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From Salt Lake City
by Art Harrington

Notes from the International Convention



Participating in a Rotary International Convention is an experience like no other. Among the 16,000 attending here in Salt Lake are Rotarians from 149 countries. From the colorful dress of the Nigerians to the sedate suits of the Japanese, the internationality of our great organization is never more evident than at one of these conventions. Portable receivers tuned to the announced frequencies enable convention-goers to hear the main sessions in each of the six official languages of Rotary (English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese & Korean).

The House of Friendship is immense. In addition to the 65 exhibits of club & district projects, there are 50 booths featuring different Rotary global network groups and fellowships, plus more than 70 vendors. There are areas to relax and visit, as well as places to eat within that enormous area. Scattered totem poles identify the location of translators who can assist as needed. Musical and dance groups are constantly performing on a stage in that area as well. There is truly something for everyone.

Scheduled annual meetings and receptions of innumerable groups and fellowships within Rotary vie for times and locations during the limited number of days at each convention. They are so numerous that one must generally pick and choose, since there is no way you can attend them all.

Attending a convention is a time of renewal for me. I am reminded by the inspirational speakers and presentations of why this is such a great and unique organization. I hear and see the incredible accomplishments by Rotarians, and realize anew what

Future Speakers

Jun 28 2007

[Lynn French](#)
"WE CARE Cancer"

Jul 5 2007

[Roger Allison](#)
"Laughlin Rally"

Jul 12 2007

[Gina Covert](#)
"Graphic Arts Program at RVHS"

Jul 21 2007

[J.J. Stevens](#)
"St Jude's Radiothon"

Upcoming Events

Installation of Officers

Jun 28 2007

Club Christmas Party

Dec 7 2007

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our network of volunteers and resources is capable of doing to address problems and meet needs anywhere in the world. The strength and many programs of our Rotary Foundation are always at the forefront of Rotary's greatest and most significant achievements.

I am reminded again of the importance and the value of our investment in youth through our Youth Exchange, Interact, RYLA, Rotaract and Ambassadorial Scholarships. We see and hear some of those in whom we invested years ago, who are now in key international leadership positions -- reminding us that it was their encounter with Rotary, via one or more of these programs, that proved to be the turning point in their lives.

It is also an opportunity to renew friendships established in associations over the years with so many Rotarians and leaders from around the world. Having helped train thousands for positions of leadership within Rotary, I cannot begin to remember all of their names; but their names badges help to associate many of the familiar faces with the time and place we first met. I am reminded of how blessed my life has been by the privilege of meeting and working with some of the greatest and finest individuals on the face of this earth.

What has been the most awesome event so far during this convention? I would probably have to say it was the Interfaith Service on Sunday morning, which included full participation by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra. Wow! It doesn't get much better than that.

June 28 is induction/awards dinner

by Art Harrington



New club officers to be installed

Laura Grasse will be installed as President of the Bullhead City Rotary Club for the 2007-08 Rotary Year on Thursday evening, June 28.

The annual Induction & Awards Dinner will be held at the beautiful home of Jim and Andrea Carpenter, 2243 Joanne Drive, Bullhead City.

Cocktails & fellowship get underway at 6:00, with dinner

to follow at 7:00. The induction of the new officers and board, along with Kelly's presentation of this year's awards, will happen around 8:00.

Laura has chosen a biker theme for the evening, and Jim says you can park your Harley in an honored spot out in front.

Our new DGND
by Art Harrington

... And Here's Jeanie!



We couldn't locate a photo of Jeanie Morgan, our newly-confirmed District 5490 Governor for 2009-2010, to include with our announcement in last week's club bulletin. But, thanks to DGN Charlie Tegarden, here she is!

Jeanie is from our "neck of the woods," or perhaps more appropriately, "our bank of the river." She is a member of the London Bridge Club in Lake Havasu City.

Jeanie, we're proud of you! Congratulations!

Rotarian Mom is sold on Rotary



Why I am a Rotarian

by Sandie R. Zander, Rotary Club of Cupertino, CA, D5170

In November of 2001, I took my daughter with me on a Rotary trip to deliver wheelchairs in Mexico. She was a senior in college at the time. On the way home, she told me she couldn't wait to graduate, get a full time job, and join Rotary. Last year she was president of the Rotaract Club of the South Bay, and this year she is the Rotaract District Governor.

My second daughter accompanied me in 2004 on a Rotacare Mission to Guatemala. She came home from that trip wanting to become a doctor, and is now in the process of interviewing at medical schools.

Rotary has not only changed my life for the better, but it has changed the course of my whole family. We are a Rotary family!

I've learned in Rotary that what I give to others comes back to me tenfold. I am strengthened by each donation I make. I am hearted by each hour I volunteer. I love the fact that Rotary makes me want to be a better person.

Rotary World Peace Fellow

by Art Harrington

Meet Richard Gee



2002-2004 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Britain

After graduating from Rotary's program on peace and conflict resolution, Richard was approached by the International Organization for Migration to assist Afghan refugees living in Pakistan and Iran register for the first democratic elections of Afghanistan. This opportunity was directly linked to his final Master's Project entitled "Refugee Enfranchisement in the 2004 Afghan Presidential Elections."

The requested task was to register and conduct a poll for up to 1.5 million refugees in a period of less than three months. A network of field offices began the task of informing the refugee populations about the elections and what it meant to participate in a democratic process. Many had fled Afghanistan during the 1980s or after the Taliban took power.

As part of the process Richard traveled to many of the regions where the refugees lived, met with refugee elders, local and national politicians and women's groups to help encourage a safe and enthusiastic turnout.

After completing his term as Senior Legal Advisor to the Chief Electoral Officer for Afghanistan in Kabul, Afghanistan, Richard Gee has been working on providing support for elections in Iraq and Palestine and is now with the Electoral Assistance Division of the UN Secretariat.

Rotary World Peace Centers



Rotary Peace Centers Focus

Dr. James L. Peacock

Kenan professor of anthropology at UNC Chapel Hill

Co-director of the Duke/UNC Rotary Center

The focus of the Rotary World Peace Centers is not on ending wars but in preventing conflict from ever occurring. Conflict prevention must address the promotion of sustainable development policies that lead to improvements in basic human needs and rights, more equitable access to resources and services, and the assurance of freedom and dignity.

Peace Centers like ours at Duke/UNC (University of North Carolina) provide an opportunity to study emerging approaches and then to apply and develop them around the world. Graduating Rotary World Peace Fellows have taken these new approaches with them and put them to the test. A few examples of the work of our Duke and UNC alumni:

constitution-building efforts in southern Sudan

supporting the peace process in Colombia

election monitoring in Afghanistan and Iraq

poverty reduction through education programs in Asia.