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A Worldwide Family

What an exciting Rotary month it has been.

One of the greatest gifts that Rotary gives you is being part of the International Rotary Family. Of being able to walk into a Rotary Club anywhere in the world and finding friends. Rhino and I have just returned from Lahore, Pakistan, where we served as President John Germ's representatives to the District 3272 District Conference. It will remain one of my special Rotary memories.

We arrived in Lahore at 4:00 in the morning to be met by nearly 30 Rotarians, some who had driven 50 miles to be there. We were garlanded and walked on carpets of rose petals and had a cavalcade of rose petal-strewing cars ahead of us all the way to the hotel. This is how the adventure started and it never stopped surprising us.

Rotary is very different in Pakistan, yet still the same. The same committed Rotarians, the same passion for Rotary, the same need to do good in the world. We were privileged to see and learn about the hidden structure of polio eradication in Pakistan: the tremendous focus they, and the Polio Partners, have to get the job done. We learned that the two polio cases Pakistan has had this year did not come from the slums or nomadic areas but from two economically wealthy — or "posh" areas, as they term it. There, as here in North America, the wealthy and educated are not immunizing their children against polio and other diseases. To combat this, Rotary has established immunization kiosks in the hospitals used by this group of society — and this is working.

From Pakistan I went on to the District 3500 Conference in Taiwan. This District has grown its membership by 1000 new members this year alone! They have done so with new clubs, satellite clubs, women-only clubs and clubs with members from only one profession. They are breaking the mold of the traditional Rotary Club — and it is working. To see and hear about the projects they are doing in their country and internationally is truly amazing.

Last but certainly not least was the Canadian AKS Celebration in Evanston on the 12th of April where 14 new Arch Klumph Society members were inducted -- and where we recognized a second-level AKS member. It was a very proud moment for me as the Canadian Director to spend time with these Rotarians who so actively are supporting our Rotary Foundation.

Today, another adventure starts as I leave for Eastern Russia to attend the un-districted D-2225 PETS. It is long and hard travel but will be filled with the warmth of the Russian Rotarians.

Dean



Last Call: Nominate Your Rotary Hero

Do you know a Rotarian or Rotary organization deserving plaudits for the international work he/she/it gets done?

Each of our Zone annually celebrates a person or organization for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideas expressed in the Fourth Object of Rotary: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through humanitarian activity of international significance.

Every Rotary Club and District in Zones 24 and 32 is encouraged each year to submit one application for the Donald MacRae Peace Award. The awards will be announced and presented at the Zone Institute in Hartford next fall.

Candidates for the awards will have demonstrated the advancement of international goodwill, understanding and peace through peace-making efforts or humanitarian activity of international significance. The award is open to Rotarians and non-Rotarians, but the applicant must have a relationship with the Club or District that is nominating him/her.

Complete details, a list of past recipients and application are available on the Zone website. Deadline for applications is May 15, 2017. Email the completed application to:

Zone 24 applications: PDG Joan Hayward; rhayward@sympatico.ca

Zone 32 applications: PDG Marty Helman; martyrotary@gmail.com

The award honors the contributions of Halifax Rotarian Donald MacRae who, at the International Convention in 1918, proposed that Rotary become an agent for the promotion of goodwill and peace among nations. This was the first time that an international vision of Rotary was publically expressed.

Jeffry's Journey

On the Road ...

Oh my. Many things begin to occur once the word gets out that someone has been selected to serve on the Rotary International Board of Directors. One of them is a dramatic (understated) increase in the invitations to speak, appear, participate in an activity, or attend a meeting somewhere. It is one of the welcomed and gratifying benefits that come with the job. An opportunity to travel here and there and meet with and speak with Rotarians who are on the front lines doing the good work of our organization.

I haven't (yet) double booked myself to be in two places at the same time nor have I (yet) forgotten to place an event on my calendar which would result in that dreaded phone call that starts out, "Where are you?"

I also haven't (yet) stood up and said hello to the wrong district number or mentioned how nice it was to be in (insert a town) only to find out that wasn't actually the place I was currently in.

I will admit to occasionally waking up from a dream in a sweat experiencing any and all of the above.

Many thanks for the incredible hospitality that has been offered up from the places we have been to this point and thanks in advance for the experiences that are ahead in the next couple of month as the Rotary year comes to a close.

The dedication and commitment of all of you who serve in positions of leadership is a remarkable thing to observe. Know that it is appreciated. It supports our clubs which is the one place where the true work of Rotary occurs.

We accomplish so much more collectively than any of us could do individually. A team of like-minded, grassroots humanitarians doing good in the world.

I have to run now. I'm off to (insert a town) in District (insert a number). I know that because I have it written on my hand with a ball point pen.

Thank you for this amazing opportunity.



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Women in Rotary Event in Atlanta

WHEN: Tuesday, June 13,
from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Carter Presidential Center, 435 Freedom Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30307

TICKETS: Purchase online for \$60 + fees: www.goo.gl/2c7iFk

FMI: www.rotary6270.org



Please join us as we present the Inaugural Women in Rotary Award!

Highlighting the event will be five guest speakers touching on specific topics with the goal of inspiring and helping women while on their journey in Rotary, and to help women become more involved in Rotary. These speakers are: Charlotte Ahlberg, Dean Rohrs, Jennifer Scott, Nick Krayacich and Sylvia Whitlock.

After the presentations, the speakers will be available to answer audience questions.

Northeast PETS Leaders Act To Transition Rotaractors to Rotary

By Carolyn Johnson, Assistant Coordinator, Zone 32

Nearly every conversation about Rotary membership talks about a desire to involve young professionals. What do young professionals want in a Rotary club or how can clubs be more attractive to them? Yet fewer than 10 percent of the 290,000 Rotaractors worldwide actually join Rotary. We clearly have work to do. At the 2017 Northeast PETS, the District Governors-elect decided to move the conversation to action.

Rotarians themselves, shared talents perfect to enhancing these conversations and helped reinforce the message of how (and why!) to become involved with Rotary. The closing general session was a panel discussion of our young Rotarian keynote speakers and Rotaractors.

What was the result? Energy! Involvement!! And a call to lead! Perhaps the strongest message to club and District leaders is that



The eight Governors-elect each invited one Rotaract leader from their District to attend PETS. It was a decision that proved to be a challenge from the start. Some Governors-elect realized that their data was weak: Clubs had disbanded, or contacts were missing. Interaction with Rotary clubs was found too often to be minimal. Yet without strong connections, how can Rotaractors possibly know (and experience?) the potential of Rotary -- and how can we possibly expect a significant rate of transition? First lesson learned: we need to better connected to Rotaract!

The plan for the Rotaractors at PETS was three-fold.

- ◆ The Rotaract leaders would participate in sessions alongside Presidents-elect. This resulted in learning opportunities for PEs to consider options and opportunities in their own clubs and provided great leadership training for the Rotaractors.
- ◆ General session programs featured younger Rotarians as speakers who shared their stories and passion. This provided great inspiration for PEs and Rotaractors alike.
- ◆ Time was designated for the Rotaractors to engage in their own conversations. Our keynote speakers, as younger Ro-

tary must be relevant and have the ability to be spontaneous. People want to get things done, and use their time productively. Rotary clubs — if they are to attract and engage members — must be able to act on ideas quickly.

My strongest takeaway was that Rotary International's support for club and member flexibility reflects how our thinking must evolve in order for local clubs to flourish. Rather than trying to change clubs with strong traditions that may not appeal to potential Rotarians, our efforts would be better placed in supporting new clubs that take a different approach to how they function.

Next steps: Our PETS Governors-elect will each develop a plan to form strong liaisons with Rotaract clubs and leaders. Next, we will develop a networking group among Rotaractors who participated this year's PETS. They will become a resource for new clubs (or advising existing clubs that truly want to make changes to attract a wider audience).

Where will this lead? We'll have to see. But the first steps were taken to progress from *talking* about expanding membership to actually *doing* something about it.

Next Generation

Interactors Build a House And Learn About Themselves

By Ariane Carriere, D-7040 Interact Chair

What did you do during your spring break? If you were an Interactor in District 7040, you had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala to work with Common Hope, an organization that makes education possible for impoverished children and families in that country. Fifteen of us -- 11 students and 4 adults — left Montreal in mid-March. We traveled well laden: We carried 30 suitcases filled with donations!.

Monday, our work started. Everyone was given a choice of activities each day. Students could choose to visit one of the artisans of the region at work — including tortilla making, silversmithing, and ceramics. Others helped at



While we were in Guatemala, we visited a school sponsored by Common Hope. Education is at the heart of its work, and Common Hope believes a



the daycare and the library. Two of us unpacked the suitcases with donations. There was also site maintenance to do. But most important, we built a house!

It's a simple house, with cement floor, cement board panels and a corrugated tin roof. It has no electricity or water. Yet for the family that now lives there, it is a palace. The floor was poured on Tuesday, and at the shop area we made panels for the walls. Everything had to be taken to the build site. The best part of that, according to the Vision Team members, was riding in the back of a pick-up truck (see photo at top)! On Friday afternoon, all was completed and we had the house blessing. Because we were an all-Canadian team, we presented the family with a Canadian flag, signed by all the team members.

comprehensive approach to human development is critical to help students reach their full potential. For this reason, it offers integrated programs in education, health care, housing, and family development. The children in San Miguel Milpas Altas loved our visit, as you can see in this short video <https://animoto.com/play/uQNijnnSTy61ot01G5Nt1A> that Common Hope made for us.

Common Hope was started in 1986. Motivated by a desire to help the poor, Dave and Betty Huebsch made the difficult decision to leave their family and friends to see what they could offer in Guatemala. After getting to know impoverished families in the community of Santiago Atitlán, they saw clear ways they could make a real difference. The parents they spoke with said if they could change one thing, it would be to give their children an education—that was their hope for their children's future, if they could only find a way to make it happen. So, Common Hope was created and is now situated near Antigua. You can read more about the program at <http://www.commonhope.org>.

Each group of volunteers that goes for a week, a Vision Team, has an opportunity to come face-to-face with poverty, often to an extent not experienced before. I asked a couple of the students who lived nearby to come and talk at a session at the District 7040 Training Assembly. They blew me away when they started talking about the culture shock they had gone through, and they were much more open about their experiences when they reached home than they had been when they arrived in Guatemala. The whole experience really made an impression on them, and on the whole team.

Sustainability Assured

Our focus of the VTT was on sustainability and ability of the teachers to continue with what they had learned.

We met with the Dean of a local university who asked to review the curriculum we were using with the teachers. Based on this review and observation of our training sessions, the university approved the curriculum as a certificate program. The Certification was awarded to the participating teachers two days before we left, and we have now been asked to deliver the same program to 23 other schools in this area.

We discussed with the university the need for on-the-ground monitoring; an agreement has been reached that they will assist with sustainability by regular visits to the school and a check on the students' progress.

Our own follow-up includes ongoing communication via social media. GotoMeetings are also scheduled bi-monthly to discuss progress and additional support that the teachers may need.

The key to our success included:

- ◆ Contacts and needs assessment direct from the school and community.
- ◆ Support from The Rotary Foundation.
- ◆ A team of experts to address specific issues.
- ◆ A strong focus on sustainability.

While we are all back home now, our rewards continue with regular updates and pictures from the teachers of Joya Verde School. We can do amazing projects to change lives through our Foundation.

—Eva Vida

Foundation Facts

A VTT to Teach the Teachers in Guatemala

By Eva Vida, Assistant Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Zone 24 West

In February, five retired teachers joined me on a journey to Guatemala to introduce local teachers to the concept of interactive learning. We were headed for Joya Verde, a small community of about 100 families near Guatemala City. Our Rotary Global Grant allowed us to organize a Vocational Training Team to fund this experience.

In one sense this was the start of our journey, but the project actually began almost a year prior, with communication between our host club, Rotary Club Norte, from Guatemala City in District 4250, and the school, community and a group of passionate people on the ground in District 5550 (Winnipeg).

Teachers at the Joya Verde school completed a needs assessment; the District 5550 team was selected, and we did lesson planning to fulfill the identified needs. All was prepared well in advance of our departure. The main purpose of the visit would be to focus on the Guatemala teachers, to equip them with techniques that would engage and motivate students to both learn more and want to attend school.



The assessment had indicated high failure rates in some of the grades and low marks in mathematics and reading comprehension. In addition, children sometimes did not want or were not encouraged to attend school and absentee rates were high. The Canadian teachers were each assigned to work on specific areas and they researched and developed activities to support each of these areas.

We arrived late at night and were greeted enthusiastically by Rotarians from our sponsor club. They were eager to meet us and wanted to ensure we were safely delivered to our hotel after a long journey from Winnipeg.

Our work started with a special meeting with our host club, then we set off to the school for a meeting with the community, the teachers and the local minister of education. They were somewhat leery of our presence, but we promised and delivered food which brought out a small crowd interested in hearing what we had to say.

Our routine for the next month included daily attendance at school, observation of teachers in action, introduction and demonstration of new techniques, followed by additional meetings with the teachers after school. School started at 7:30 in the morning and we often worked until 7 or 8 at night ending with an assessment of the day and preparation for the next day.

We found that the assessment we received was only a portion of what was in fact needed. Flexibility and ability to adapt to the real situation was key. We quickly determined the school was in need of organization, leadership and team building tools.

The teachers, students and community had become our friends and were eager to learn and embraced all that we had to offer.

Talking About Ability — Not Disability

By Pat Killoran, Zone 24 West PolioPlus Coordinator

Let me introduce you to Gabor (Gaby) Gasztonyi, a remarkable Rotarian from District 5040 who just happens to be a polio survivor.

So often, when we feature speakers or articles about polio, we attempt to demonstrate the negative impact that the disease has on people and lives. We tend to focus on the wheelchair and the crutches because it is important that we continue to generate support to rid the world of the disease. In doing so, it is easy to overlook the abilities of our subjects in favour of their disabilities.

many years. He came home from the trip with the goal is to create an outdoor basketball court for these children, so they can play wheelchair basketball, which is an international paralympic sport.

He says, “This will provide the children with self-esteem, exercise and energy to strengthen their bodies.”

Gabor is a professional photographer, and with his wife, Judith Copeland, he operates a photographic studio and art gallery in New Westminster.



Gaby Gasztonyi with fellow Rotarians (above) and his award-winning photo (right) of children in Ethiopia.

Gaby Gasztonyi, shown in the photo at right with fellow Rotarians, is a polio survivor. But let's park that thought for a moment and let's talk about Gaby's abilities.

Gaby Gasztonyi is a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of New Westminster, BC (District 5040).

In June 2015, he coordinated the polio walk in New Westminster. This was a big walk that raised \$4000 CAD for polio. At that time, the money was matched by both the Government of Canada and The Gates Foundation and generated \$15,000 USD for the polio campaign.

Gaby participated in a National Immunization Day in the Somali Region of Ethiopia in 2015, personally vaccinating 150 children a day.

He became quite involved in the Cheshire Homes Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the NID, he visited there, to meet children who had had polio. He introduced them to wheelchair basketball — a game he coaches and has played in Canada for

His work has been acclaimed by many — notably his photographic book “A Room in the City” about the Vancouver Downtown East Side. Known for his work as a portrait and documentary photographer, his current projects include native rodeo in BC, Sudanese refugees to Canada, and a follow-up to “A Room in the City” with a recent exhibition “Hastings: A Second Look”. You can view more of his photos on his website: www.gaborphotography.com.

Last year, Gaby won awards in the Rotary International Photo Contest in two categories, including first prize with the image of children in Ethiopia awaiting vaccination for polio (shown above left). It is interesting that, while his involvement in NIDs and polio walks clearly indicate that Gaby is interested in ridding the world of polio, he has also focused on the needs and opportunities for polio survivors like himself.

We expect there could be much more to this story, but for now let us be proud and thankful for the abilities of Rotarian Gabor Gasztonyi.

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Foundation Centennial



Creating a University for Peace

Excerpts from “Doing Good in the World,” the history of The Rotary Foundation written by District Governor Dave Forward, are appearing in this space on an ongoing basis to help celebrate the Centennial of The Rotary Foundation.

This month’s excerpt, from page 158 and following, tells how RI president Rajendra Saboo first came up with the idea of creating the Rotary Peace Centers and how the Trustees enthusiastically moved the plan into action.

What if Rotary were to provide a center for practicing peace-building and conflict resolution? Could it train a cadre of committed, working peacemakers to become effective advocates for peace and conflict resolution on the global stage?

Rotary leaders had proposed founding a university to promote peace time and again, but the idea had never gained traction until the 1995-96 Rotary year. Two friends, Trustee Chair-elect Rajendra K. Saboo and RI President-elect Luis Gaij, discussed Gaij’s idea of using some major project to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Paul Harris’s death in 1997.

As Saboo walked through Northwestern University in Evanston, he thought, “Maybe it’s time for us to start a school of peace and conflict resolution in Paul Harris’ name.” He thought that establishing a school or center at an existing institution, rather than founding an entire university, would be more feasible. He proposed the idea to Gaij.

He recalls, “I called Bill Skelton, ... as I considered him a mentor as well as a university educator. Then I spoke to [Trustee Chair] Paulo V.C. Costa. He refined the idea and told me, ‘Raja, it’s a great idea! It’s workable.’ I introduced it at the April 1996 Trustees meeting and everybody was so excited they said, ‘Let’s make a decision right now.’ ... The Trustees authorized me to form a committee. Bill Skelton suggested Cliff Dochterman, [Past District Governors] E.T. York and Virginia Nordby, and myself. The committee came up with a proposal, which I presented to the October 1996 Trustees meeting. They adopted the plan in principle and appointed a special committee to develop it.

Saboo says that creating the Rotary Centers for International Studies, now called the Rotary Peace Centers, “became a passion with me.” The next year, the Trustees earmarked a portion of the surplus from the World Fund for the centers, anticipating that the program would become operative.

In April 1999, the Trustees approved the creation of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, in what was to be a watershed moment in the Foundation’s history.



Two senior Rotary leaders, Rajendra Saboo (top) and Luis Gaij (bottom) developed the idea of a Rotary Peace University.

Rotary's "String of Pearls"

Dave Forward, author of the Foundation Centennial book, "Doing Good in the World" and twice governor of D-7500, has done it again! His latest book tells the story of two dozen Rotary Peace Fellows, and how Rotary has given these committed people the education they need to go out and make a difference in the world. In this book you will meet:

Anne Riechert — who is working with German employers to develop vocational training for Syrian refugees.

Lyttelton Braima, a former child refugee from Sierra Leone and now working for justice in West Africa.

Stephanie Woollard — who has started a foundation, Seven Women, that employs hundreds of disabled women in Nepal.

N.K. Ko — a former political prisoner in Myanmar, who is working to transition his country to democracy.

Maria Effendi — who is a faculty member of Pakistan's war college, teaching conflict resolution techniques to senior army officers.

Kevin Melton — who is teaching peacekeeping while embedded with troops in Afghanistan.

Rebecca Bartlett — an RN who is developing an app to provide refugees with medical resources and information.

Path Heang — who grew up under the Khmer Rouge and is now working to rebuild his native Cambodia.

And many more. Thanks to a grant that paid for production and printing and the pro bono involvement of everyone concerned, every dollar raised by the sale of the book will be donated to the Rotary Peace Centers.

The book will be debuted in the Foundation booth at the House of Friendship in Atlanta; to reserve your pre-publication copy, go to www.RotaryStringOfPearls.com.

—Marty Peak Helman

Rotary Peace Centers

Let Peace Begin With Me

By Governor Dave Forward, District 7500

A skeptic might argue that it is ridiculous for a humanitarian and voluntary service organization like Rotary to even suggest that it could be a force for peace in the world — after all, unlike the UN, it has no armies or tanks or fighter jets to impose "no fly zones." Those same skeptics three decades ago argued that this same Rotary was foolish to believe it could help eradicate a deadly disease that was being contracted by 350,000 children every year in 125 countries. ...

The course to peace Rotary has charted is through education.

"Think of it: We have only had 14 graduating classes so far, and we already have 1,000 Fellows in the alumni network," said Lauren Coffaro, a December 2016 graduate at Bradford. ... "All of these people had an incredible education, tremendous field experience, and a burning passion to do good in the world as peacemakers. ..."



This concept of peace education begins with understating the root causes of conflict. Put simply, conflict stems from anger, anger comes from frustration, and frustration is a direct result of disappointment and unmet expectations. So the first step in resolving conflict — or avoiding it in the first place — is to understand the expectations and positions of the stakeholders. ...

Lauren's belief: That conflict resolution is both a global and a local issue was certainly brought to our attention when we witnessed communities in London, Paris, Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, erupt in flames and urban violence after minority citizens felt they were mistreated by the police. That's why police forces in Australia, Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. have encouraged some of their senior law enforcement officers to attend the Rotary Peace Centers to understand the causes of urban unrest and how to better communicate with the community to avoid conflict before it starts.

One such person is D.F. Pace of the Philadelphia Police Department, who was a member of the Chulalongkorn class that began in June 2011. He was one of 17 Peace Fellows from 14 countries in his cohort, and says, "The entire educational experience was amazing. ... It is not a program just designed for 12 weeks of active learning. You need to have a mindset on how you are going to study with the outcomes of what you will apply from the course to your project or line of work when you return home. I chose the theme, "Bridging the gap between inner city minorities communities and the Philadelphia Police Department." This was long before the headlines ... but I had already seen the rumblings of potential problems that were to come."

Excerpted from the Conclusion to "A String of Pearls." The about-to-be-released book tells the stories of Rotary Peace Fellows who are making a difference in the world. The book, written by Governor Dave Forward (D-7500) will debut at the Convention in Atlanta. You can pre-order your copy at www.RotaryStringOfPearls.com. Best of all, 100 percent of the purchase price goes to Rotary Peace Centers program.

Assistance Needed to Complete Canada's Centennial Project

By PDG Dave Robinson, District 5050

Rotarians believe that education for all is the foundation for understanding and peace throughout the world.

In 2008, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) approached Rotary to be a partner in an initiative to improve education and economic growth for Afghan citizens with an emphasis on women and girls.

To celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Canada, a project to build a school with CIDA funding support in Afghanistan was developed

require maintenance of approximately US\$400 per month.

This is our project and it needs our help! We are asking each District in Zone 24 (donations from Zone 32 Districts are most welcome as well!) to contribute US\$1,000 or more which would allow these programs to continue for three more years when Rotary financial assistance is planned to cease. This is a one-time request. If you have not already done so it is suggested that each club be asked to donate \$50 or even \$25 to raise the funds.



Girls gather in front of a rudimentary school building, and attend class without so much as a place to sit or write (left). This changed when Canada's Centennial Project resulted in a state-of-the-art facility that now requires a final infusion of cash to keep the solar panels humming.

and approved unanimously by then Rotary Zone 22's 2009-10 District Governor-elects.

The project was based on a long-time favourable working relationship that had been established with the Nangahar Department of Education. They were involved in the planning and implementation of the school. The community continues to be involved and has pledged ongoing support to ensure the school's sustainability.

The school for approximately 4000 students, half of whom are girls, is doing capacity building in the individual participants and has been regarded by the Government of Canada as perhaps the best project undertaken between CIDA and Rotary.

Some of the programs of the school require the operation of generators and solar panels. These are used to operate computers that the students use to communicate with fellow students in Canada and the U.S. These generators and solar panels

This school is yet another example of Rotary's development work that has been undertaken to shift Afghanistan from poverty and conflict to prosperity and peace. It has been said that:

***If you want to touch the past, you touch a rock.
If you want to touch the present, you touch a flower.
If you want to touch the future, you touch a life.***

This school touches the future as many, many lives are being enriched by what they are taught there.

***Please send your non-receiptable donations for this project to:
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Thank you for your favourable consideration of this important request and for all that you do for Rotary.

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Membership

Little Club, Big Community Impact

By Eloise Bennett, RC of Harlem

Turning 50 is a big milestone for all of us -- and especially for the Rotary Club of Harlem. Proud of its history of service and impact in the community, our club has a lot to celebrate!

Founded in 1966 with the encouragement of David Rockefeller, Rotary Club of Harlem has had a strong commitment to making the Rotary International missions part of its local vision.

The Rotary Club of Harlem's history is steeped in the tradition of service — founding members were active leaders in the U.S. Civil Rights movement. This small club led the charge in one of the biggest changes ever seen in Rotary International's bylaws: permitting women to become Rotarians.



That approach of a small club with big vision has not changed. In fact, it's getting newly energized by a growth in membership. Harlem Rotary has added five new members since September. A brand-new member comments, "I joined because there is passion and commitment to Service above Self in this club. Members of all ages and walks of life working together. It's inspiring!"

Recent project ideas have all been birthed out of needs seen in the community. A multi-school Read Across America event held on March 2, is part of our commitment to literacy development. The second event of its kind, club members visited four

schools in Harlem and the Bronx. We led children in reading aloud in classrooms, shared the importance of literacy, and delivered nearly a thousand new or nearly-new books for students to take home.

Our "Healthy Harlem" initiative is similarly born from the needs voiced by the community. Based on feedback from local area schools, this annual event organizes interactive community workshops at local schools to educate parents and students on practicing healthy lifestyles. Emphasizing simplicity, students and families have an opportunity to interact, learn, and create personal change.

Iris House, a local support and education center for women and families affected by HIV/AIDS is another of our valued partners. We work with them serving food to the community, hosting holiday arts and crafts parties for the families, and spreading HIV education. We also partnered with Gather 4 Good to distribute "Blessing Bags" to the adult clients. These are filled with toiletries and necessary supplies for the cold New York winter.

On May 5, 2017, we will celebrate fifty years of service with our "Harlem Nights" Gala at the historic Alhambra Ballroom. We hope you can join the celebration! For tickets and more information visit <http://harlemrotary.wordpress.com>

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 15, 2017—Deadline for applications for 2017 Donald MacRae Peace Award. See Zone website for details and application form.

Sunday, June 11, 2017 — Beyond Borders Dinner, Atlanta Aquarium.
SOLD OUT!

June 10-14, 2017 — 2017 Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, GA. FMI: www.riconvention.org.

October 16-22, 2017 — Zone Institute, Hartford, CT. <http://bit.ly/2017zone>.

November 11, 2017: Rotary UN Day. Please note that the activities normally associated with this day will take place in Geneva this year.

January 14-20, 2018 — International Assembly, San Diego, CA.

February 9-11, 2018 — Presidential Conference on Environmental Sustainability and Peace, Vancouver, BC.
SAVE THE DATE!

June 24-27, 2018 — RI Convention, Toronto. **SAVE THE DATE!**

September 20-22, 2018 — Zone Institute 2017, Montreal. **SAVE THE DATE!**

June 1-5, 2019 — RI Convention, Hamburg, Germany.

June 6-10, 2020 — RI Convention, Honolulu, HI.

Next Year: Toronto!

Excitement is building in the Districts hosting the 2018 Rotary International Convention (6330, 7010, 7040, 7070, 7080 and 7090).

We are putting together our Volunteer Registry to allow Rotarians in the Hosting Districts to volunteer.

Whether it is working on a committee in your area of expertise, acting as an Ambassador welcoming folks to Toronto or being an HOC Venue Ambassador, you will be needed! We will announce the launch of the Registry as soon as it is up and running.

Rotary Events

Don't Miss the Breakouts at the Institute

This year's planned breakout sessions will offer attendees at any stage in their Rotary careers the opportunity to come away inspired and informed. Whether you are currently a District Governor, will be one in the next two years, are a future leader or a Past District Governor, you will be able to choose from a wide array of topics.

#1 Breakout Sessions Friday October 20, 10:15 to 11:25 a.m.

a) Rotary means business: *This is a discussion on setting up a model at the District or Regional level to develop better vocational training for business networking tools and to add value to Rotary membership.*

b) Partners Q & A session: *This session is a panel discussion lead by Juliet Riseley, Rhino Rohrs, Randy Styles and Robert Rau on how Partners can support Rotary.*

c) Social Media – Best Practices: *This is a discussion presented through a list of FAQs on social media.*

d) District Governance: Incorporation or other modes of District Governance.

e) Public Image - Rotary's perception in your community: *What is Rotary's perception in the community and how do we transform from an old boys' club?*

#2 Breakout Sessions Friday October 20, 1:45 to 3:00 p.m.

a) Conflict Resolution workshop #1: *Tools to use for preventing and resolving conflict.*

b) Conflict Resolution workshop #2: *How to develop positive progress throughout the resolution process.*

c) District 7910 Youth Depression Prevention: *A discussion and workshop on how District 7910 has approached the issue of youth depression.*

d) Especially for PDGs – Discussion with RIP Ian Riseley, Trustee Bryn Styles, RID Dean Rohrs and RIDE Jeff Cadorette: *A presentation on tools for PDGs to be more relevant, how PDGs can help build Rotary's legacy, and how PDGs can have positive impact in their districts.*

#3 Breakout Sessions Saturday October 21, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

a) Conflict Resolution workshop (repeated).

b) How to attract and engage younger members.

c) Peace Scholar Presentation: *A discussion of the impact of the Peace Scholar's experience.*

d) WASRAG and other international projects: *Ron Denham and Lonnie Hackett will discuss their water/sanitation and other international projects.*

e) Donald MacRae Award Winner(s): *A discussion of the award winners' project(s) and passion.*

**Please note that some of these sessions are subject to change*

Sponsoring a breakout session is an ideal way for a Rotary Club or District to let other Rotarians learn about what your club or District has accomplished. To sponsor a breakout session, go to: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/SitePage/2017-hartford-institute-zones-24-32/2017-zone-sponsorship-opportunities>.