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### Future Speakers

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[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

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### Convention afterglow

by [Art Harrington](#)

## Reflections on a great convention



It is the morning after the close of this year's RI Convention in Salt Lake City. I had intended to send an e-mail to Ron Burton, RI President Bill Boyd's aide, to ask him to express to Bill my personal appreciation for his choosing convention speakers who would focus primarily on Rotary, what it is, what it can be and what we are accomplishing. It has not always been that way at RI Conventions. Some Presidents have chosen to bring in big name, outside speakers who have had little or no personal knowledge or relationship to Rotary, on the premise that they would boost attendance.

As it happened, I didn't need to send that e-mail. As Sharon and I entered the hotel breakfast room this morning, we found ourselves doing so in the company of Bill and Lorna Boyd, together with their aides, Ron and Jetta Burton. I was able to tell both Bill and Lorna how much I appreciated their choice of speakers and their design of the program of this year's convention. Without any doubt, this was one of the very best we have attended.

A number of the speakers were individuals whom Bill and Lorna had met, doing remarkable work in various places around the world, whom they had personally asked to come and share their unique stories with the Rotarians attending this convention. I was impressed by the vision and commitment of Vikram Sanghani, whose vision, commitment and tenacity in the face of governmental opposition, and even a major natural disaster, resulted in the successful construction through Rotary of a giant dam necessary to provide essential water to a large slum population in his city.

We were deeply moved by the testimony of Emine Yzay, a 22-year old Turkish girl who is now an instructor, utilizing Rotary's concentrated language encounter method to educate women and girls in her community. At age 17, she was a poor, illiterate girl, born without arms, who faced a bleak and extremely limited future. Learning to read and write via this remarkable literacy method (using a pencil gripped between her toes), and with an insatiable thirst for knowledge, she quickly advanced in her education and soon became an instructor. She has helped to lift thousands of other women and girls in Turkey from their illiteracy and consequent poverty. With new prosthetic arms and hands, the gift of the Istanbul Rotary Club, she stood before this assemblage of 16,000 Rotarians and shared her remarkable story, along with her deep appreciation for how Rotary had so dramatically changed her life.

Our President, in his typical, humble way, delivered his earnest addresses seated upon a stool, shunning both the lectern and any script. He told of the incredible accomplishments of Rotarians he and Lorna have encountered in their worldwide

travels, and he encouraged other Rotarians to realize that we, too, can make a significant difference wherever we are in the world, when we harness the power and the resources of Rotary and our Foundation.

**Yes, this was everything a Rotary Convention should be. It was great!**

**Photo:** *Bill Boyd and Emine Yzay*

**Last call to dinner**

*by Art Harrington*



**New club officers to be installed**

Come help install Laura Grasse as our Club President for the 2007-08 Rotary Year. It's happening *this 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.

**FYI:** We will have district brass aboard for this event. District Governor-Nominee **Charlie Tegarden**, along with the District Rotary Foundation Co-Chairs, **Dr. Gerrit & Carolee Terpstra**, will be on hand to help present the numerous Foundation awards to our members that evening.

**How to get there:** Jim says to take Highway 95 to Corwin (turn east), on to Cimmaron (turn left) to Joanne.

**eClub has Salt Lake changeover**

*by Art Harrington*

**Rotary eClub of the Southwest installs new leadership**



While at the convention in Salt Lake, it was my privilege to share in the installation of the new officers of the Rotary eClub of the Southwest.

Though chartered in, and connected to, District 5510 in Arizona, this eClub has members in places you wouldn't

believe. The incoming club president, Ryofu Pussel, is a Zen-Buddhist monk who lives in Japan. He also happens to be a world-famous photographer, among other things.

The eClub of the Southwest is one of only 6 Rotary eClubs in the United States, and 24 eClubs worldwide. It is an ideal alternative for those who want to be a part of Rotary, but cannot make regular located meetings - due to business travel, health issues or other circumstances.

It is also a great place to make-up a missed club meeting. Just go to <http://www.recswwusa.org/> and click where it says you want to make up a meeting. You will be amazed at the quality of the programs and the amount of service this club performs. It puts many land-based Rotary clubs to shame.

#### **Rotary World Peace Fellow**

*by Art Harrington*



### **Meet Megan Powers**

*Rotary World Peace Fellow 2004-06*

*Universidad del Salvador, sponsored by District 5960*

Prior to receiving her Rotary World Peace Fellowship, Megan taught English in South Korea and coordinated the Nepal School Project at Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.

Megan's studies Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires focused on the impact the World Bank's anti-corruption policies have on countries where it funds education and also where there are gaps in the World Bank's internal procedures. As her career unfolds, Megan hopes to continue to integrate global issues into education and to facilitate conflict resolution.

Megan says, "I've begun to learn how basic education issues (such as access to schooling, literacy, etc.) can't be viewed in isolation from larger issues that serve as barriers to education. (I've learned) more about these barriers, such as the effects of child labor, of violent conflict, and of corruption in the education system."

#### **Our Peace Centers**

*by Art Harrington*

### **Making a Difference**

Rotary Centers for International Peace and Conflict Resolution actually incorporate peacebuilding into the class curricula. The Rotary Center located jointly at Duke University and North Carolina University is doing an outstanding job in this respect.



Dr. Natalia Mirovitskaya, who instructs at the Duke Center for International Development, says, "The experiences our fellows have had during their Master's programs at our two universities, the knowledge and training they receive through the Rotary Center and core courses in peace and conflict resolution, the connections they make with top leaders around the world during their summer internships, the community of peacemakers they have formed with other Rotary Peace Fellows during their two years of graduate study - all of these contribute to the immediate impact the Rotary World Peace Fellows make in real life."

#### **Bautista Logioco**

2002-2004 Rotary World Peace Fellow from Argentina, wrote his Masters thesis on *Strategies for Mainstreaming Conflict Prevention into International Development Policies and Programs*. He is currently working as Chief of Mission for Colombia, Special Area for the Promotion of Dialogue and Conflict

Resolution at the Organization of American States - position that allows him to implement his thesis recommendations into practice.

#### **Mitchell O'Brien**

2002-2004 Rotary World Peace Scholar from Australia, has been employed by the World Bank to write a book on constitution-building processes in post-conflict countries, also on the basis of his Master's Project. The work of these and other graduates of the Duke/UNC Program contributes to the development of the theory of peace-building and, on the other side, has already made a real-life difference in the countries torn by violence, hunger, disease, and poverty.

**PHOTO:** *Dr. Natalia Mirovitskaya, Duke Center for International Development*