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Be a gift to the world

Be a Gift to the World ... An appropriate theme for this time of year

Last January, President Ravi asked all of us to *Be a Gift to the World* and it seems there's no better month than December to put that theme into action. So many of us have seen the impact of our Rotary Foundation gifts and know that our gifts from years back continue to have an impact today. And we are just as confident that our gifts today will positively change the future.

Steve and I had the good fortune in November to visit D-3770, in the Philippines. We visited the schools of two teachers who were part of a Vocational Training Team to D-7930 in Massachusetts in May 2013. There we were able to see the impact that our contributions to the Foundation were having on students and teachers two and a half years after the VTT experience. The teachers were using instructional strategies and materials they obtained during their time in D-7930 and students were actively engaged in hands-on science lessons. It was especially rewarding to see young girls excited to share their knowledge about science experiments.

At the same time, we saw so much need in these schools. The need for school uniforms, school supplies, and school equipment. And although there is plenty of ground water, they desperately need water pumps and purification systems in these schools. Every school we visited was so very grateful for the support they had from The Rotary Foundation; but when asked, they asked for clean water for their school. Water that they treat as a precious commodity; they capture brown water for other uses; nothing goes to waste.

I'm positive that this scenario is not unique to the Philippines and the VTT team from D-7930. Many of you could replace the country and the district number and share a similar story. That's the beauty of our gifts to The Rotary Foundation.

And the good news is that *Tuesday, December 1st* has been designated as *Give Back Tuesday* and as Rotarians we have way in which we can give a gift that continues to do good, this year and in the years to come. When we give to our Rotary Foundation, we can provide mosquito nets (\$10), school supplies, textbooks, school uniforms (\$25), water filters, wheelchairs, sanitation facilities, sewing machines (\$100), farm animals, and the skills for men and women to provide for themselves.

So, again this year I'm asking that, during the month of December, we all take a moment and add one more gift to our list. That we be and give *the gift of Rotary* to the rest of the world. It's easy. All you need to do is turn to pages 34 & 35 of the December issue of the *Rotarian* and identify the gift you want to give, fill out the form and send it in to our Foundation (and of course you can do this on-line too). I know I just asked you to make your gift list just a bit longer, but I promise you, it's the one gift that won't be returned and will be the gift that is appreciated for years to come. It's the one gift that will be received in the true spirit of the season.

Steve and I want to wish all of you and your family a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. It's the time of year when we can truly *Be a Gift to the World*.

—Julia

2014-15 Grants Roundup

The Rotary Foundation has closed the door on a second full year of the new grants model and there's a lot of good news to report: The Foundation awarded 1,078 global grants in 2014-15, up 24 percent from the previous year's total.

The dollar value of global grants totaled \$64.9 million. The most popular area of focus was disease prevention and treatment, followed closely by water and sanitation.

The Rotary Foundation also awarded 487 district grants, totaling \$23.8 million. And TRF awarded 16 scholarships, totaling about \$500,000, for study at UNESCO-IHE in the Netherlands.

Presidential Conferences

Find new and innovative ways to improve your community by attending one of five presidential conferences this year. The conferences will highlight Rotary's areas of focus. Use these links to learn about each of the programs and to register to attend:

- ◆ [Peace and Conflict Resolution, 15-16 January in Ontario, California](#)
- ◆ [Disease Prevention and Treatment, 19-20 February in Cannes, France](#)
- ◆ [Economic Development, 27 February in Cape Town, South Africa](#)
- ◆ [Literacy and WASH in Schools, 11-13 March in Kolkata, India](#)
- ◆ [WASH in Schools, 18-19 March in Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines](#)

Each conference will be led by local Rotary districts. They will feature engaging speakers, informative general sessions, and hands-on workshops. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow leaders and take away new ideas and strategies to put into action.

Foundation Facts



The Rotary Foundation – Charity of Choice for the Holidays

By Valarie Wafer, Zone 24 East Assistant Rotary Foundation Coordinator

The holidays are just around the corner, a time when families reach out to help those less fortunate in our local communities and abroad.

Sound familiar? As Rotarians we do this every day. When the local news reports a house fire, we jump into action, when the local food bank puts out a call we gather food, we serve meals every week and assist in shelters. It's who we are and what we do naturally.

Do you know how special that is? We take for granted that everyone thinks and acts as Rotarians do, but sadly, this isn't always the case. Little acts of kindness are infectious; we see it everyday in my business when a customer will randomly pay for the coffee order of the stranger behind them. Has this ever happened to you? It puts a smile on our face, a skip in our step and the desire to pass it along or pay it forward.



A donation to The Rotary Foundation is a chance to pay it forward in a very big way. That donation will grow with matching funds, either as a grant or a donation to Polio matched by The Gates Foundation (and Canadian Government).

As Rotarians we are asked often to give. During a presentation to a local Club a member said to me, "We should be inspired to give, not asked to give." Well put — if you do not believe in a charity, DON'T give. In order to believe you must experience or learn. If you have ever had the opportunity to lead a vocational training team, participate in a National Immunization Day, travel to a developing nation on a water and sanitation initiative, and work side by side with other Rotarians you have an inspiring story to tell. Our job is to educate, inspire and engage those new Rotarians in our clubs who have yet to be inspired, who have yet to give.

What is your passion? In Rotary and with The Rotary Foundation we have a chance to make dreams and passions a reality and change the world for the better each day.

Our level of donation is a very personal choice. It should never be a burden, obligation or perceived mandatory admission price to join our great organization. As my friend so aptly said, "We should be inspired to give."

So go out and inspire someone! Pay it forward and make a donation this holiday season to the Rotary Foundation. Just click the "GIVE" button on the rotary.org home page. And don't forget:

Global day of giving - December 1, 2015 #GivingTuesday Get online!

Calendar of Events

January 15-16, 2016 — Presidential Conference—Peace and Conflict Resolution, Ontario, CA. FMI: www.peaceconference2016.org

January 18-23, 2016 — International Institute and Past Officers Reunion, San Diego, CA. FMI: www.peaceconference2016.org and www.rotaryReunion.org.

February 19-20, 2016 — Presidential Conference—Disease Prevention and Treatment, Cannes, France. FMI: www.rotary-conference-cannes2016.org

February 27, 2016 — Presidential Conference — Economic and Community Development, Cape Town, SA. FMI: www.rotarycapetown2016.com

March 12-13, 2016 — Presidential Conference, Literacy and WASH in Schools, Kolkata, India. FMI: www.rotaryteach.org/presidentialconference

March 18-19, 2016 — Presidential Conference, WASH in Schools, Pasay City, Philippines. FMI: www.2016RotaryPresidentialConference-Manila.org

April 11-15, 2016 — Council on Legislation, Evanston.

May 29-June 1, 2016 — RI Convention in Seoul. Beyond Borders dinner: Sunday, May 29. Register: <http://tinyurl.com/BBD2016>.

September 27-October 2, 2016 — Rotary Zone 24-32 Pre-Institute and Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

October 23, 2016 — TRF Centennial Celebration Concert and Dinner in Cleveland, Ohio, the hometown of Arch Klumpf. FMI: www.trf100.org

June 10-14, 2017 — RI Convention, Atlanta, GA.

June 24-27, 2018 — RI Convention, Toronto.

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

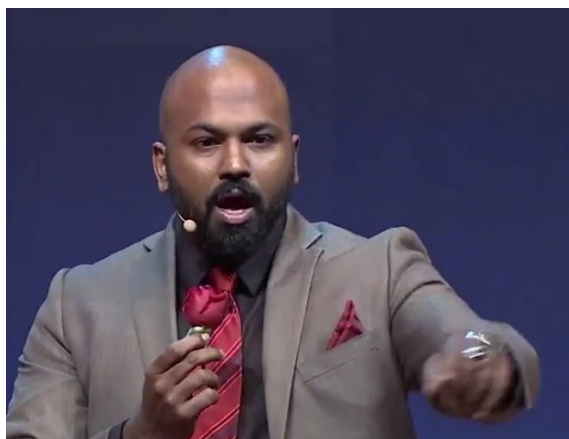
International Convention

Be a Part of History: Join the 2016 Seoul Convention!

By PDG Don Lee, Seoul Convention Zone Coordinator

Get ready for an unforgettable 2016 RI Convention in Seoul, South Korea! Bursting with culture and color, this convention promises to be an extraordinary Rotary celebration that delights all five senses.

Seoul is a modern and vibrant metropolis. Ranked among the top 10 most visited cities in the world, the city blends a rich 600-year-old history – showcased through stunning Royal Palaces, traditional arts, and world-class museums – with the most cutting-edge technology, shopping, and entertainment. Not only is Seoul home to five UNESCO World Heritage sites, but it is also home to leading global technology businesses like Samsung, LG, and Hyundai-KIA. The Host Organizing Committee is hard at work to showcase these diverse wonders of Korea throughout the convention.



This dynamic backdrop is only the beginning. The convention program, which will take place at the world-famous Kintex Center, is shaping up to be one of the best. Already confirmed as a keynote speaker is Unilever CEO, Paul Polman (above right), who has transformed the multinational company into one of the world's most innovative corporations. The convention will offer a rare opportunity to hear directly from this visionary leader about his commitment to sustainability. Other speakers include the 2014 World Champion of Public Speaking, Dananjaya Hettiarachchi (above left), and a panel of great sports champions who will discuss the intersection of sports and ethics.

You will be welcomed by a friendly, warm people to enjoy a safe city that is also one of the most wired and technologically advanced in the world. And of course there is the mouthwatering Korean cuisine! Nowhere else can you enjoy such flavorful foods, like traditional Korean BBQ and Korean bibimbap, a delicious rice dish made with a medley of fresh vegetables. For families, there is Lotte World Adventure, which has the world's second-largest indoor theme park and outdoor amusement park. For nature buffs, Seoul and the surrounding region offers unspoiled nature and hiking. You can even stay at a temple if you seek serenity. In Seoul, there is truly something for everybody.

Finally, the RI Convention offers the special opportunity to gather together with Rotarians from all around the globe. Connect with old friends and make new ones.

Register online at www.riconvention.org by Dec. 15 to lock in savings! (Pricing increases to \$375 after Dec. 15.) The convention takes place May 28 to June 1, 2016.

See you in Seoul!

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Membership Matters

Frame it up For December!

Are You Proud of Your Club's (or District's) Latest Project?

The Rotary Club of Lloydminster, SK, hosted an impromptu dinner to recognize and celebrate the completion of a water well in Nicaragua that had been undertaken by a few members.

Members attending this event were hoping to fund one water well. As the story was shared that evening — a story of changing communities and changing lives — more than \$35,000 was raised. That's enough to complete many more wells.

The Rotary Club of Lloydminster scored a great fellowship, fundraiser, and humanitarian home run! What has your club done recently that makes you equally proud? Frame it up; post it on the Zone FB page: Rotary Zones 24 and 32. For framing help, contact: Sean Hogan, Zone 24W Public Image Coordinator, shogan@buckleyhogan.com.



Join us for the Rotary Zone Institute in September 2016 in Winnipeg. Register now, before the next price increase, and you will be entered into a draw to have dinner with Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Dr. Oscar Arias.

For more information and to register, visit www.rotaryzones24-32.org

Membership Change – 2013 to 2015

District	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014	2015-16				Cumulative Total	
			July 1 2015	Nov 16 2015	# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
					July 1, 2015 to Nov 16 2015		Jul 1, 2013 to Nov 16, 2015	
2225	489	501	446	476	30	5.99%	-13	-2.66%
5010	1774	1726	1686	1715	29	1.68%	-59	-3.33%
5040	1524	1477	1432	1451	19	1.29%	-73	-4.79%
5050	2744	2635	2565	2584	19	0.72%	-160	-5.83%
5060	2712	2582	2653	2717	64	2.48%	5	0.18%
5360	2159	1983	1946	1928	-18	-0.91%	-231	-10.70%
5370	2249	2247	2266	2229	-37	-1.65%	-20	-0.89%
5550	1606	1513	1495	1513	18	1.19%	-93	-5.79%
Total Zone 24W	15,257	14,664	14,489	14,613	124	0.85%	-644	-4.22%
6330	1943	1827	1800	1796	-4	-0.22%	-147	-7.57%
7010	1580	1556	1553	1565	12	0.77%	-15	-0.95%
7040	2075	1915	1886	1890	4	0.21%	-185	-8.92%
7070	2070	2006	2015	2015	0	0.00%	-55	-2.66%
7080	1783	1704	1700	1701	1	0.06%	-82	-4.60%
7090	2483	2411	2323	2338	15	0.62%	-145	-5.84%
7790 ①	1799	1745	1745	1769	24	1.38%	-30	-1.67%
7810	1233	1180	1192	1176	-16	-1.36%	-57	-4.62%
7820	1576	1557	1573	1582	9	0.58%	6	0.38%
Total Zone 24W	16,542	15,901	15,787	15,832	45	0.28%	-710	-4.29%
7210	1727	1643	1646	1642	-4	-0.24%	-85	-4.92%
7230	1502	1376	1283	1292	9	0.65%	-210	-13.98%
7255	1826	1826	1853	1873	20	1.10%	47	2.57%
7390	2435	2335	2338	2348	10	0.43%	-87	-3.57%
7410	1033	1059	1115	1119	4	0.38%	86	8.33%
7430	1894	1768	1755	1749	-6	-0.34%	-145	-7.66%
7450	1607	1508	1485	1500	15	0.99%	-107	-6.66%
7470	1274	1177	1196	1202	6	0.51%	-72	-5.65%
7490	1256	1270	1244	1248	4	0.31%	-8	-0.64%
7500	1201	1158	1145	1174	29	2.50%	-27	-2.25%
7510	1165	1096	1038	1044	6	0.55%	-121	-10.39%
7640	1222	1125	1095	1093	-2	-0.18%	-129	-10.56%
7780	1773	1613	1636	1623	-13	-0.81%	-150	-8.46%
7850 ①	1604	1536	1476	1462	-14	-0.91%	-142	-8.85%
7870	2281	2118	2126	2146	20	0.94%	-135	-5.92%
7890	2288	2155	2096	2123	25	1.16%	-165	-7.21%
7910	1475	1575	1498	1490	-8	-0.51%	15	1.02%
7930	1916	1955	1948	1929	-19	-0.97%	13	0.68%
7950	2462	2315	2263	2255	-8	-0.35%	-207	-8.41%
7980	2362	2209	2218	2203	-15	-0.68%	-159	-6.73%
Total Zone 32	34,303	32,817	32,456	32,515	59	0.18%	-1788	-5.21%
Total 24 & 32	66,102	63,382	62,732	62,960	228	0.36%	-3142	-4.75%

① Reflects transfer of one club from 7850 to 7790, effective 1 July 2015. Data based on official RI reports on dates indicated

A Time for Peace



Inter-Country Committees were the first Rotary structured program dedicated to Peace. ICCs started as an initiative of German and French Rotary Clubs in the years following World War II. The idea was to launch an association of clubs to establish bonds of international friendship and promote peace.

Since then, a network of ICCs has developed in Europe and across the Rotary world.

In their inception, ICCs developed sister clubs to help build a spirit of tolerance across political boundaries. Soon, Rotarians, clubs and District leaders realized that by working together on common projects, actions and initiatives, communication would improve and mutual understanding grow, and peace would be promoted.

Today, the goal of Inter-Country Committees is to concentrate on bilateral humanitarian and peace efforts via programs and initiatives that fit within Rotary's strategic plan. ICCs provide local expertise, while encouraging more clubs and Districts to join and bringing new ideas to fruition. ICCs work together to:

- Cooperate on international service projects.
- Sponsor new Rotary clubs.
- Develop a sister or twin club network.
- Create Rotary Friendship Exchanges.

Inter-Country Committees have grown far beyond their European base. Close to 250 ICCs in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North and South America are currently in existence, taking advantage of all Rotary International programs and initiatives with a priority on those that can prepare the ground for peace between and within nations.

Peace and Conflict Resolution



Intra-Country Committees Give Peace a Chance

By Nevine Yassa, ICC National Coordinator of Canada

An Inter-Country Committee has been started between Districts 7070 and 7810 in Canada and Egypt's District 2451.

Inter-Country Committees (ICC) are a way to build a strategic and long-term relationship between Rotarians in two countries. The objective is to promote working relationships and assist each other to learn about their respective countries and cultures.

Through hands-on projects, ICCs create a platform of peace between countries not only in the same region but even beyond. Sister clubs are at the backbone of ICCs, and we are currently working to establish sister clubs between Canada and Turkey as well as between Canada and Italy. Once sister clubs are established, we will be able to create closer ties by coordinating projects, friendship and peace between Rotarians, Districts and Clubs in different countries and even different continents. Rotaractors are also encouraged to participate.

Rotarians from both Canada and Egypt signed the proclamation that acknowledges and anticipates future bilateral cooperation. I also attended the Inter-Country Executive Council which took place in Evanston, where the signed proclamation was presented to the Executive Council of Inter-Country Committees, and where the photo above was taken.

One of the proposals that evolved in Evanston was presented by PDG Anton Polsterer, from District 1910 in Austria. This is a competitive program for bilateral club activities through initiatives that fit into Rotary's six Areas of Focus. The goal is to create an environment for peace by improving mutual understanding between peoples of two countries. This proposal has been forwarded to Districts 7070 and 7810.

Later, I traveled to Egypt and met with Inter-Country Committee coordinators to develop projects between our countries. A draft proposal is in the works regarding possible water and sanitation projects, as well as an economic and community development project to take place in Egypt. The proposed projects will be sent to both Districts with the intention to attracting interest from clubs that might want to participate in their implementation.

We look forward to seeing more districts being involved in ICCs from around the world promoting our main goal which is Peace.

To learn more about Rotary's Intra-Country Committees, go to www.rotary-icc.org. Nevine Yassa is a member of the Rotary Club of Scarborough, Ontario, District 7070.

Remaining Vigilant

In 2015, 56 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan), compared with 290 cases from nine countries during the same period in 2014.

However, the risks posed in remaining vaccination coverage gaps are becoming more evident. On rare occasions, circulating vaccine-derived polio viruses can emerge. This is not a side effect of the oral polio vaccine, but rather, an effect of low vaccination coverage in a community.

Though typically less virulent than wild polio virus, this year these strains are causing paralysis at rates greater than wild poliovirus. — Floyd Lancia

Commitment to PolioPlus



David Forward, Governor of District 7500 and realtor by profession, has been chosen by the New Jersey Association of Realtors to be their 2015 Good Neighbor

Award first-place recipient. In making the announcement, the association cited Dave's long-time commitment to PolioPlus, including organizing several NIDs.

The designation comes with a \$2,500 cash award, which Dave will designate to PolioPlus.

Dave's commitment to Polio Plus starts close at home: Earlier this year he asked his clubs to each contribute the money they would otherwise spend on the meal at a Rotary meeting to PolioPlus. Every single club in his District joined in on the fun and fundraiser!

Governor Dave is known throughout the Rotary world as the author of *A Century of Service*, published in time for the centennial in 2005, and the about-to-be-released, *Doing Good in the World*, which will be published early next year for the Foundation's centennial.

PolioPlus

Rotarians Come Together for Polio!

By Pat Killoran, Zone 24 West Polio Plus Coordinator

Back in 1985, a group of superstars joined together to impress on the world the need for support in Africa. Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie wrote the hit song "We are the World" which was performed by a blockbuster cast of singing superstars to raise \$63 million for the Famine in Africa. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZiORpNSELas>

The song begins with the line "there comes a time when we hear a certain call, when the world must come together as one". Rotary heard that call. Later that same year, Rotary superstars — led by RI President Dr. Carlos Consec and New Horizons Chairman Cliff Dochterman — announced the Polio Plus Campaign and the objective to raise \$120 million to rid the world of Polio. In two years they raised \$240 million.

Now 30 years later, it is our turn. Our first worldwide project and Rotary's number one priority is "this close" to reality. Rotary and its partners have heard the worldwide call and continue to work together to fulfill the dream.



On World Polio Day, Rotary challenged all of us to be advocates to our communities on the eradication effort. Here are some great examples that took place in Zone 24 West.

The Mayor of the City of Brandon, MB, formally proclaimed October 24 "World Polio Day" in that city.

Polio Survivor Karen Reimer, who also suffers from Post Polio Syndrome, spoke at City Hall at the culmination of the Polio walk in Lethbridge, AB, and is shown receiving an End Polio Now pin.

Headlines in the local newspaper announced a "Huge Event" and introduced an impressive page of articles and pictures on the eradication campaign as Wolfgang Paasche and the Rotary Club of 100 Mile House, BC, raised community awareness.

What's a bottle of Irish Whiskey worth?

In the Rotary Club of Squamish, BC, it's worth over 5000 polio vaccinations! The club auctioned the bottle for \$900 to support the polio cause.

Rotaract too! Not to be outdone, the Rotaract Club at the University of Lethbridge, AB, led by Katelyn de Boer, sponsored a "Pour One Out For Polio" event, raising \$1146.

The Major Junior Hockey team of Red Deer, AB, offered free tickets to their game against Medicine Hat on October 23 in return for a \$20 contribution to The End Polio Now Campaign.

Golfun (you got it ... a fun golf event) in District 5050 (BC and WA) this year raised \$38,000 for Polio as well as \$28,000 for the Annual Fund. Wow!

Thank you to all who contribute in one way or another to the End Polio Now campaign.

Isn't it great to be a Rotarian?

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Public Image

Awareness on Human Trafficking: The Power of a Rotary Action Group

The 2014 kidnapping of over 275 Nigerian schoolgirls by Boko Haram hit then-Governor Nominee Sheila Rollins hard. She is a mental health counselor who works with troubled teens, and she felt an urgent need to **do** something. That's when Sheila discovered the strength of Rotary Action Groups.

Sheila educated herself on the broader topic of human trafficking, got involved with the then brand-new Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery, and realized that trafficking is as significant a problem throughout North America as it is in Nigeria and the developing world. She also shared her concerns with some PDGs, and met with some resistance: That's your personal issue, she was told. It's not a Rotary concern.

That's when Sheila decided that educating Rotarians about human trafficking would be part of her message as District 7780's governor.

At Halloween, Rotarians from across the District came together to "Dress Up to Drive Out Human Trafficking." "The idea was to demonstrate that it's

possible to have fun while supporting a serious cause," said Governor Sheila. "I was thrilled at how receptive the crowd was to the concept of a costume party to combat a huge problem in our midst. Quite a few non-Rotarians came as well, which is always a plus. We switched back and forth between dancing music and very moving, heart-felt speakers and the result was just what we'd hoped for."

Dee Clark, a local trafficking survivor, held the crowd spellbound with disturbing accounts of her experiences from the age of 12 as a captive worker in the sex trade. She is the founder of "Survivors Speak" which strives to counter this practice through education, Intervention, and assistance. Rotarian and author Carol Metzker also spoke. "Sex slavery is quiet," says Metzker, who was charter president of the Rotary e-Club of One World. "It's dark, slimy stuff, and it's going to take everybody [to solve it]." Metzker is the author of *Facing the Monster* (2012), a book that offers tools individuals can use to make a difference when it comes to child slavery. Also that evening, a silent auction raised funds for two local anti-trafficking organizations.

The event was publicized on Maine public television, the Portland, ME newspapers (including a half-page review in the Sunday paper), and on social media. "I am so grateful to all the volunteers and organizers who put so much time and effort into this event," said Governor Sheila. "It is always gratifying to see what Rotarians can accomplish!"

Back in 2014, when Sheila became a human trafficking activist, the problem was not commonly discussed. That is now changing: Human trafficking is frequently in the news and was even discussed in a special panel at Rotary UN Day last month.

What about you? Are you passionate about a specific social need or humanitarian concern? There just might be a Rotary Action Group out there that will help you get involved.



Rotary Shines on NBC's Today Show



"Wouldn't it be great if we could come up with a big visibility event with our whole zone?" RI Director Jennifer Jones asked. PDG Elise Cadigan (D-6420) answered, "I went to the *Today* show in New York City. We could try to get on the *Today* show."

The popular NBC morning news show turned down Rotary's request. But that was NOT the end of it.

Each morning, fans of the *Today* show gather outside the Rockefeller Center studio, and some are lucky enough to get interviewed. That was Plan B. PDG Patricia Merryweather-Arges (D-6450) suggested that, in order to gain the cameraman's eye, everyone should wear Rotary colors. And so, orders for bright red aprons with the "End Polio Now" logo were taken as attendees registered for UN Day.



As the Rotarians gathered in front of the *Today* show offices, they agreed that if they caught a newscaster's attention, Director Jennifer would serve as Rotary spokesperson. And indeed, they caught the cameraman's eye. He came over and said, "What's this about polio? My aunt had polio."

That's all Director Jennifer needed. She talked about Rotary's primary goal to end polio and that we are only months away from this historic achievement. The cameraman listened. Then he motioned to *Today* show newsman Dylan Dreyer. The newscaster brought his mike over and said, "Tell me about polio." And the interview began.

— Carol Toomey

Zone 32 End Polio Now Coordinator

Rotary UN Day

UN Day Focuses on Women of Action and Women's Issues

Two of the six Rotary Global Women of Action recognized during Rotary Day at the United Nations last month hailed from Zone 32. They were recognized for their dedication and service, which have improved the lives of thousands around the world.

"The women we are honoring here today are leaders in Rotary," said Rotary President K.R. Ravindran. "They are pushing the boundaries of Rotary service, pushing us all to do more, be more, and achieve more."

The women, who were selected by Rotary senior leaders and staff from more than 100 nominees from around the world, included:



Razia Jan, of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, MA, District 7950, has spent decades fighting for girls' educational rights in Afghanistan. She is the founder and director of the Zabuli Education Center, a school that provides free education to more than 480 girls in Deh'Subz, a village located outside Kabul, Afghanistan. "This award is a tremendous honor," said Razia. "As a Rotarian, working among so many who are accomplishing so much, I am deeply touched by this award. I'm excited that new audiences will learn about our successes, despite many obstacles, in educating and empowering impoverished Afghan girls." Razia spoke at the Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo and, more recently, at the Zone Institute in Providence.

PDG Deborah K.W. Walters, of the Rotary Club of Unity, Maine, in District 7790, is a neuroscientist and educator who has served as a director and president of the Board of Safe Passage/ Camino Seguro, a Maine-based nonprofit that provides educational and social services to families who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump community. Safe Passage is also known to our Zone members, as the organization was honored with the Donald MacRae Peace Award at the recent Zone Institute. Deb wasn't available for that presentation, however; she was kayaking (that's correct: kayaking!) from Maine to Guatemala in order to raise money and awareness for the literacy program.



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Clubs Honored with Peace Through Service Award

A new Peace award was presented at Rotary UN Day to those clubs that showed they had accomplished specific Peace projects. Among the honorees were:



Rotary Club of Greater Newburgh, NY,
District 7210

Rotary Club of Saco Bay, Maine,
District 7780

Rotary Club of Wayne, NJ, District 7450

Rotary Club of Teaneck, NJ, District 7490

Rotaract Club of Toronto, ON, District 7070

Rotary UN Day

UN Day Brings Together Rotary Glitterati To Debate Global Humanitarian Issues

More than 1,000 Rotary members, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests gathered at this year's annual event, which celebrated 70 years of partnership between Rotary and the UN. A morning youth session was open to high school students, including members of Rotary's Interact and Youth Exchange programs.



Rotary speakers at the event were led by RI President Ravi Ravindran, shown (top right) catching up on social media with RI Director Jennifer Jones. The agenda highlighted (clockwise) Rotary Peace Fellows Carla Lineback and Darren Moss; Dave McCleary, director of the Rotary Action Group Against Child Slavery; and moderator PDG Joe Lauren, chair of the Rotary International UN Representatives.



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