



NEWSLETTER

New Generations, the “Fifth Avenue of Service”

By DG Rick

SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

The May 2010 Council on Legislation established a Fifth Avenue of Service called “New Generations.” It’s not really a new avenue at all because Rotarians have always been passionate about nurturing our youth. We have always sponsored a wide array of programs for them. In the past we have fit them under the other Avenues of Service, principally Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service. We have even grown youth through Club Service by including them in our meetings and social events. Now these programs have an Avenue of their very own.

Some members have asked “how do I get involved in this Fifth Avenue of Service?” Well, while Rotary itself figures out just what the council had in mind, we in the trenches can simply continue to make our existing New Generations programs even better. These programs include the broad-based programs of International Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), the Four-way Speech Contest and a whole range of individual club initiatives and scholarships. Our Rotary Foundation Programs for Ambassadorial Scholarships, World Peace Fellows, and Group Study Exchanges are also aimed largely at people 20 to 40.

“New Generations,” however, is about much more than youth. It is about the very future of Rotary. Paul Harris was 36 when he founded Rotary. Since then the average age in our clubs has been creeping up. It is currently 58 and is projected to increase. If we are to avoid extinction, it is imperative we attract and retain ever-younger members. The very best source of younger members is our New Generations population. For example, Interact students are a bit too young, but the ethic of service they develop in

Interact, and the exposure to Rotarian ideals position them to join Rotary at a not too distant date. Rotaract is even closer. Intended as a more affordable, younger “Rotary,” Rotaract is aimed at 18 to 30 year olds. At the RI Convention in Copenhagen, two Rotaractors “scolded” the Rotary audience for not more proactively inviting Rotaractors to join Rotary. What did we oldsters think would happen to them when they reached the “untrustworthy” age of 30?

As we seek younger members we need to avoid age-discrimination. While it’s true that the new generations have different needs, priorities and outlooks, it would be a mistake to believe they are “anti-old-people.” They are not. Most recognize that some of us experienced hands have learned a few things and these new generations are not averse to learning from us. They may not care for our tired old songs, our long lunches, or our fond memories of yesteryear. On the other hand they respect our achievements, and would love to learn vicariously from our hard-won experiences.

We are passionate about the rearing of our young and the stimulation of young people to develop sound vocations and high ethical business standards. Virtually every one of our clubs does at least one service project or funds one opportunity to advance our youth. During September, let’s celebrate the wonderful things we already do for youth, and contemplate how we can do even better with a formally declared fifth avenue of service – New Generations.

**AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS**

By Don Bennert

Ambassadorial Scholarships, the Rotary Foundation's oldest and best known program, was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarship program.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

Samuel Weeks, sponsored by the Keene Rotary Club

Samuel graduated from Colby College in Waterville, ME in 2006 with a degree in Geology. During his junior year he studied for a semester in Cape Town, South Africa.

After graduation he went into the Peace Corp for 2 years and was a "Community Development Volunteer" in the Cape Verde Islands off the west coast of Africa. He primarily worked in the farming region to help develop more sustainable strategies for economic growth. He also helped teach English to the local citizens so they could converse with the tourists. He worked with children, teens and mothers teaching them to make crafts from recyclables (to sell to the tourists). He did many other things to numerous to mention.

Samuel speaks several languages including Portuguese, Spanish and Capeverdean. He also wrote his essays not only in English but also in Portuguese.

Currently he is a translator for Medical Development International in Maryland. He is also participating in a graduate seminar in anthropology at John Hopkins University, and will be entering George Washington University this fall where he will be taking undergraduate courses in Socio-Cultural Anthropology.

His countries of choice to be an Ambassador of Goodwill are Portugal, Brazil and Angola. The Rotary Foundation will determine which country he may be going to. He has already researched Rotary Clubs in the potential countries and cities where he might go with his scholarship. He is aware of what projects they have done in the past and he has developed an outline of a project he might introduce to them.

Justine Pattantyus, sponsored by the Hollis Brookline Rotary Club

A 2008 graduate of Simmons College, magna cum laude, Justine received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a concentration in Management. A recipient of the Dean's Scholarship and a member of the Simmons Honors Program, she was inducted into the Simmons Academy which is reserved for the top 10 percent of the graduating class. In March of her senior year, Ms. Pattantyus participated in the Women as Global Leaders Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Committed to community service, social justice, and sustainability, while at Simmons Justine served in various leadership roles and in several volunteer capacities that supported those areas of interest, including serving as a Student Service Learning assistant in the Socially Minded Leadership class for the spring semester of her senior year. Justine's employment experience has been focused on social responsibility.



AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS (CONTINUED)

While at Simmons College, she was a Social Research intern at Pax World Mutual Funds in Portsmouth, NH. Since graduation, she has been a Green Services Coordinator for Tech Networks of Boston and a Business for Innovative Climate and Energy Policy Program Associate at Ceres in Boston, MA. In preparation for her year abroad, Ms. Pattantyus is currently planning travel and language study in Eastern Europe in the coming

year. Justine's sponsor from the Hollis Brookline Club is Melinda Willis. Ms. Willis will partner to assist her in meeting all the program requirements and objectives, including speaking to a number of district Rotary clubs and other organizations during the next year.

Her countries of choice for a year of Masters-level study and representing Rotary and the United States as an Ambassador of Goodwill are Israel, Ireland, South

Africa and New Zealand. The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International will determine Justine's destination.

She hopes to pursue an advanced program of study and service projects that incorporate peace and conflict resolution, as she believes these are critical topics that will impact the future role of the United States as a global citizen.

DISTRICT PAKISTAN RELIEF FUND

Twenty million human beings in Pakistan have been devastated by the worst flooding in their history. This is human suffering on an unimaginable scale with numbers more than the Haitian earthquake, Pakistani earthquake and Thailand tsunami combined. In May District 7870 will do a Group Study Exchange with District 3272. The accompanying photo shows

DG Rick and Janet with DG Shehzad Ahmed and his wife Dr. Maimoona Ali at International Assembly in San Diego.

The following is a quote from District Governor Shehzad Ahmed on Facebook. "Rotary International District 3272 comprises of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Rotary Clubs have taken up the challenge and have started relief efforts to help those in need. However, the extent of damage is such that massive support is required to handle the current situation. I had formed a District Disaster Relief Committee at the start of the year but I did not know that it would be put to

test so early. Considering the vast geographical area under floods, the Committee has further been extended and its members are carrying out their responsibilities to the best of their capabilities. Need support from everyone at this time of need."

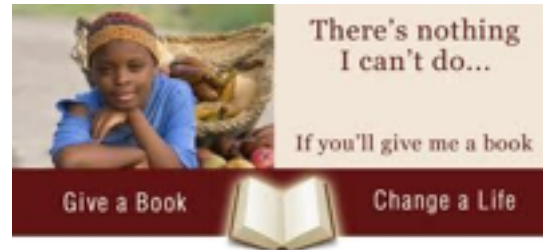
Our sister district and its clubs are on the front line doing all they can do in person, and they can spend contributions most wisely. If you send contributions to The **District 7870 Pakistan Relief Fund, care of The Nashua Bank, 188 Main Street, Nashua NH 03060**, we will wire it directly to the District 3272 Flood Relief Fund in Pakistan, courtesy of The Nashua Bank.



MATCHING GRANT PROJECTS AROUND THE DISTRICT**Wheelchairs for Pakistan**

The project will supply 550 wheelchairs to the poor, mobility challenged. The project will benefit those mobility challenged which will give them and their families other options to be more productive members of society. After receipt of the wheelchairs it should take less than eight months to assemble and identify the poorest of the poor recipients. Some wheelchairs will be donated to hospitals providing free or subsidized services to the poor to facilitate patients during their visits to these hospitals.

The Rotary Club of Santa Barbara (CA) is the lead International Sponsor Club. The Rotary Club of Londonderry and District 7870 are also providing funds. If your club would like to be a part of this grant please contact DG Rick Manganello.

Books for Ghana Literacy

The Henniker Rotary Club's "Books for Ghana Literacy Project" is just one of the international matching grants recently adopted by clubs around the District.

The Ludlow Club has become the lead international sponsor for a literacy project near Luxor, Egypt, Capital City Sunrise has a Rainwater Harvesting project in the Dominican Republic and the Londonderry, NH Club is providing funding to ship 550 wheelchairs to Pakistan. All of these projects could use additional funding from other clubs. Please go to http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxprogramhome/_programhome.aspx?did=7870&pageid=52675 for more information this and other District projects.

TANAKA TO BE 2012-2013 RI PRESIDENT

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

For more information see [2012-2013 RI President](#)

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**ALUMNUS DISCUSSES THE PROSPECT OF PEACE**

By Joseph Derr Rotary International News – 22 June 2010

At the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, current and former Rotary Peace Fellows discussed the prospect of peace and Rotary's role in building bridges of understanding within the family of Rotary.

Marios Antoniou, a recent graduate of the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was among dozens of peace fellows attending the convention. Addressing attendees at the secondary plenary session on 21 June, Antoniou, who is from Cyprus, explained the context of conflict and progress toward peace on the island.

"The division line is still guarded on the northern side by the Turkish army, the southern side is guarded by the Cyprus national guard, and in the middle [is] the UN peacekeeping force of Cyprus, the longest-lasting peacekeeping force in UN history," he said.

Antoniou said he learned a valuable lesson as a teenager during an international peace camp, a meeting between 20 Greek and Turkish Cypriots. "A group of teenagers were in a circle, talking and trying to deconstruct the negative image of the fearful enemy -- the fear of the 'other,'" he said.

That experience put him on the path toward looking deeply into the roots of conflict.

"Truth is like a puzzle. The problem is that each side had half of the stack of the puzzle pieces,

and therefore it was impossible for us to look at the whole picture," said Antoniou. "At that moment, I realized that our knowledge and our perceptions were the product of our education, and that was the experience that gave me a new life's goal. I decided to pursue a degree in education in order to be able to become a change agent in our educational system."

Antoniou went on to work with nongovernmental organizations promoting peace in Cyprus, working with youth at the same camp he attended.

"Through several projects over the years, I worked on bringing together teenagers from both communities of the island, and through deliberation sessions, I tried to help them realize the same thing that I had realized after my first experience of meeting people of the other community," he said.

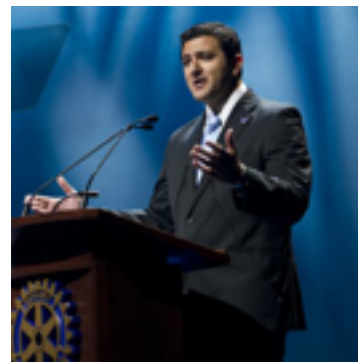
In his work, Antoniou has stressed that education and social justice are the building blocks of peace. "A future political peace without the existence of social peace is only condemned to once again fail," he said.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nicosia Salamis, Antoniou says his training as a peace fellow has built upon this foundation of social justice education.

He explained how Rotary is contributing to peace in Cyprus by setting the example of harmony under a common goal. "Now clubs from both communities hold their

president-elect trainings and other functions together, in English," he said.

Antoniou also participated in a breakout session dedicated to building peace with three other alumni: Scott Lang, Cheryl Hebert, and Raymond Hyma. A steady stream of Rotarians visited former peace fellows at the program's booth at the House of Friendship.



Marios Antoniou, a former Rotary Peace Fellow, speaks to attendees during the secondary plenary session on 21 June in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Photo by Monika Lozinska-Lee/Rotary Images



**"FREE TRIP TO TURKEY"**

The Rotary clubs of Southern New Hampshire and Southern Vermont are seeking candidates

for a one month, expense paid Group Study Exchange (GSE) to central Turkey in April 2011.

Applicants cannot be Rotarians or direct lineal relatives of Rotarians, must be 25-40 years of age, and be sponsored by one of the 60 Rotary Clubs of District 7870. For more information on our district GSE program go to the Site Pages on the Home Page

To find out more about this offer contact 603 724-6540

KEENE INTERACTORS IN RI VIDEO

Keene Interactors are featured in RI's recent promotional YouTube video "how do YOU interact". Rotary International is launching its 2nd Interact video contest. The interactors were filmed while they attended the RI International Convention in Montreal

Eighteen interactors from Keene attended the convention and had a booth in the House of Friendship.

To see the video go to About Interact in the Site Pages (left



hand column) on the District 7870 website Home Page.

Please encourage your interact club to enter this year's contest.

**Calendar**

Sep 23, 2010

District Golf Tournament

Oct 23 - 31, 2010

Amigos de Honduras Trip

Oct 24 - 30, 2010

Pure Water Haiti Trip

Nov 05, 2010

World Interact Week

Nov 06, 2010

Annual Rotary UN Day

Nov 08 - 13, 2010

Pure Water Honduras Trip

Nov 16, 2010

Foundation Dinner- Crown Plaza, Nashua

Nov 18, 2010

Foundation Dinner- Okemo

Mar 10, 2011 - Mar 12, 2011

PETS

Apr 04 - May 04, 2011

GSE Team to Turkey

Apr 09, 2011

District Assembly

Apr 09, 2011

Interact Conference

May 21, 2011 - May 25, 2011

2011 Rotary International Convention, New Orleans

Jun 03, 2011 - Jun 05, 2011

District Conference - Mystic, CT

**NEW (HENNIKER) GENERATIONS** By Dr. Ed Carignan

A smart person once said something like “doing the same thing over and over again, and expecting different results, may be the definition of insanity.” Rotary International must have come to that conclusion, because for the past few years, they have stopped doing the same old thing over and over again. Through a long planning process, RI officials contemplated new ways to maintain the energy of Rotary Clubs while creating new sources of that energy and came up with a new avenue of service: NEW GENERATIONS.

In Henniker, NH, this source of renewable energy gets together every Thursday morning and finds ways to better the world from the inside out – from the near to the far – from the known to the unknown. One of the smaller clubs of the District, and notably one of the most active, the Henniker Rotary Club has embraced this new “New

Generations Avenue of Service” and intend running with it, especially as another way to serve above self.

Service Above Self, long a tenet of Rotary, means so many different things to so many different people. Certainly it means giving to others and doing for others. But another interpretation might be to stretch beyond what is usual. Service Above Self could so easily become Service BEYOND Self – becoming what we could be, not just what we are.

The United Nations Secretary General declared August 12, 2010 through August 11, 2011 as “International Youth Year.”

Within a week, the Henniker Rotary Club began recruiting the two area high schools and New England College to identify ways in which the Club and the schools could celebrate youth. The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) kicks off the year, and the school

authorities are ready with their nomination process.

Once the RYLA awardees are selected, the time to ramp up the efforts to begin Interact begins. Rather than the need to push school authorities to join Rotary in this effort, the Henniker Club is fortunate enough to have teachers and guidance counselors who are totally receptive to the idea of young people serving above self in an organized manner, which is Interact.

So the New Generations idea, born out of the unwillingness to do the same old thing and expect different results, will provide young people and people young at heart with the opportunity to stretch. Assistance in any form, advice or otherwise, is most welcome. The author is Henniker Rotary Club’s New Generations chair, and can be reached by email at drcarignan@drcarignan.com or through any member.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

"Membership Matters" is a monthly membership newsletter for Rotarians and non-Rotarians in Zones 24,25,26 and 32.

Membership Matters contains articles, ideas, suggestions and Rotarian's views on how to recruit members, start new clubs and retain the members we have in Rotary.

The newsletter is in a PDF format. You require Adobe Reader to open the newsletter. You can obtain the reader free at Adobe Reader.

Your articles, suggestions and comments on Membership Matters are always welcome and encouraged.

Contact the editor of Membership Matters, Bryn Styles, PDG at Tel & Fax 705-722-8539 or email: bryn.styles@gmail.com.

Please click on Membership in the left column on the District 7870 Home page to view the newsletter.





YOUTH PROGRAMS HELP ENHANCE ROTARY'S PUBLIC IMAGE

By Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar
Foundation Trustee Chair



Rotary has many youth programs. The programs for younger participants, such as Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange, are not funded by The Rotary Foundation, but they all give Rotary a very positive public image, which The Rotary Foundation benefits from. They are also

very important to The Rotary Foundation, as the participants get their first contact with Rotary, which can lead to future membership in a Rotary club and, hopefully, becoming a contributor to The Rotary Foundation.

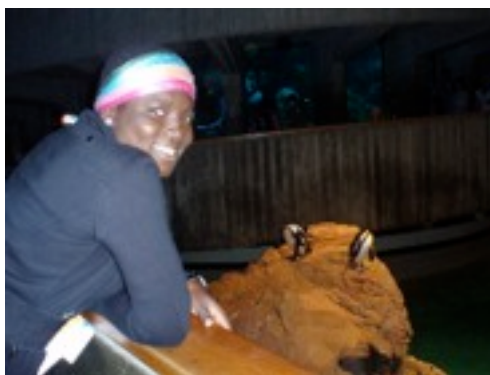
The programs for older participants, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, and Rotary Peace Fellowships, are funded by The Rotary Foundation. Of special interest to me is the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution – a program that one day might become the jewel in the Rotary programs crown. We have a fundraising effort running for this program – the USD95 million campaign – which must not be forgotten in our ambition to increase contributions to the Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund and to meet Rotary's USD200 Million Challenge.

All our youth programs are peace programs. In particular, our Youth Exchange participants act as ambassadors of peace when going to a totally new environment. We ask a lot from them, and we can be very proud of them.

All our students – younger or somewhat older, at home or abroad – participate in local projects, thus Building Communities – Bridging Continents through Service Above Self.

WOMEN'S TRUST SCHOLARSHIP By Jan McElroy

Peggy Saanuo has arrived in New Hampshire from Pokuase, Ghana. Sant Bani School in Sanbornton asked WomensTrust, an NGO based in New Hampshire that carries out its mission in Pokuase, to nominate a student from Ghana for a scholarship. Dana Dakin, WomensTrust's founder, asked several educators to select candidates, and they all nominated Peggy. She is an excellent student who has shown exceptional leadership skills and an ability to work with students of different ages and adults. She likes math and science and hopes to be a Cardiothoracic Surgical Physician Assistant. She will attend Sant Bani for two years starting in the 11th grade.



Peggy's scholarship covers only the tuition and room and board, so WomensTrust has had to raise the cost of her roundtrip to and from the USA (she won't see her family for two years), the cost of her uniforms, fees, books, health insurance, school bus transportation, school events, trips, winter clothes and other special items. The Rotary Club of Henniker has contributed to WomensTrust's fund to help sponsor her and would invite other clubs to join us in supporting this very deserving student. She recently visited our club and had the pleasure of meeting Governor Rick. For further information please contact Jan McElroy at rotaryjan7870@tds.net or 428-7436.