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## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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## District 9455 First Rotary Peace Fellow

Natasha Venables



I would like to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to the District for nominating myself for the Rotary Peace Fellow Scholarship. I am still in shock that I was accepted knowing it is a highly competitive process, and put it down to the wonderful support and guidance I received from Ron Geary, my references and the districts endorsement. As an avid humanitarian I am really looking forward to learning more about Rotary and the WA district and developing a lifelong relationship with the organization.

Kind regards

Natasha

Natasha Venables, a young Lady that has experienced so much and wants to keep trying to make this world a better place, has applied for the Master's Degree in Sweden at the Uppsala University, she has chosen this university because it has the curriculum she requires to achieve the level of education and knowledge to achieve her own goals in life.

Born in Zimbabwe in post-civil war society with ongoing terrible and violent land struggles, her teenage years were involved in volunteering as a medical support team member. It was these years the Natasha witnessed firsthand how poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources can lead to discontent and conflict.

Working in Indonesia Natasha gained a unique insight into the complex issues evolved in human relationships, communication and cultural dynamics and how education is required to prevent, manage and resolve conflict. As the Food Security Advisor in Vanuatu, Natasha designed programs and implemented the Women's Seed and Tool Bank project, to bring back community gardening, something the Women, Chiefs and Ministry of Agriculture all endorsed, and there is so much more. To put it in Natasha's words.

Completing a Master's of peace and Conflict Studies is in my opinion, the best way to continue and strengthen my education, deepen my understanding of the complex issues facing humanity, further develop my ability to positively influence humanity, particularly to keep working on the ground in the development sector but to increase my ability to influence policy and higher level decisions that ultimately, effect real changes in the world.

Natasha has been accepted "International Christian University Japan"

We all wish Natasha all the very best for her studies, Tash will be available to talk to clubs but please come through PDG Ron Geary and he will organise.

PDG Ron Geary

Rotary Peace Fellowship Chair

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## Establish Your Rotary Legacy

There are reported 65,000 registered Charities in Australia covering a variety of needs, most of which our Rotary Clubs cover and our Rotary Foundation through our **six areas of focus** would cover. The big difference is we are volunteers, unlike most other Charities, we do not have highly paid executives and staff with an enormous advertising budget, in the millions, which all comes from your donations. You can look up on their websites for their annual reports, and verify their income and expenditure.

The world renowned **Charity Navigator** has given Our Foundation a **Four Star** rating the highest of its ratings. Our Rotary Foundation is in the top 2% of world wide charities. Our Rotary Foundation's expenditure goes to **92%** on programs, **6%** on fundraising, **2%** administrative expenses.

Our Rotary Foundation stands at the forefront of humanitarian service, having supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, and provide people with basic education, and our historic project dedicated to eradicating Polio worldwide, our promise to the children of the world.

The Rotary Foundations Endowment Fund where the gifts are never spent, they are invested in perpetuity, meaning only the investment earnings are used to support Rotary Foundation Grants and Programs.

Special opportunities exist to create a custom fund within the Endowment Fund. With a gift of US\$25,000 a fund can carry the name of the donor or a loved one, and be programed for the interest of that fund to go to one of the six areas of focus, for example Mr & Mrs John Smith donate US\$25,000 and wish the interest go to **Maternal and Child Health**, the funds are tracked and the donors (or the family of the donors) will receive annual updates on their endowed fund.

Another endowment fund can be through a **District Endowment Fund**, how would this work? A district could set up, within the Foundation Endowment, a District Endowment fund and have their Clubs and Rotarians donate or leave within their bequests, sums of funds to the District Endowment Fund, this way they would know that their funds would be in the hands of their fellow Rotarians and be spent in the manner and culture of the District.

### Rotary's Tomorrow Depends on what we do today

An endowment gift to our Rotary Foundation today provides a brighter future for Rotary and doing that little extra **Good in the World**.

Discuss this with your children and I'm sure that they will understand. They know your commitment to Rotary and the ideals of **Service Above Self**. We have done so with our children and they have no qualms with our gift to the Endowment fund. 10% of our house in our named fund, will do good in the world, in the scheme of things it isn't a large amount, and the children are well set up, and with the knowledge that the interest will be working in Perpetuity in the Rotary's six areas of focus.

If you require any further information, or a speaker for your Rotary club on Rotary Foundation Endowment Fund please contact Endowment Major Gift Advisors Monica Saville, Ron Geary or Bruce Allen at the Parramatta Office.

### Major Gifts major Impact.

PDG Ron Geary

Endowment & Major Gift Advisor

Trustee of The Australian Foundation Trust.



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## Creating peace in the world

An ambitious goal,  
put into action by Rotary

The spike in regional and local conflicts around the world has underscored the need for professionals skilled in creating peace. Rotary created the Rotary Peace Centers in 2002 to identify and train highly qualified professionals to become agents of peace. Six Rotary Peace Centers at seven prestigious universities throughout the world offer Rotary Peace Fellows a rigorous program of study and applied field experience in areas relating to peace and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Centers draw from Rotary's long, unwavering commitment to peace, seen in projects that address the root causes of conflict. Rotary's 70-year collaboration with the United Nations and Rotary's peace symposiums and peace forums throughout the world further the cause of peace.

Rotary Peace Fellows are committed to the advancement of peace, serving as leaders in a range of international, national, and local organizations. They promote national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict in their lives, in their careers, and through their service activities.

The Rotary Peace Centers program is made possible through the generous support of a relatively small group of Rotarians and friends of Rotary whose major gifts and commitments will help endow the program. A goal of \$150 million in gifts and commitments by 30 June 2017 will ensure the long-term success of the program.



### Robert Opira

**Rotary Peace Fellow, Uganda  
University of Queensland, 2005-07**

Soon after college, Robert Opira helped to rehabilitate and resettle more than 12,000 former child soldiers in northern Uganda. "The work was very challenging, and it motivated me to apply for the Rotary Peace Fellowship," he says.

Today, as executive director of the Great Lakes Center for Conflict Resolution, Opira works with governments, local institutions, and other organizations to build sustainable peace and security. The center, which he co-founded in 2008 with Rotary Peace Fellow Godfrey Mukalazi, conducts training in peace-building and reconciliation, demobilization and disarmament, and post-conflict recovery and development. It also has provided expertise to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

*"I wanted to do something to help prevent war, rather than addressing its consequences."*



Robert Opira leads a walk for peace in northern Uganda.  
Photo courtesy of Robert Opira

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**Pablo Casals**

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