raised from just 250 Rotarian gifts. This is an average gift of \$180,000. The goal is to raise US\$ 95 million by 30 June 2015 to endow the Centers.

It seems that gifts that size were rare in Rotary but presenting the opportunity to leave a legacy resonated with many Rotarians. Establishing endowed Fellowships to the Rotary Peace Program was a key factor in raising the six and seven figure donations for the Rotary Peace Centers Program.

MANY OF OUR MOST GENEROUS DONORS GIVE TO MULTIPLE CAUSES. OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE WELL INFORMED AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS, THE FOUNDATION'S HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL PRIORITY.



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Most of us remember the “Beatles” and the influence that they and their music had throughout the world. Over the years there have been many benefit concerts by these artists (Live Aid, Farm Aid, etc.) while raising funds for their specific causes.



The Beatles
(Courtesy Turner Home Entertainment)

Did you know that Beatle George Harrison organized and was responsible in 1971 for the “Concert for Bangladesh”, which raised funds to help refugees fleeing famine, civil war and floods? He, along with his friends raised \$250,000 for UNICEF that night and royalties from the film and album eventually grew that donation to US \$15 million.

Harrison believed strongly in helping children and shared with his wife Olivia his dream. He never saw his dream fulfilled for he died of cancer in November of 2001. Harrison became very frustrated because, when he became sick, he knew he wouldn't have enough time to finish planning his philanthropy for his illness and the day to day battle for his health prevented him from finalizing his wish to create a fund (his legacy) to aid children who are victims of war, natural disasters and other emergencies.

After his death his wife Olivia eventually fulfilled his wish, his legacy, by donating One Million Dollars to UNICEF in his name for a new fund to aid children.

***The clock keeps ticking for all of us.
What is your dream? What better place is there to
realize your dream, your legacy, than through Our
Rotary Foundation?***

*Eddie Blender,
Publisher, Our Foundation*

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RI PRESIDENT-ELECT RAY KLINGINSMITH INTRODUCES THE THEME FOR 2010-11



RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith addresses district governors-elect at the 2010 International Assembly.
Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee

RIPE Ray Klinginsmith stated, “The words I have selected to describe Rotary’s current mission and to highlight our achievements are what we do best: ***Building Communities — Bridging Continents.***”

I hope you agree that these four words aptly reflect who we are and what we do as Rotarians.

We are a unique and a premier organization, certainly one of the best in the world.

We build the spirit and resources of our local communities in an important way, which was beautifully summarized by the governor of my district last year, Elizabeth Usovicz, who said, “When a positive spirit comes alive in our clubs, we inspire our communities. And when our communities are inspired by our service and presence, we inspire new members. It’s a powerful cycle.”

RIPE Ray continued, “She was right when she said that we inspire both our clubs and our communities when we truly capture the spirit of Rotary service.”



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RIPE RAY KLINGINSMITH OUTLINES PRESIDENTIAL EMPHASES AND CRITERIA FOR 2010-11

It is important to remember that Rotary is a “spirit of service” as well as an organization of Rotary clubs, and we need to share our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership with other people and organizations.

Emphases

On the top of RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith's "to-do" list is **Polio eradication** and **outreach to youth and young adults**. Also featured are the Future Vision Plan's six areas of focus:

- **Peace and conflict prevention/resolution**
- **Disease prevention and treatment**
- **Water and sanitation**
- **Maternal and child health**
- **Basic education and literacy**
- **Economic and community development**

“What are we the best in the world at doing? RIPE Ray continued, “Clearly, it is utilizing the Rotary network of more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a wide variety of programs”.

2010-11 Criteria, RIPE Ray Klinginsmith

“I consider each of the four Avenues of Service to be equally important, and we have created a new citation program in the form of a questionnaire to help clubs test their effectiveness in all four avenues.

There will be a scoring system for each Avenue, Club, Community, Vocational and International.

This template in the form of a questioners will help lead our clubs to an effective year.”

POLIO, FUTURE VISION, DONATIONS TOP FOUNDATION'S LIST

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar outlined four goals for the 2010-11 Rotary year: [PolioPlus](#), implementing the [Future Vision pilot](#), rebuilding the [Annual Programs Fund](#) through Every Rotarian, Every Year, and continuing to build the [Permanent Fund](#). "Polio eradication has been, is, and will remain our top priority until the job is done," he declared at the fourth plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly.

Stenhammar explained the importance of partnering with other organizations and implementing the Future Vision pilot to keep pace with the changing environment of global service. "Cooperation with other organizations is today the future for many entities, and The Rotary Foundation must not miss getting onboard that train," he said.

"It is extremely important that all districts, pilot or not, stay aware of the evolution of the Future Vision Plan and start looking for ways to align your projects and activities with its goals and the [six areas of focus](#) as soon as possible." He also encouraged all Rotarians to reexamine their annual contributions to the Foundation. "Only 25 percent of Rotarians are giving to our Foundation -- 75 percent are not. Think about what it could mean if we could alter those numbers or have 100 percent of Rotarians become donors," he told the district governors-elect. "Rotarians are encouraged to give at least US\$100 every year to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative and to support the Foundation's Permanent Fund."



Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar outlined four goals for the 2010-11 Rotary year during the fourth plenary session of the 2010 International Assembly.

**“THE
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Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar emphasized, “Of course, *the flagship of all our peace programs is our Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.* In 2002, it started with a two-year course in peace and conflict resolution at eight universities throughout the world. Some changes have been made in the number, and we have added one university with a three-month course for students already working in the field of peace and conflict resolution. We are now in partnership with a total of seven universities. There are over 400 alumni of the program working around the world in a range of areas, including grassroots and local nongovernmental organizations, national governments, law enforcement, and bilateral and international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank.”

BILL GATES ANNOUNCED AN ADDITIONAL US\$255 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT AT THE 2009 IA — CHALLENGES ROTARY TO MATCH US\$200 MILLION

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“... 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.”



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.

***“ROTARY HAS INSPIRED MY OWN PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO GET DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ACHIEVING POLIO*”**



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.



END POLIO NOW

WHAT IS POLIO?

Polio is an intestinal virus that is spread through person-to-person contact, especially in situations of poor hygiene, and it enters the body through the mouth. It infects only humans, generally children under 5. There are three variations of the polio virus. There is no cure for polio.

WHAT IS ROTARY'S ROLE IN POLIO ERADICATION?

In 1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus, a multimillion-dollar initiative to immunize all the world's children against polio.

Rotary is partnered with the World Health Organization, Unicef, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Rotary has contributed over US\$700 million towards the polio eradication initiative. Since the launch of PolioPlus in 1985, over two billion children have received the polio vaccine. Polio cases have dropped 99.8%. However, the virus can easily spread to children who have not been vaccinated, which is why it is so important to completely eradicate the polio virus.

IS PROGRESS BEING MADE?

Since Rotary launched the PolioPlus program, the number of polio cases has decreased by more than 99 percent and the number of polio-endemic countries has fallen from 125 to 4. In the four polio-endemic countries (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Pakistan), wild poliovirus circulates in very limited geographic areas.



END POLIO NOW (CONTINUED)



WHAT IS THE \$200 MILLION CHALLENGE?

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given Rotary a \$355 million grant, and Rotary is committed to raising an additional \$200 million by 2012. Together, they will contribute over half a billion dollars to the fight against polio.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

There are lots of ways to help besides giving money. Many people in developed countries don't realize polio still exists today. Education is an important part in the fight against polio.

SOME STEPS TO TAKE NOW ...

With Students ... Holding a "Purple Pinkie" fundraiser at local schools can help educate students about polio and when other students stop by the exhibit, they can give spare change and have their pinkie fingers colored purple- just like children do after receiving the 'Vaccine.

With Rotarians ... Many members of the family of Rotary are also able to participate in National Immunization Days (NIDS) and see first hand the hard work and effort that goes into immunizing such a large number of children. Also see pages 12 and 13.

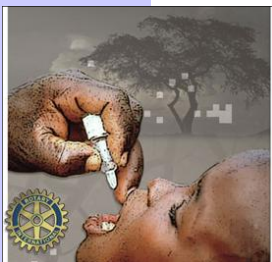


THE GATES US\$ 200 MILLION CHALLENGE GRANT

The Polio Challenge Grant of US\$ 200 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is a vote of confidence in polio eradication efforts. Their financial support will be invaluable in the months ahead, and their trust in Rotary is an honor to us all.

Many of you have already given so much to the battle against polio. Each of you is forever a part of history - part of Rotary's legacy and its gift to the world's children.

So today, we call on all Rotarians – but especially on new Rotarians who have not been a part of the campaign in



END POLIO NOW (CONTINUED)

the past – to do what they can, to help in any way they can, to finish this fight once and for all.

POLIOPLUS RAISES US\$ 247 MILLION in 1988 AT START OF CAMPAIGN IN PHILADELPHIA

“A hush fell over the darkened auditorium. The spotlight illuminated the speaker and the silence was broken by the quiet passion of the words - two hundred and forty seven million dollars. The roof of the auditorium opened and thousands of multicolored balloons and confetti rained down upon the cheering Rotarians that were present.

Oh how I wish I were there that day in 1988. That wondrous day when it was announced that Rotary had pledged \$247,000,000 to eliminate polio. We promised the world that day by our 100th birthday in 2005 we would eliminate Polio.

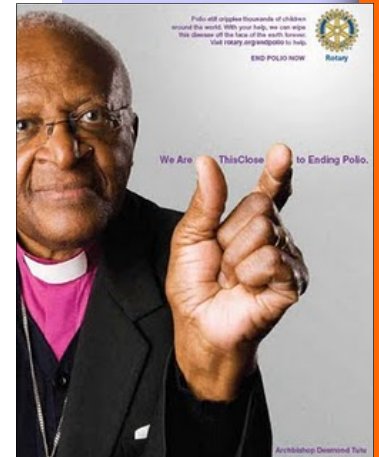
Oh how I wish I were present at that historic moment! I wasn't there! Sixty-five percent of our current memberships were not Rotarians then.

They were not part of the beginning of the greatest public service campaign in the history of the world. Rotary promised to eliminate polio from the face of the earth. Most of us were not in Rotary then.”

WE WILL DO IT!

Think of it. In 1985 there were 350,000 cases of polio worldwide, which Rotary helped reduce to fewer than 1000 today. We are almost there. The final campaign is now in our hands. We now have the opportunity to close the door on this dreaded disease – Polio.

Our DGEs (2010-2011) pledged at San Diego in January that they would help to raise the final dollars needed. We all have the opportunity to participate. We promised to fulfill the Gates Polio Challenge by 2012. *Can we do it? Will we see those balloons and streaming confetti again? Can you feel it? Can you visualize the end? Will you help to End Polio Now?*



Help end polio worldwide.

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END POLIO NOW (CONTINUED)



CAN-DO SPIRIT DRIVES ROTARY'S POLIO CHALLENGE TO THE HALFWAY MARK

Creative Rotary club and district fundraisers, together with the generosity of individual Rotarians, have propelled Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge to the midpoint in funding. We have already raised \$110 million.



Major League Baseball

A small sample of successful fundraisers includes:

- The Concert to End Polio, featuring world-renowned violin-ist and polio survivor Itzhak Perlman, accompanied by the New York Philharmonic.
- An auction of more than 90 paintings in New Delhi, India, that raised \$40,000. District 3010 and India Polio-Plus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur organized the event in collaboration with the Swiss Embassy and Dhoomimal Gallery.
- Support from 14 U.S. Major League Baseball teams, with many donating portions of ticket sales. A game hosted by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, California, resulted in a \$20,000 contribution. Similarly, a Cincinnati Reds game raised \$10,000, and a Kansas City Royals game netted \$7,500.
- A community raffle, with a car offered by the Rotary Club of Ry, Denmark, as first prize, that garnered about \$8,000.
- A family fun day organized by District 3400 (Indonesia) that netted about \$5,800. The event included a blood drive, aerobics workout, children's games, music, and a food and fashion bazaar.

"Rotary's US\$200 million challenge ends 30 June 2012. Let's push confidently ahead to reach our goal and help ensure that all the children of the world will be forever safe from this devastating disease;" says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr.

END POLIO NOW (CONTINUED)



Rotarians work together to immunize children in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, one of the last remaining reservoirs of polio in India.

THE FIGHT GAINS GROUND

Although the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has faced sobering challenges in the past year, officials say it is moving forward in key political, technical, financial, and operational areas. Stepped-up efforts to end the disease in the four endemic countries

— Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan — are paying off, they say.

"Rotary International has played an extraordinarily special role in the GPEI, not just as one of the initiators but in bringing financial resources, political advocacy, and volunteerism on the ground to getting the job done," said Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the GPEI at the World Health Organization.

According to WHO, the incidence of polio in Nigeria in 2009 dropped by 48% to 382 cases as of 27 October, compared with 736 cases for the same period in 2008. Most dramatic has been the decline in transmission of the type I wild poliovirus, to 73 cases from 677 cases. Also, the proportion of unimmunized children in Nigeria's highest-risk states fell below 10 percent for the first time.

Unrest along the Afghanistan-Pakistan border resulted in a slight increase in the number of cases in both countries in the past year. Between large-scale immunization campaigns, however, teams exploited lulls in the conflict to enter normally inaccessible areas and give children an additional dose of vaccine. In Afghanistan, the wild poliovirus is endemic only in the south, and about 80 percent of children live in polio-free areas.

Rotarians in Pakistan have encouraged the national government to give strong support to ending polio. On behalf of Rotary International in August, International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott recognized Pakistan's president, Asif Ali Zardari, with a Polio Eradication Champion Award for his outstanding support for a polio-free world.

In India, transmission of the wild poliovirus has been stopped in all but two of the country's 35 states and territories.

In 2010, a new vaccine is expected to be introduced to help stop the transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously. (Type 2 has been eradicated globally except in Nigeria.) This bivalent vaccine, health officials believe, will multiply the gains made during the past year toward eradicating polio.

POLIO STATISTICS

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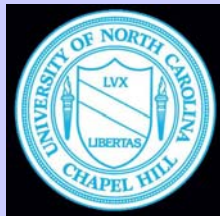
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SEEKING 2011 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS



FOR ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION INFORMATION, PLEASE DIRECT CANDIDATES TO:

[HTTP://WWW.ROTARY.ORG/ROTARYCENTERS](http://www.rotary.org/rotarycenters)



In these uncertain times, there is a growing demand for well trained international leaders. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution. The Rotary World Peace Fellowship program was developed to meet this need.

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge of peace building, conflict resolution, and mediation. Each year, Rotary selects up to 110 Fellows to study for a master's degree or a short-term certificate at one of six Rotary Centers located at seven prestigious universities around the world.

- CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, BANGKOK, THAILAND (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE CENTER)
- DUKE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, USA
- INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, TOKYO, JAPAN
- UNIVERSIDAD DEL SALVADOR, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
- UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD, WEST YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND
- UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

PARTICIPANTS IN THE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM GAIN ACCESS TO:

- Rotary-funded graduate study toward a master's degree,
- Training in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation and

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- **A growing network of committed alumni employed around the world in diplomacy, government, non-governmental organizations and private corporations.**

Candidates seeking a short term alternative to a master's program have the option of applying for the three-month certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Either program requires several years of relevant work experience.

Please share this information with your Rotary Clubs and Districts, business associates, local universities, service organizations, religious institutions, and community groups that may know of individuals interested in conflict resolution and diplomacy.

For eligibility and application information, please direct candidates to: <http://www.rotary.org/rotarycenters>

Candidates for the 2011-2013 program should send their applications to Rotary clubs right now. Rotary clubs are responsible for getting the applications to district. After district interviews, applications must be received at Rotary Headquarters by 1 July 2010

For further information: Contact: Your District's Rotary Peace Center Committee Chair or:

<http://www.rotary.org/rotarycenters>



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THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS HOW DID IT ALL START?



Rotary World Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities.

Fellows can earn either a master's degree (in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field) or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Each year, up to 110 Rotary World Peace Fellowships (60 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at these Rotary Centers, which operate in partnership with leading universities (centers offer master's degree unless noted otherwise):

- Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan
- Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England
- University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
- Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (professional development certificate center)

Rotarians have long dreamed of creating a Rotary sponsored academy to promote world understanding and peace. Over the past 25 years, a variety of initiatives have been proposed to make this dream a reality. In 1996 under the leadership of Rotary Foundation Trustee

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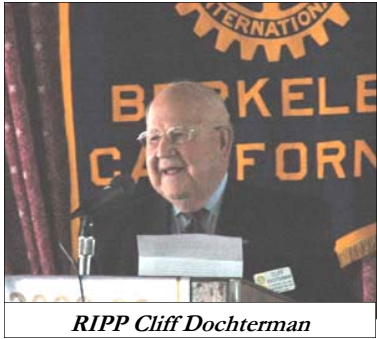
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Chair Rajendra Saboo, a committee was formed to consider the concept of an educational center, institute, or university dedicated to Paul Harris as a way of commemorating the 50th Anniversary of his death in 1947.



RIPP Rajendra Saboo

This Rotary Foundation committee was composed of four Rotarians with professional backgrounds and experience in higher education, this committee explored a variety of academic models and ultimately recommended the creation of Paul Harris Centers for International Studies at several universities worldwide.



RIPP Cliff Dochterman

At these centers, fellows would obtain a graduate degree focusing on issues related to international relations, conflict resolution, and peace studies.

The Foundation Trustees adopted this proposal in principle and appointed a committee of Rotarians to fully develop the plan.

Over the next two years this committee created a conceptual plan for the centers, reviewed university proposals, and conducted site visits at universities interested in hosting a center. In 1999, the Trustees approved the plan to partner with universities to establish the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

The centers were so named to increase public awareness of Rotary's commitment to peace and because Paul

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TRF's Judy Gibson (far left) who heads Rotary's World Peace Fellowship program, with Rotary Peace Fellows.



Harris's name is not well known outside of the Rotary world.

The Rotary Centers Committee considered more than 100 universities and based their final recommendations to the Trustees on such specific criteria as geographic diversity, the university's willingness to work with The Rotary Foundation, superior faculty, and an established degree program with a core curriculum in international relations, peace, and conflict resolution.



Rotary World Peace Fellows began traveling abroad to pursue a master's degree at the Rotary Centers for International Studies in 2002.

In 2006, a short-term peace studies pilot program was launched that would serve as an alternative to the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. The program would enhance Rotary's existing work to support International peace studies. This short-term peace studies program would attract middle-to upper-level professionals who could arrange to be away from their employment for just a few months. It would also provide a lower cost option to The Rotary Foundation and more immediate returns on Rotary's investment in world understanding and peace.



In 2008, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved the short-term option as a permanent offering within the Rotary Center for International Studies program, thereby providing interested applicants with a variety of courses and duration.



Rotary World Peace Fellowships for master's degree and professional development certificate study will now be housed under one roof. This change allows applicants to apply simultaneously for both options by including all six Rotary Centers in their preferencing options.

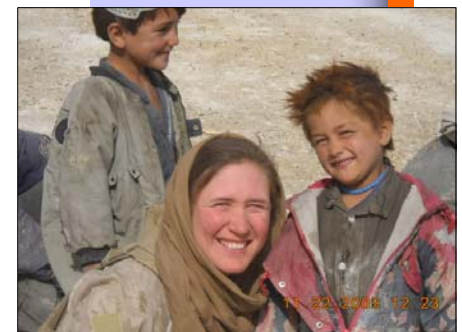
The Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, will continue to offer two training sessions each year, January-April and June-August. Applications for both sessions will now be due at the same time as applications for the master's degree option: by July 1st. Selection of master's degree fellows and professional development certificate fellow will take place once a year.



Rotary World Peace Fellowships are offered on a world-competitive basis. Each Rotary district may submit as many applicants as they deem qualified for competition in the worldwide annual selection process. All districts are encouraged to recruit qualified applicants for the fellowship and nominate candidate(s) for the annual world competition.



Please visit the Rotary International website www.rotary.org for more information. Right now is the time to start recruiting peace fellow candidates for the 2011 fellowship year. For applications visit: <http://www.rotary.org/rotarycenters>



RI Past President William B. Boyd and Gillian Sorenson, a senior adviser at the UN, discussed the turmoil of war and the future role of Rotary's peace programs at the inaugural Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images



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Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn wrote what will be your legacy? *“Living forever in the physical sense is not possible,”* he said, *“but to leave a legacy that lasts in perpetuity might just be the next best thing. The Rotary Foundation’s Permanent Fund enables Rotarians to create their own legacy to do good in the world forever.”*

In 1917 The Rotary Foundation’s founder Arch Klumph wrote: There are persons *“... who are seeking ways and means of leaving some part of their wealth where it may do the greatest good for humanity. What better equipped organization or institution than Rotary International can be found to be entrusted with such funds?”*

Holidays, when all the family are gathered together is a perfect time to open a legacy discussion and to communicate to your family your personal wishes and your values. Don’t wait for an illness or a health scare to begin those important discussions.

Your life experiences, your wishes and dreams, your hopes for your children, your grandchildren and generations to come and your dreams to truly make a difference in this world are topics to discuss.

Being a Rotarian with so many active Rotary experiences have influenced many to create an endowment, a legacy through Our Foundation.



WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?



Frank J. Devlyn, PRIP 2000-01

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Because only a portion of the Permanent Fund's earnings — not the corpus of gifts — is spent each year, a gift to it will continue working in perpetuity.

I encourage every Rotarian to consider making a gift or commitment to the Permanent Fund. While some people choose to make an outright gift, others include the Permanent Fund in their final estate plans. I am impressed by the large number of Rotarians who committed a significant percentage of their estate to the Permanent Fund.

The opportunity represented if every Rotarian creates a legacy with Rotary can't be underestimated. We would quickly surpass our next target of \$1 billion by 2025 and be able to fund substantial programs such as PolioPlus or the Rotary Peace Centers on a regular basis. We share a common creed in our Rotary membership. Why wouldn't we share and create a common legacy together?

The Permanent Fund will keep the future of The Rotary Foundation's programs bright. Be a part of the Permanent Fund initiative, and your legacy will live forever.



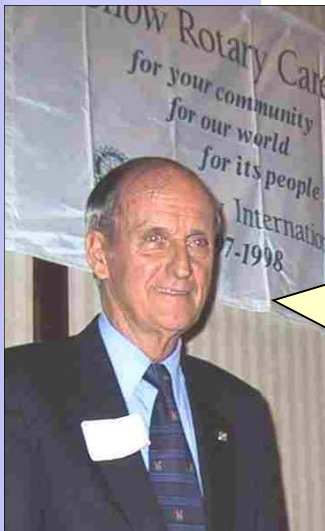
Your Amigo,
Frank J. Devlyn

The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, 2005-06
Rotary International President, 2000-01

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“Everything we do through our Rotary clubs - from fighting poverty to eradicating polio — is intended ultimately to promote world peace.”

RIPP Luis V. Giay



“You can make Foundation programs work toward world peace and understanding... Our next focus must be even stronger in the field of conflict resolution. Today we have at least 30 ongoing armed conflicts, including; the Israelis and the Palestinians, India and Pakistan, Afghanistan and anti-terrorist interests, and many more.

Peace does not come naturally.”

RIPP Glenn W. Kinross

“We must all work to provide future generations with effective, practical tools to ensure peace. We need commitment to peace that includes solving suffering. No one who is hungry can come to the table to negotiate conflict. No one who is ill can join the discussion. We need to work on suffering this year in our own ways: clubs setting goals that meet their areas’ needs, as well as the needs of others in the world.”

RI Past President Bhichai Rattakul



NAMED FUNDS ARE ESTABLISHED FOR RI PAST PRESIDENTS SUPPORTING THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS



DONOR	NAME OF FUND	RESTRICTION
SABOO (POOL)	The Rajendra Saboo Endowed Fund	ROTARY CENTERS
WILKINSON (POOL)	The Wilfrid J. Wilkinson Endowed Fund for Peace and Conflict Resolution	ROTARY CENTERS
HUNTLEY (POOL)	The Bill Huntley Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship	PEACE GENERAL
GIAY (POOL)	The Luis Vicente Giay Endowed Fund	PEACE GENERAL
KELLER (POOL)	The Charles C. Keller Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship Fund Pool	PEACE GENERAL
RATTAKUL (POOL)	The Bhichai Rattakul Endowed Fund for the Rotary Peace Centers	ROTARY CENTERS
MAJIYAGBE (POOL)	The Jonathan B. Majiyagbe Endowed Fund for Peace and Conflict Resolution	ROTARY CENTERS

Many Rotarians have expressed an interest in making donations to honor RI past presidents.

Gifts to these named funds will be directed to the Permanent Fund with spendable earnings supporting the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

Would you like to donate?

Need more information on how to donate?

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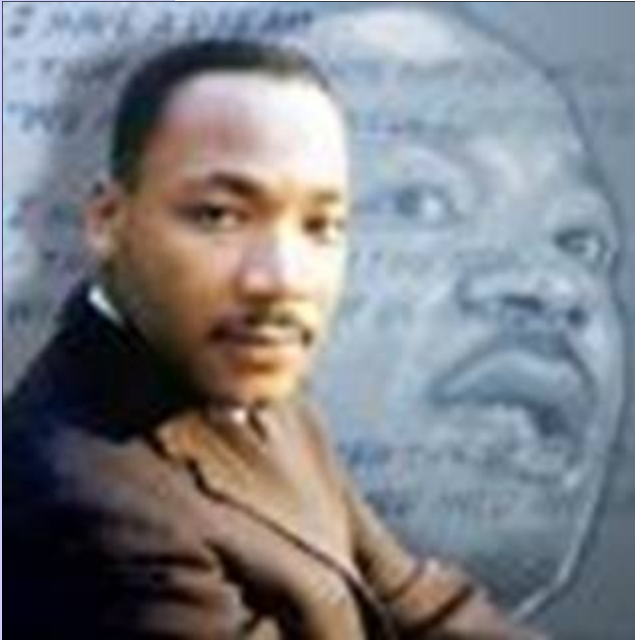
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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ON WAR AND PEACE



Nonviolence is absolute commitment to the way of love. Love is not emotional bash; it is not empty sentimentalism. It is the active out-pouring of one's whole being into the being of another. *--Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957*

And it is true that man throughout history has sought to achieve justice through violence. And we all know the danger of this method. It seems to create many more social problems than it solves. And it seems to me that in the struggle for justice that this method is ultimately futile. *--Martin Luther King, Jr., Justice Without Violence- 3 April 1957*

I am convinced that love is the most durable power in the world. It is not an expression of impractical idealism, but of practical realism. Far from being the pious injunction of a Utopian dreamer, love is an absolute necessity for the survival of our civilization. To return hate for hate does nothing but intensify the existence of evil in the universe. Someone must have sense enough and religion enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil, and this can only be done through love. *----Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957*

This is where we are. Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind. It is no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It is either nonviolence or nonexistence. *--Martin Luther King, Jr., Remaining Awake Through A Great Revolution*

There are two types of laws: there are just laws and there are unjust laws... What is the difference between the two?...An unjust law is a man-made code that is out of harmony with the moral law. *----Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963*

World peace through non-violent means is neither absurd nor unattainable. All other methods have failed. Thus we must begin anew. Non-violence is a good starting point. Those of us who believe in this method can be voices of reason, sanity and understanding amid the voices of violence, hatred and emotion. *--Martin Luther King, Jr., "DREAMS OF BRIGHTER TOMORROWS" (March 1965)*

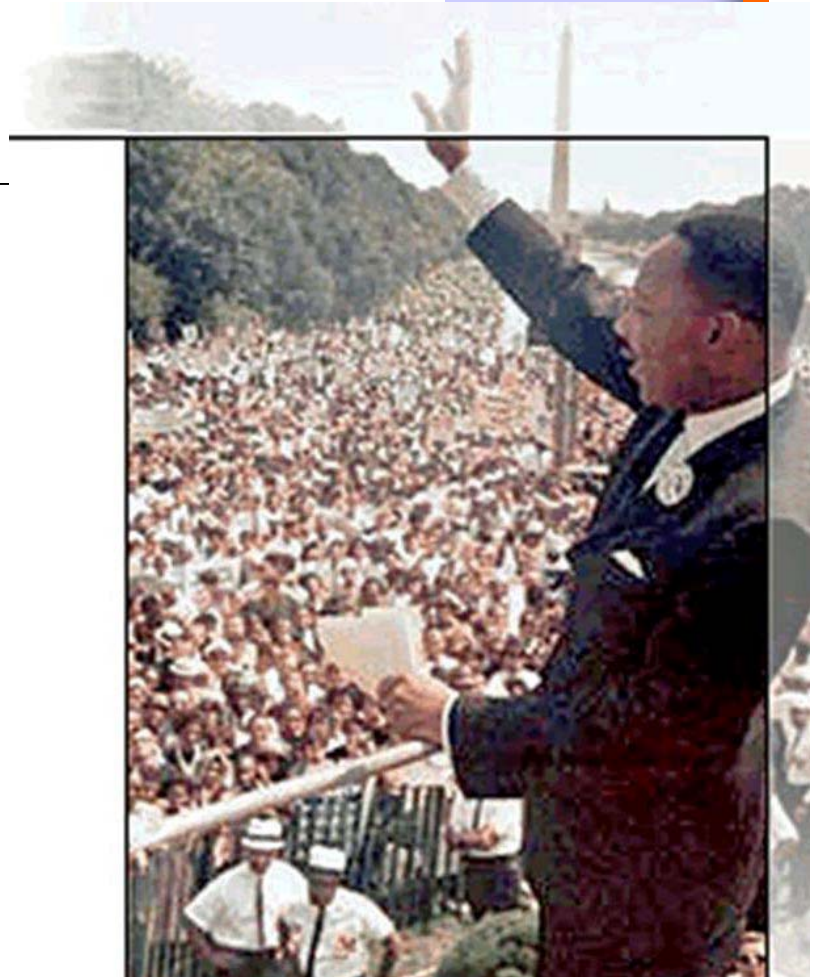
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ON WAR AND PEACE (CONTINUED)

I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of nuclear annihilation... I believe that even amid today's mortar bursts and whining bullets, there is still hope for a brighter tomorrow... I still believe that one day mankind will bow before the altars of God and be crowned triumphant over war and bloodshed. --*Martin Luther King, Jr., Address in Acceptance of Nobel Peace Prize—10 December 1964*

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Martin Luther King, Jr., December 1964

In struggling for human dignity the oppressed people of the world must not allow themselves to become bitter or indulge in hate campaigns. To retaliate with hate and bitterness would do nothing but intensify the hate in the world. Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate. This can be done only by projecting the ethics of love to the center of our lives. ----*Martin Luther King, Jr., undated*

The ultimate test of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and moments of convenience, but where he stands in moments of challenge and moments of controversy. --*Martin Luther King, Jr., 27 January 1965*



Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" ... delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on August 28, 1963



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Greg Mortenson

Author, Co-founder and Executive Director,
Central Asia Institute



Jo Luck

President and CEO,



Dolly Parton

Country Music Singer,
Literacy Spokesperson,
Dolly's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton has a children's charity, which promotes literacy not only in the U.S. but worldwide, as well.

Dolly said, “.. *it's called the Imagination Library, and we have a program where we give children a book from the time they're born, once a month, until they start kindergarten, so they can learn to read and have that interaction with their parents or with a sibling. They learn the love of books. It's all over the United States, it started in my home town, and then we went into Canada, and then we started it in the UK. You can never have too many books!*”



ROTARY'S 105TH ANNIVERSARY AND WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY



*Glenn E. Estess Sr.
Foundation Trustee
Chair*

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BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH SERVICE

On 23 February, Rotary will celebrate its 105th anniversary. On that day, we also mark World Understanding and Peace Day, for in Rotary, part of our mission is working for peace – not through military might, but through our humanitarian work.

Rotarians understand very well that the causes of war and strife are often the same: poverty, inequality, deprivation, and a lack of hope.

Rotary works to restore that hope by bringing health, education, and the promise of a better future. We do this through the locally based club and district projects for which we are known, and through larger projects run internationally and with the support of our Rotary Foundation – projects that support schools, build wells, improve quality of life, and bring us ever closer to our goal of a polio-free world.

The years that we have been working together through PolioPlus have been years of steady determination, of lessons learned, of confidence built. Where government representatives and health organizations have been refused entry, Rotary has been allowed in, because our local service and our international reputation have earned us the trust of others.

Through our work, we have helped build bridges of cooperation between governments and communities.

With every one of those bridges, and with every drop of polio vaccine, we come closer to the better, healthier, and more peaceful world that we know is possible to build.

WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID...

"The way to war is a well-paved highway and the way to peace is still a wilderness."

Paul P. Harris From a recorded interview in Tuskegee, Alabama, USA in 1945

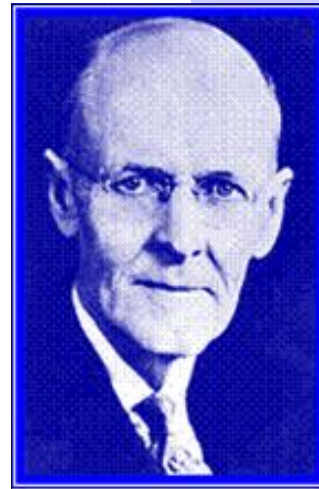
"The Rotary way works! But Rotary has no patent on it, for it is but the Golden Rule in action.

Any person, any nation, can apply it by displacing negative hatred and fear with goodwill based upon understanding. Peace among nations is not impossible of attainment; they can find peace if they will."

Paul P. Harris, January 1946

"War always is a ghastly blunder; even the winners lose."

Paul P. Harris, My Road to Rotary



Paul P. Harris



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RI PAST PRESIDENT SABOO SPEAKING
ABOUT THE ROTARY PEACE CENTERS
AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN
PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

“ When we would think of peace it was not the philosophical ideology that we would be able to achieve unless the human instinct would teach us that co-existence, sharing, knowledge of each other, mutual respect for other's interest would be part of the exercise.

Europe had been involved in internal conflict and wars over a period of time but when it could realize that only in co-existence it could prosper in the establishment of the European union and its success.

Such study can ultimately be the reason for people to recognize the need and ultimate goal of peace. International Studies, therefore, was a must.”



RI Past President (1991-92)

RAJENDRA K. SABOO

(needle manufacturing),

Rotary Club of Chandigarh,
Union Territory, India.

ROTARY VISION:

**A challenge to every
Rotarian to *Look Beyond
Yourself* for opportunities
to serve.**