

"Donald MacRae Peace Award"



(Rotary Zone 22 Proposal)

The Zone 22 Institute in Moncton agreed in principle to establish a Donald MacRae Peace Award to be presented, annually, to an individual or organization for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideals of Rotary as expressed in the *Fourth Object of Rotary*.

The award commemorates the contribution of Halifax Rotarian Donald MacRae (1914-1924), who in a speech to the International Convention in Kansas City in June 1918 proposed that Rotary become an agent for the promotion of goodwill and peace among nations – the first time that this vision of Rotary was expressed publicly. In 1921, as chair of Rotary International's Constitution and By-laws Committee, MacRae had an opportunity to incorporate this vision into the constitution of Rotary. He presented a resolution to the International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, that amended the constitution by *adding the Fourth Object of Rotary*.

Reflecting the vision created by MacRae, the award focuses on advancing international understanding and peace through peace-making efforts or humanitarian activity of international significance. The recipient of the award receives a suitable (plaque? shield? certificate? yet to be determined) presented at the annual Zone Institute.

Any Rotary club or district in Zone 22 is entitled to submit the name of one candidate for the award directly to the Zone 22 Director of Rotary International, who will turn the nominations over to a selection committee

The Moncton Institute created a committee of five PDGs to review the proposal and report its findings to the Zone 22 Institute in Alaska in 2004. Committee members are PDG William McCurdy D-7820; PDG Jim Angus D-7010; PDG John Hemmant D-7070; PDG David Murray D-5580; PDG Monty Audenart D-5360.

The committee is guided by the following terms of reference:

'4th' Object of Rotary

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

- a) determine if the proposed Donald MacRae Peace Award is desirable;
- b) determine an appropriate name for the award;
- c) recommend suitable criteria;
- d) recommend a suitable form for the award (certificate, shield, plaque, crystal);
- e) confirm selection process;
- f) prepare an annual award budget for the Institute;
- g) create a suitable nomination form;
- h) recommend a process for establishing other proposed awards.

Rotarians feeling strongly enough about recognizing this fellow Canadian Rotarian for his significant contribution or who have questions and/or suggestions about the award, should contact

PDG Jim Angus.