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2004 Annual Reunion of Rotary International Past Officers



19 April 2004

TO: Anaheim Past Officer Reunion Participants

It is with great deal of pleasure that we send you the Findings Report and Participants List from the February 2004 Anaheim Past Officers' Reunion. The Findings Committee members have prepared an excellent report of the presentations, questions and answers from each of the Plenary Sessions. It is evident that a great deal of time has been devoted to this Findings Report and we owe a debt of gratitude to each of the Findings Committee members for their excellent work on a "job well done".

Total attendance at this event was 250 Registrants, from 27 Countries and 23 States within the United States. Your contributions as an attendee at this event played an integral part in contributing to the tremendous success of the meeting.

Thank you for attending the Anaheim Past Officer's Reunion and we do look forward to seeing each of you next year in Anaheim at the 2005 Past Officers' Reunion.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Wylie, 2004 Chairman
Anaheim Past Officers Reunion



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ANAHEIM
PAST OFFICERS'
REUNION

February 15-17, 2004
CLARION HOTEL
ANAHEIM RESORT

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2004 PAST OFFICERS' REUNION PARTICIPANT LIST

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2004 PAST OFFICERS' REUNION

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**PRID Sam Greene, District 5240, Advisor
PDG Carol Wylie, District 5280, Chair
PDG Dennis Benko, District 5280, Treasurer
PDG Tony Brockington, District 5500, Marketing, Co-Chair
PDG Brenda Cressey, District 5240, Registrar
PDG Dave Hossler, District 5500, Marketing, Co-Chair
PDG Gene Scarbrough, District 5320, Facilities
PDG Werner Schwarz, District 5160, Publicity
PDG Herb Trumpoldt, District 5320, Secretary & Program**

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PDG Mary Margaret Fleming, District 5230, VIP Liaison
PDG Finis Jeffers, District 5160 Signage, Co-Chair
PDG Rick Mendoza, District 5280, Chief Sgt.-At-Arms
PDG Phyllis Jane Nusz, District 5220, Findings, Co-Chair
PDG Del Raby, District 5130, Signage, Co-Chair
PDG Valerie Scanlan, District 5500, Findings, Co-Chair**

ANAHEIM PAST OFFICERS' REUNION

February 15-17, 2004

**CLARION HOTEL
ANAHEIM RESORT**

Sunday, February 15, 2004

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open, Clarion Hotel

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**Reunion & Fellowship -- Sundowners'
Suite #5-505, Anaheim Hilton & Towers**

Monday, February 16, 2004

7:30 a.m.

Registration Desk Open, Clarion Hotel

7:45 a.m.

**Rotary Sing Along – Kim Wendorff
Orangewood Room, Clarion Hotel**

7:55 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - *Plenary Session I*

**7:55 a.m. -- Opening Activities
PDG Carol Wylie, Chair**

**8:00 - 8:50 a.m., PRIP Cliff Dochterman
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**8:50 - 9:20 a.m., PRIVP Wilf Wilkinson, Chair 2005 Centennial Convention
“2005 Centennial Convention”
PRIVP Lou Piconi, Chair 2005 Convention Promotion
PDG Dick Galitz, Chair 2005 Convention Host Committee
Centennial Planning, Incl. Audience Q & A**

Committee

**9:20 - 10:00 a.m., Panel: “Past Officers Reunion – Past, Present & Future”
Panel Chair: PDG Carol Wylie
Panelists: PRID Sam Greene
PDG Dave Hossler
PDG Werner Schwarz**

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Break

10:45 - 12:10 p.m. – *Plenary Session II*

PRIP Bill Huntley – “Council On Legislation,” Incl. Q & A

12:10 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (Independent – no planned activity)

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. – *Plenary Session III*

**Panel: “Key Rotary Issues for 2004/2005”
Panel Chair: PDG Carol Wylie
PDG Bill Sergeant – Polio Eradication & the future
PDG Bill Cadwallader, Moderator, Literacy
PDG Steve Brown
PDG John Nugent
PDG Werner Schwarz**

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. – Break

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. – *Plenary Session IV*

General Secretary Ed Futa – “Rotary, The State of the Union”
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

No Host Cocktails & Fellowship
Orangewood Room, Clarion Hotel

Musical Interlude – Kim Wendorff

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. – RI President-Elect Dinner

RIPE Glenn Estess, Keynote Speaker
“Plans for the Centennial Year”

Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Rotary Sing Along – Kim Wendorff
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7:55 - 10:00 a. m. – *Plenary Session V*

7:55 a.m. -- Opening Activities
PDG Carol Wylie

8:00 - 9:00 a.m., PRIP Luis Vincente Giay, Foundation Trustees
“Our Rotary Foundation Today And Tomorrow”

9:00 - 10:00 a.m., John T. Osterlund, Foundation Manager
“Current Status Of The Rotary Foundation”

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. – Break

10:30 - 12:00 p.m. – *Plenary Session VI*

10:30 - 11:15 a.m., Jonathan Majiyagbe, President, Rotary International

11:15 - 12:00 p.m., Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, President Nominee, Rotary
International

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – *Plenary Session VII*

12:00 - 12:30 p.m., PRID Toshio Itabashi, Chief Sgt.-At-Arms,
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“On to Osaka”

12:20 - 1:00 p.m., Panel: Past Officers Reunion Audience Commentary
Panel: PDG Carol Wylie, Chair
PDG Dennis Benko
PDG Tony Brockington
PDG Gene Scarbrough

BON VOYAGE**

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF ROTARY INSTITUTES

Presented by:
PRID Sam Greene

The International Institute began in 1937 with the International Assembly and continued annually thereafter, except for 2000 when hotel space problems prevented the holding of the Institute. The Institute that is being held at the International Conventions started in 1989 but did not become an annual event until 1993. Therefore, the granddaddy of all Institutes is the Institute held in conjunction with the International Assembly.

The Zone Institutes were conceived in Australia and were first held in the United States in two Zones in 1965-66. The Institutes were for past and present officers of Rotary International and required annual approval by the Board of Directors.

Hence, the oldest Institutes are those held with the Assembly beginning 66 years ago. The Zone Institutes as a world affair are at best 38 years old. The Institute with the International Convention were not held consistently until 10 years ago.

Prior to 1928 the event now known as the International Assembly was known as the International Council. It was always, however, held for the purpose of training or otherwise assisting the new year's District Governors in carrying out their duties. The Councils were held in Chicago, Illinois, the headquarters of Rotary International, early in the Governor's year. The second week of July was the preferred time. The Council changed its name in 1928 to the Assembly and still met in Chicago.

From 1929 until 1951, the International Assembly was held at or near the Rotary Convention site, immediately before or after the Convention. The change in venue from Chicago was occasioned by the need to avoid the participants coming twice a year to the United States.

In 1949, the International Assembly was first held at Lake Placid, New York. The 1950 Assembly returned to Chicago, but in 1951, Lake Placid was again the site as Rotary finally found home for its' International Assembly. It was to remain there until 1975 when the venue was changed to the Boca Raton Hotel and Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Deterioration of facilities, inadequacy in handling an increasing number of participants and a lack of accessibility all contributed to the decision to relocate. The need for space for Institute participants also was one of the reasons to find another venue.

In 1985 the Assembly moved to the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, and stayed there until 1989. A move from that venue was because the hotel was expanding its operation to the point that Rotary International would no longer have the feeling of exclusivity that the Board of Directors had favored over the years. Also, the facility was isolated with little for the wives to do, at a time when there was not much emphasis on scheduling events for them.

The 1989 Assembly, first scheduled for the Inter-Continental Hotel in San Diego, California, and then rescheduled for Acapulco Princess Hotel in Acapulco, Mexico, was finally held at The Pointe in Phoenix, Arizona. The selection of Phoenix was dictated by circumstances involving a very short time for a decision. The Pointe did not have enough rooms for group discussions and was totally unsuited for the Assembly.

Now, we come to 1990, my year to attend the Assembly. It was held at the Hyatt Regency, Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport, Texas. The hotel, located away from the city, sitting between two runways at a large busy International airport was totally unacceptable. There were limited programs for the wives and our rooms were adjacent to where American Airlines tested their engines during the night. Need I say more.

In 1991, the Assembly and Institute were held at the Hilton Hotel in Anaheim, California. I think a good decision. However, in 1992 the dates for the Assembly could not be worked out with the Hilton. In 1992 the venue was moved to the Crown Hotels in Kansas City, Missouri. From that year forward the Assembly has been at the Anaheim Hilton, Anaheim, California.

The first International Institute was held in conjunction with the International Assembly in 1937. Prior to that time, a number of Past District Governors and their spouses would choose to visit the Assembly site—which was near the Convention site. They were neither invited nor prohibited from attendance. Their presence at the training sessions proved to be disconcerting as they sometimes voluntarily joined the discussions. After the 1936 Assembly at The Inn, Buck Head Falls, Pennsylvania, in the Pocono Mountains, the Rotary International leadership decided some alternate arrangements were necessary. The decision led to the establishment of an International Institute to be held concurrently with the International Assembly. While many noble reasons would be put forward later, the original Institute was established to keep the PDG's away from in-coming governors training sessions.

It is hoped that this background will give the members of the Planning Committee for the 2004 Past Officers' Reunion some sound reasons for continuing the Institute in conjunction with the Assembly. Or, it might be called a Reunion of Past Officers.

(I want to thank PRID Bill Sergeant for sending me this historical background on Institutes. He wrote most of this in 1992 after considerable research, including an interview with Past General Secretary George Means.)

PLENARY SESSION I

8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

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(Panel)**

**Recorders:
PDG Phyllis Jane Nusz
PDG Bill Pettus
PDG Dave Williams**

PLENARY SESSION I

Monday, February 16

8:00 - 8:50 a.m.

“2nd CENTURY OF ROTARY, CENTENNIAL PLANNING
& FUTURE INSTITUTES”

PRIP Cliff Dochterman

PRIP Cliff began his presentation with a commendation of the committee, despite the lack of RI encouragement. Institutes date back to the 1940's “at no expense to Rotary.” From there he went into the main content of his presentation.

“The 100th anniversary provides Rotarians with the greatest opportunity to tell the world what Rotary is and does. We cannot miss this chance” Rotary started the whole concept of the service club movement—“One of the greatest endeavors of the 20th Century”. We need to let communities know that our wheel stands for service, friendship, peace and world understanding. We have a “chance of a lifetime in our hands.”

There are 12 activities Rotarians can do to make the Centennial successful and each of us should pick one or two:

1. PolioPlus – In 1982 we said we could inoculate children against polio by 2005 and celebrate that at our centennial. This is going to be the case. A new video is under way plus a short history by Herb Pigman of PolioPlus and Rotary's program of inoculation against polio. These should be used to tell Rotary's story. Organize a special celebration of the completion of Polio Plus.
2. Club Centennial Projects – With over 31,000 communities having Rotary clubs, it is important to show those communities what we do by having a Centennial project. As of today, 5,000 clubs have registered a variety of projects, which is just amazing. We need to push for the completion of these projects by 2005 and also let clubs know that it is not too late to register their projects with RI.
3. Centennial Twin Clubs Project – Clubs are encouraged to look for a “twin” in another part of the world. This project demonstrates the internationality of Rotary. It is also still possible to register with RI for twin club involvement.
4. Centennial Displays – The Centennial offers clubs the opportunity to gather photos, mementos, awards, and other items which tell the story of Rotary in the local community. These items could be displayed in local public libraries, museums, or even local storefronts. It is also worthwhile to buy the Rotary Centennial posters which display some of the many things Rotary does on an international basis. Also available are Centennial billboards which point out 100 years of service by Rotary International.
5. Worldwide Centennial Peace Seminar – This project is still in the planning phase but it is hoped that a seminar, which is international in scope, can be conducted in New York City at the UN and include Rotary International Peace Scholars alongside world leaders. It is hoped that if this seminar takes place, clubs will try to put together their own groups to participate.
6. April 2005: Centennial Service Above Self Month – Rotary is designating April of 2005 as Volunteer Month. Clubs are encouraged to ask all members to donate 10 hours of service during that month to benefit the local community. It is important that District Governors appoint a district volunteer chairman to assist in the coordination of this event. Just imagine the impact that 10 hours of service, per member, can have.
7. The Rotary Story – The first 100 years of Rotary is being documented in the Centennial History book. The book's design is easy to read and contains lots of pictures. We suggest that copies be purchased (\$25 from RI) and given to local libraries and museums.
8. Centennial Bell – Currently five Centennial bells are making the journey around five continents. They will make stops at the first 100 clubs chartered into Rotary. If the bell arrives in your local community, a ceremony should be made and the opportunity taken to tell Rotary's story. There will also be the opportunity to purchase specially made Centennial bells at a cost of \$500 each. Rotary clubs can utilize the bells to build a club program around Rotary's history.
9. Historic Aspects of Rotary – Clubs should utilize our Centennial year to schedule one meeting per month on some historical aspect of Rotary. At this time 12 different downloadable programs, covering a different items, are being developed in PowerPoint for Rotary club use by RI.
10. Special Events Within Clubs and Districts – The Centennial provides an opportunity for clubs, districts and zones to schedule special events and exhibits to let people know about Rotary. It is important that districts have a strong publicity person to let the media know what is going on in Rotary.
11. Centennial Postage Stamps – At this time, some 75 countries are issuing commemorative postage stamps in honor of Rotary International. The request for a stamp in the United States has been turned down twice, however, an act of Congress may change this. Congressman Brad Sherman of California has developed a resolution in support of a Centennial stamp. Contact your US Senators and Congressmen and encourage them to support such a resolution.

12. Two Major Goals – First we must continue our emphasis upon membership growth during our Centennial. We need good quality Rotarians and we need to encourage younger people to become members as we work toward our second century. Second, we need to encourage “Every Rotary, Every Year” to pledge a minimum of \$100 in support of The rotary Foundation. And, last, I might add number 13 – Participate in the Centennial Convention in Chicago in June 2005. There will be a centennial parade, as well as exhibits at the convention which tell Rotary’s story. Clubs or districts might think about being a part of the parade through developing a float, participating in a band, etc.

“Don’t expect someone else to plan the Centennial—not RI, not the Board, not the Trustees.”

“What a moment it will be in 2005 when we celebrate **two million hours of community service, 10,000 Centennial projects, Polio eradication, and the 100th Anniversary Convention**”

“CATCH THE VISION on how we can celebrate Rotary*”

(PDG Jack Blane announced an effort to raise \$50,000 to erect a memorial to Paul Harris, adjacent to the White House and the Department of Treasury, as part of a *Points of Light Foundation* project, honoring American “points of light” heroes and heroines—e.g. Jane Addams, Martin Luther King, Susan B. Anthony, Samuel Gompers, Helen Keller, John Muir. It will feature “The Extra Mile” Medallion set in granite. A solicitation has been sent to current DG’s only. No RI money will be used to promote or construct this memorial and if addition money is raised, it will be given to The Rotary Foundation.)

PLENARY SESSION I

Monday, February 16

8:50 - 9:20 a.m.

“2005 CENTENNIAL CONVENTION”

(Panel)

PRIVP Wilf Wilkinson, 2005 Convention Chair & Dick Galitz, HOC Chair

NOTE: PRIVP Lou Piconi, 2005 Centennial Convention Promotion Chair, was in an auto accident in Florida and was unable to participate in this panel discussion, as scheduled.

Wilf Wilkinson – (Convention Schedule–June 18-22, 2005)

- * Monday – “A Look Back”
- * Tuesday – “Rotary Today”
- * Wednesday – “The Future”
- * Concern: North American Rotarians historically do not support US Conventions
- * Already 38,000 are registered for the Osaka convention (33,000 Japanese)
- * All DGE’s have received materials regarding the convention along with registration forms.
- * We MUST promote North American attendance in Chicago
- * Rebates (a sliding, graduated scale) will be offered to Districts which register members by March 31, 2005 for Chicago. Rebates per members attending based on July 1 Semiannual Report:
 - 2 - 4% registered – \$15 rebate
 - 4 - 6% registered – \$25 rebate
 - 6+% registered - \$35 rebate
- * Check goes back to District. May be used for transportation, float in parade, etc. Rebate checks will be mailed to the districts by August 15, 2005.
- * 2005 Rotary International Convention offers several reasons to attend:
 - Focus on the history of Rotary and its Centennial
 - Chicago is an excellent convention destination and there will be many things to see and do
 - Rotary convention highlights will be fun and interesting for all who attend
 - Rotary convention allows Rotarians the opportunity to maximize their participation in Rotary International
 - Chicago is the birthplace of Rotary International

Don Galitz – (HOC Committee)

- * Chicago architecture is recognized through the world. Host Organizing Committee will offer a ride on the Chicago River.
- * Chicago features artwork (mandatory for new buildings). Artists of the highest level are represented.
- * Grant Park covers 18 miles of parkway along the lake shore.
- * Chicago offers great museums (including Museum Campus – home of the “world’s Largest T-Rex”), and multiple ethnic communities (“largest Polish population outside of Warsaw).
- * The Magnificent Mile for shopping.
- * Chicago’s famous dining spots. There are 7,000 restaurants in Chicago.
- * Excellent performing arts.
- * Chicago is family friendly.
- * McCormick Plaza is the world’s largest convention center and the venue for the 2005 convention. All events will be under one roof.

On Saturday there will be an opening parade which will include members of various ethnic groups represented in Chicago. They may have floats or bands which tell about their ethnicity and Chicago. Floats can be rented for \$600-\$800 and then have to be decorated. Other service organizations, such as Lions and Kiwanis, are being invited to participate in the parade. Host activities will be held in the evening with opportunities for Rotarians to meet with the families of other Rotarians. On Sunday, there will be a “Race to the Finish” which is a combination run/walk. On Monday, a museum tour will be available to those who are interested and who pay an advance registration. The House of Friendship will be open every day and is a major Rotary gathering point. Chicago’s Mayor Daley has already extended a welcome and will also do so at the convention.

People can begin registering for the convention as of March 1, 2004 and are encouraged to do so early. A group registration form is also available for clubs/districts who want to get together a group of members and attend the convention together. A deposit per room is required with the initial registration.

PLENARY SESSION I

Monday, February 16

9:20 - 10:00 a.m.

“PAST OFFICERS REUNION – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE”

(Panel)

PDG Carol Wylie, Chair of 2004 Past Officers’ Reunion; PRID Sam Greene, Chair of 2003 Anaheim International Institute; PDG Dave Hossler, 2004 Past Officers’ Reunion Marketing Co-Chair; PDG Werner Schwarz, 2004 Past Officers’ Reunion Publicity Chair
Carol Wylie–

- * The Board had previously voted not to support an RI Institute in conjunction with the RI International Assembly.
- * A resolution supporting a mid-year Institute this year was discussed at the RI Institute in Brisbane.
- * The resolution was acted on by the Board in October.
- * The Board approved a “reunion” at no cost to Rotary, without RI involvement, except for an “e-mail blast.” Participants would be permitted to attend the Assembly Plenary Sessions only after securing a yellow badge for \$65.

Sam Greene–

- * The first meeting of Past Officers was in 1937. The idea came from Australia.
- * Institutes were held in conjunction with the RI Assembly from 1955 until 2000 when it was cancelled because of lack of a suitable hotel.
- * These Institutes required annual approval by the RI Board.
- * Ten years ago the first RI Institute was held at an RI Convention.
- * Institutes in conjunction with Assemblies started in Lake Placid, and continued in Boca Raton, Nashville, San Diego and Dallas, (In 2008 International Assemblies will return to San Diego).
- * Our problem was getting the word out. RI’s “e-mail blast” did not adequately notify past officers about the Anaheim meeting this year.
- * Many Rotarians do not have e-mail, and many of those who do were not part of the “e-mail blast,” which was the only contact information RI would provide.

Dave Hossler–

- * “Can you think of anything sadder than calling (last year’s gathering in Anaheim) *the last Institute?*”
- * We need “to get to the Directors with dignity.”

Werner Schwarz–

- * In 1937, Past Officers showed up uninvited. Inviting them to Institutes keeps them involved but away from the District Governor training sessions.
- * Present officers need to be invited as well.
- * Institutes associated with Conventions continue. It is only those associated with Assemblies that have been challenged. The climate has changed. We need to lobby the Board on this issue.
- Registration report
 - 250 Registrants
 - 27 Countries represented
 - 23 US States represented

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

- * John Tyler (D5870) How did the net finances for the Past Officers’ Reunion turn out?
 - * We made a little net income.
- * The problem before was that the RI staff negotiated for the hotel/
 - * Gene Scarborough did it more economically locally for this event.
- * Rod Ketron (D7620) We should be proud of what we can do without Evanston. I found out about the meeting only a few weeks ago in Baltimore/Washington DC.
- * Werner Schwarz (D5160) The e-mail blast went only to those who had requested e-mail contacts by RI.
- * Toni Polsterer (D1910) International Institutes are the best – better than Zone Institutes.
- * We only have two chances – at the Convention and at the Assembly.
- * (From Denmark) We would like to organize attendance in Europe.
- * Sam Greene (D5240) Directors need to publicize the event in their newsletters.

- * **David Woods (D5260)** This was our “Stealth Institute.” We should each send information about it to our contacts around the world.
- * **Milton lossi (D7730)** How did the registration compare with last year?
- * **Last year: 344; this year: 245 through Friday.**
- * **Al Slaggert (D6310)** We could induce RI to release contact information by forming a Rotary International Fellowship of Past Officers.
- * **Bill Cadwallader (D7170)** My experience leads me to conclude that we are better off not getting the RI staff involved.
- * **Carolyn Schuetz (D5170)** I would prefer small group workshops.
- * **Rod Eide (D5320)** Evanston, though negative is still “our leader.”
- * **Sam Greene (D5240)** There are 17 Directors, not all of whom have good information about these Institutes.
- * **Jack Mayo (D5870)** It is an important experience to be present when the new theme is announced. “History is being made.”
- * **Len Wasserstein (D5280)** Had I known many PDGs from District would not show up, I would have contacted them.
- * **Carolyn Scheutz (D5170)** The climate will change. We will again have Institutes in conjunction with our Assemblies.

PLENARY SESSION II

10:45 - 12:10 p.m.

**PRIP Bill Huntley
"Council On Legislation"**

Recorders:

PDG Don Gatzke

PDG Val Scanlan

PDG Hal Shipley

PLENARY SESSION II

Monday, February 16

10:45 - 12:10 p.m.

“COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION”

PRIP Bill Huntley, 2005 Council On Legislation, Chair

Quote by Bill in his opening remarks: “Democracy is the worse form of government, except all the rest.”

Bill stated that the immediate past District Governor was the best to put to work.

He commented on a reason that the COL might be just every three years: MONEY> The attendance is costly. Bill stated that \$3 million might be a lot to talk about attendance requirements for Club Meetings.

The next COL is to be held in Chicago.

Bill stated that the Triennial Meetings of the COL was to review the Constitutional Documents of RI.

ENACTMENTS: Change the Constitution or By-Laws of RI.

RESOLUTIONS: Suggestions to the Board but do not alter the Constitution.

COL is not a parliament. Why?

- * COL does not propose enactments
- * COL has no memory
- * COL as no responsible for carrying out its own decisions
- * It is not answerable to its constituents. (Except in a very limited manner.)
- * In 1998, we made a momentous decision—eliminate the term “male” from all of our documents.

Officers of the Council—

Chairman, Past Director, Mark Maloney

Parliamentarian

Constitution & By-Laws Committee: Al Frumkin, Jerry Yu, John Boag

Members-At-Large:

PVP Bill Sergeant

PRID Dan Moores

PPVP Aves Gordon

Who attends?

- * Voting Members: One delegate from each district. (It was initially expected that each member would pay his own way. The attendance pick up when RI started paying.
- * Non-Voting Members: (bill said that when they first started the COL and were calling for the vote, they used to say, “Vote Yes” or ” No” but then they found that the Japanese thought they were saying “Vote No.” They instructions were then changed to: “Please vote.”
- * RI President, RI Directors and General Secretary
- * Past RI Presidents
- * One Trustee of The Rotary Foundation (elected by the Trustees)
- * Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the COL vote ONLY in case of tie

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

- * Three members-at-large

Who proposes Legislation?

- * Any club.
- * A District Conference
 - You have three years to get your input in.
 - If a club presents a proposal to the District, then the proposal will be reviewed and voted on at the next District Conference. The District conference may or may not endorse the proposal. The club still has the right to forward the proposal to the COL.

RIBI District Council:

- * General Council of RIBI
- * RIBI Conference

Other:

- * The Board for The Rotary Foundation (with permission).

- * The Council On Legislation itself. (In 1992, the Council decided that in 1995 they should equalize the election of directors. Equalized on the basis of population of Rotarians.

Reviewing the Legislation:

- * By District Conference
- * By District Council RIBI/Board of Directors
- * Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Who may declare?

- * Regular; Defective; Deficient
- * Propose compromise legislation where there are similar proposals;
- * Defective means something that is illegal and unacceptable
- * Deficient items are still submitted to the Council.
- * Compromised items are consolidated to one.

Speakers in debate:

- * One of the items being proposed is to bring back Senior Active members. (It only took us 95 years to get rid of it*)

Philosophy of the Council:

“We come from different lands and different backgrounds, meeting in the unity of rotary service and as we deliberate together we must do so in the same spirit of friendship and service. I hope to see a Council with an atmosphere of tolerance and goodwill. One where we meeting in the spirit of compassion and steadfast purpose.”

Getting Started:

They started drawing numbers for seats so everyone would have a chance to get a good seat. They draw two numbers: one for their seat location in the morning and the other for their afternoon seat location. That way they have two chances to getting a good seat.

Orientation Session:

- * Procedures are the fact the procedural motions take precedence over all other motions
- * There are two statements relative to each proposal: (1) the financial impact and (2) the reason for the proposal.

Adoption for the Rules of Procedure:

- * Two minutes for presenting the proposal.
- * One minute for discussion.

Adoption of the Order of Consideration:

- * Declaration of a quorum—over 50%
- * Transmission of legislation

Financial Statements:

- * Five-year financial forecast

Principal Motions:

- * Principal Motions do not need a second
- * Procedural Motions—need a second (to amend; Postpone; Referred to Board; Table; Close Debate; Reconsider; Suspend Rules; Take From The Table

Number of Proposals:

- * 616 of which 427 have been published; possibly another 50 or so equally 500
- * This means to handle 100 items per day.
- * Equal to 2001 Council On Legislation

Some proposed legislation:

- * Increase in RI dues
- * Decrease in RI dues
- * Attendance and meeting intervals
- * Use of technology
- * Increase number of TRF Trustees
- * Extend pilot programs
- * Refraining for some years before adopting another global campaign
- * Endorse Strategic Plan
- * Discontinue Annual President's Theme
- * Change annual “expression of appreciation” for RI President
 - * District endorsement of club legislation
- * Restore Senior Active classification
- * Change intervals/qualifications for RI Directors
- * Revise DG qualifications to ten years
- * Allow canvassing

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q Dave Woods (D5260) Will changes be made to the system? Can we streamline the resolutions? Will there be time to discuss everything?**
- A In 2001 we had 1,300 proposals—dropped to 600. Did not have an answer on the other matters other than it will depend on the Council.**
- Q Dave Williams (D5280) Wants input from Past Directors.**
- A Problem seems to be the quantity of proposals.**
- Q Jim Scanlon (D6190) Thinks electronic voting will help a lot.**
- Q Sam Greene (5240) Any figures on finances to stay in Chicago as opposed to moving around the world?**
- A I don't have any actual savings figures. It is a question that we are still looking at. Certainly, there are greater advantages, as you know, to being near the Rotary International Headquarters. But, when you just consider some of the last places we've been to, the cheapest place in the world is here—Anaheim* When we had the 90-92 one next door, we were in the cheapest place for central travel. And, also, coming to California one can expect the weather is usually reasonable for those people who don't possess an overcoat, because they' don't need one. And, also, distances seem to be better for this part of the world. But, remember we are not mandated to be in Chicago. We mandated in the vicinity of the Rotary World Headquarters. So, if any would like it in California, you need to move Rotary Center***
- Q Rob Ketron (D7612) As a Quaker, he is concerned about minority views.**
- A PRIP Bill said that we must go by the Rules of Procedure. You can join in the debate and influence the vote.**
- Q PRID Mike Kutsuris (D5170) What about the districts that do not pay attention to RI?**
- A That was eliminated except for districts/clubs prior to 1989. Constitutions would only be made to bring their By-Laws closer to the RI By-Laws.**
- Q Jack Jones (D5280) Would you like to have experienced members or new ones each year?**
- A It is good to have experienced members, but that it is also important to have new blood on the Council.**
- A Sam Greene (D5240) We should have just one theme: "Service Above Self**"**
- Q Steve Brown (D5140) Once the Council takes place, what is the person's responsibility?**
- A They should talk about the process in their clubs/districts. Meet with the clubs and share the happenings.**

PLENARY SESSION III

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

PDG Carol Wylie

"Key Rotary Issues for 2004/2005"

(Panel)

Recorders:

DG Connie Crawford

PDG Rod Eide

PDG Gayle Tully

PLENARY SESSION III

Monday, February 16

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

"KEY ROTARY ISSUES FOR 2004-2005"

(Panel)

PDG Carol Wylie, Panel Chair ; PDG Bill Sergeant—"Polio Eradication & the Future"; PDG Bill Cadwallader, "Literacy"
Moderator; PDG Steve Brown;
PDG John Nugent; PDG Werner Schwarz

"Polio Eradication and the Future"—PDG Bill Sergeant

History of Polio Cases:

- * 1988—estimate 350,000 cases in 125 countries; 2003—approximately 720 cases in six countries, down from 1,900 cases in 2002.
- * 2003 situation—most of the cases were in three countries (Nigeria—50% of the cases, but 75% were located in only five states; India—cases concentrated in one area; and Pakistan.) The other three countries were Afghanistan, "EJA"/Africa, and Egypt—one case.
- * In 1988, 10% of the world's children lived in polio free countries—in 2003, the 10% increased to 70% of the countries being polio free.
- * The original objective of the polio free program was to "immunize" children from polio and other diseases. When "WHO" joined the effort in 1988, the objective was changed to the "Eradication of Polio" in the world.
- * During the years of major PolioPlus Program efforts in the late 80's and 90's, many countries that were struggling with major conflicts were very cooperative and supportive of the program.

Challenges and Risks:

- * Virus importation – Nigeria has been the source of several cases.

Funding:

- * It is estimated that program funding is still \$130 million short – the smallest storage ever – it is expected that the funds will be forthcoming.

The Final Objective:

- * "Certification of Eradication of "Polio" means stopping the circulation of the "wild/natural" virus (there are other versions of the polio virus).
- * "Certification" is defined as three years of "no cases" – during the three year period, vaccinations will continue so as to increase the possibility of success.

Emphasis in 2004:

- * Inoculation of 250 million children
- * Monitor cross-border movement of children
- * Find and inoculate hard to find children in Cairo, Egypt—e.g. those that live in upper floors of buildings without elevators.
- * Containment of "stocks" of live polio virus located in labs in many places around the world.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- A Sam Greene (D5240) Noted that China produced their own polio vaccine, with much training help and \$5 million from Rotary. Also, no polio virus was found in North Korea.
- A Bill Cadwallader (D7170) Remarked on the continuing cost of polio vaccine for inoculations to 2008 and beyond—probably several years.
- Q Marty Peters (D5340) Will Rotary continue to support the vaccine labs?
- A Yes*
- Q Jack Lane (D6440) What are the sources for the needed \$130 million short fall?
- A Rotary expects to get it from government sources. France recently made a significant contribution.
- Q Jesse Devlyn (D4170) There was much confusion regarding the \$80 million polio eradication target last year. \$115 million was collected. Please explain the currently stated \$130 million short fall.
- A The polio eradication target was not expected to cover the whole shortfall seen at that time.
- Q Data Hasi Mustapha (D3300) Will the \$130 million shortfall funds be needed to deal with the polio cases in the six countries where cases were found in 2003?

A Yes, and if insufficient funding is available, the effort will be extended.

“Literacy”—PDG Bill Cadwallader, Panel Chair

The literacy problem has a wide impact on the people involved. Its impacts are on health, hunger and the world population explosion.

PDG Steve Brown—described a successful literacy program in Afghanistan (D5340 Project)

* Building a school; funding included \$90,000, plus The Rotary Foundation helping grant.

* US military provided support

* On-going support to the project includes:

--Books

--Internet support

--Rotarians to Afghanistan to teach English

--Support to a trade school for women

--Establishing a Sister City relationship with the city of Gahalabad; and starting a Rotary Club there.

PDG John Nugent—described a successful program called “Computers For Humanity” in support of the schools in a community in Peru. The program was conducted by several Rotary Clubs in New York/USA. It involved providing a number of repaired and upgraded computers in the schools.

* It took months to get the computers packaged, shipped, moved through Peru government officials, and finally to the schools. Local Peruvian Rotarians assisted in the process, including getting the schools prepared to receive the computers.

* Local Rotoractors fixed 17 of the computers that were damaged during shipment. Rotarians visited the school in support of the dedication of the computers, and while there, they presented some of the Peruvian computer techs with Paul Harris Fellow Recognitions.

PDG Werner Schwarz—described a literacy project in his own District (5160). The Project involved providing books for third grade children in some of the District 5160 schools—30,000 books have been provided, and the Project is continuing.

* Another literacy project in District 5160 has been support of the “Ade Majiyagbe Literacy For Women” Project; the “Ade Hope Fund”. Rotarians in District 5160 have raised, to date, \$72,000 for this project under the leadership of DG Connie Crawford.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q (Questioner Unknown) How does the cost of acquiring used computers, repairing them, then shipping them, compare with buying new computers for shipment to the destination?

A Both approaches can work. Also, commercial airlines will sometimes deliver such items – just ASK*

A Steve Brown (D5340) Microsoft recently donated 7,000 “obsolete” versions of Windows, and have committed to provide similar support in the future.

A Len Wasserstein (D5280) Made reference to the LA Times “Reading By Nine” Program which is supported by many of the Rotary Clubs in the Southern California area.

PLENARY SESSION IV

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**General Secretary Ed Futa
"The State of the Union"**

Recorders:

**PDG Jim Mealy
PDG Greg Podd
PDG Val Scanlan**

PLENARY SESSION IV

Monday, February 16

3:50 - 5:00 p.m.

“THE STATE OF THE UNION”

General Secretary Ed Futa

I'm happy to be here to talk with all of you and to answer questions. The enthusiasm of the attendees has not changed at this gathering, even though we have changed the name. The name isn't important – your participation, enthusiasm and being here ARE important. They symbolize your desire to be up-dated on RI and TRF and their programs. This is what we have put together for you.

(Standing on a chair.) A pendulum never works unless it swings. It's useless if it just stands there. As it swings, time is counted, time moves on. This Rotary Pendulum swings back and forth – first it's this way, then that. It's easy to get hung up on negativism: why this way, why that. Don't get hung up on just “stuff”

I'll try to share with you what your Secretariat is, what we do and how we do it. The Secretariat is responsible for executing the programs of the Board of Directors of RI. It is responsible for providing information and services to the membership of RI.

Ed then introduced the General Managers of each of the five sections of International Headquarters.

- * John Osterlund – General Manager of The Rotary Foundation
- * Peter DeBerg - CFO
- * Alan Jarvis – CIO, Support Services
- * Kathy Tatnich – Publications & Communications
- * Theresa Nissen – Club & District Services, International Meetings, Conventions, International Assembly & Membership

These people are here because they need to see the chief training session of the organization and how it operates.

(Ed then showed several overheads on the organization of the Secretariat. Copies are available, upon request.)

Ed Futa: In addition to translating the work of Rotary into it's official languages, in addition to English, volunteers are used in several countries to translate materials into their languages. Public Relations is more than publications, billboards, TV. Essence of PR is for us as individuals and Clubs to get involved in promoting RI. Publicizing Rotary doesn't mean you have to go on TV or get RI into the newspapers. “Catch Me If You Can” had a bad reference to Rotary – it's not the kind of PR we want or need. We try to help write stories for you, get it out to the public for you. That's part of our job to help you.

The Rotary Web Site will never be completed, it's always evolving. Try to use this tool (Web Site) for much of your communications, but we have to be careful with it. We have serious security concerns in certain countries. We try to make it better and make it work for all.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q (Unknown Questioner–5210) Some of us are interested in the history of moving the International Assembly to San Diego.
- A Ed Futa: We have outgrown the Anaheim Hilton. There are a couple of reasons: (1) There's not enough room and, (2) in some of the negotiations they were removing from the table some of the perks we are used to getting for using a large portion of the facilities. My bottom line is to produce an outstanding Assembly, but keep the price reasonable. We must keep the price down and that's what we try to do.
- Q Jesse Devlyn (D4170) What would the panel want to see from us for the Centennial Year?
- A Kathy Tatnich (Publications & Communications) For our Public Image to be increased and better, we need all Rotarians, especially this group, to assist. Our name doesn't always have to be in the newspaper or on TV, but all should be talking about Rotary and the Chicago convention in the community. It's important that we get our story out there so that people know.

Theresa Nissen (Meetings & Membership) Everyone should come to the 2005 Convention in Chicago*

Peter DeBerg (CRO) Consider using the Web tools to pay dues on line and in time.

John Osterlund (General Manager of The Rotary Foundation) I would request that each of you, given the influence you have in your districts, work closely with the DG and District leadership team to support the TRF every year.

- Q** Sam Greene (D5420) Ed or Alan, how are we going to get the information on meetings like this and other events if to all Officers and Past Officers and spouses? We hope we can have a list of all the Past Officers.
- A** It's all right in certain countries to give out info., but we have to obey the privacy laws of every country. We must follow the most restrictive country's privacy rules. People think that blast e-mail is the best thing ever invented. It's illegal unless we get the permission of each person. We have found that we cannot do that. Blast e-mail uses permission that has to be given by each person and must be very specific. We don't judge the rightness or wrongness of a country's laws. Don't ask the General Secretary to violate the laws of sovereign nations. Not all countries have the same standards.
- Q** Carol Wylie (D5280) Where do you sign up to receive the e-mail blast?
- A** Alan Jarvis (CIO, Support Services) If your address is in the system, you can remove your name by clicking on the bottom of the e-mail. Club Secretaries put the information on the form.
- Q** Sam Greene (D5420) What if a Club Secretary gets the mailing list? If we pay \$275 we can get the mailing list of Past RI Officers for the past five years.
- A** Theresa Nissen (Meetings & Membership): Even though this was an unofficial event, RI gave special permission for this event to use the list of the past five years' officers for this one time use. The Board agreed that you could have the labels at your cost. RI does not give them out for unofficial RI events. We cannot give you the labels electronically. The e-mail list is not complete.
- Q** Frank Devlyn (D4170) I am aware of the great work that the General Staff is doing. How many are Rotarians? (Four raised their hands.) There are volunteers who are willing to help you – staff is overworked. I would hope that our General Managers would make lists of those people who are trustworthy who can help. Sometimes staff is overworked, but there are volunteers out there who can help. Jim Johansen (D5240) is an example of someone willing to help.
- Q** Cliff Dochterman (D5160) I've been in Rotary so long, I've forgotten experiences we had 25 years ago. The Secretariat is there to help clubs do a better job than what they do. There is very little work done by the Officers or Board – the work of Rotary is done by Rotarians in the club. It seems that, today, this organization is being run by the Legal Dept. Every year more work is confined to smaller and smaller compartments. They say that the use of the Wheel can't be done in this way or that. They SHOULD say: "Use it anyway you want*" You're saying: "That's not an official organization – we don't work with them – can't do projects with them. This is my PLEA to the Board, Trustees & staff –give Rotary back to the Rotarians* (HUGH APPLAUSE*****)"
- The Rotary Legal Dept. is stifling our organization. If we're to have good public relations we have to let Rotarians do their job. So one of the Rotary Fellowships uses the Rotary Wheel a little differently. Fellowships don't have a lot of liability. Every time the Board meets we have a new rule or regulation. They say that it's in the Code of Policies, but no one knows what the Code is. There are no Directors here – they're probably meeting to make more rules. Open the doors and let Rotarians run their Clubs.
- A** Ed Futa: (Standing on a chair) Rules protect the organization – one lawsuit can wipe out the assets of RI . . . especially in this State. Large awards are made in California for ridiculous reasons. We have to cope with this to protect the assets of Rotary. Clubs should do things at the Club level. When clubs want international exposure, the more then will be stripped of their essence. They will no longer be by Rotary Club.
- A** Marty Peters (D5460) I am frustrated when we have an idea to raise money that will be given to Rotary but we aren't able to use Rotary emblems in publicity for the event.
- A** Dave Hossler (D5500) Your fear of litigation is misplaced* It was created by paperwork, back room lawyers. If you think this is not an official function, I will argue that in court* You can't live if you're afraid of lawsuits. Insurance is the cheapest thing you can buy – after \$5, it's only pennies*
- Ed Futa: If you think that staff is making the rules and regulations, I will take EXTREME exception to that* It is the Board that makes the rules. We, Staff, are here to carry out those rules. We have no right in the Boardroom.
- Q** Jesse Devlyn (D4170) What rules is the Board proposing for the Council on Legislation that will affect our organization?
- A** Peter DeBerg (CFO) There is a request for a dues increase. This is based on the current financial situation. Over the last 10 years, RI has lived within it's budget. But in the last three years, problems have arisen because of the stock market downturn. There have not been any dues increases since 1995. Dues don't cover the cost of operation the organization. The increase being requested is \$4 per Rotarians for each of the next three years.
- Kathy Tatnich (Publications & Communications) The RI Strategic Plan developed over the past two years by a group of volunteers and staff. It will be presented at the COL.
- Q** Jack Blane (D6440) Since we met last year, you had to tighten the belt and make cuts that were devastating to the

staff. Give us your opinion whether the reductions in costs affected the service that staff can now give and tell us how we can help.

A Ed Futa: The reduction in staff was the first in 20 years. It had an effect in research, response time, reports & publications, TRF Matching Grants. But not in all areas. How can we do things better and more efficiently. It's like a dam: the increase in staff is caused by more programs. When we cut staff but don't cut the programs, the water goes over the dam – there's just too much work for staff. The organization suffers from paralysis. We aren't cutting programs as we should. If we cut a program, we will get 10 e-mails from people like you who want to retain them. We will never trim or get the staff to the level we need until and unless we trim the programs.

Q (Unknown Questioner) The Master Card Program

A Ed Futa: The program is with MBNA who advanced us a certain amount in cash. The \$650,000 was transferred to TRF for the first two years, but not this year.

Q (Unknown Questioner) There is a high turnover in staff. What can be done? How many times has RI been sued over the use of the Rotary Wheel?

A Ed Futa: Staff reductions were 7% last year. . . I'm not sure. We are listed under "HotJobs.Com" sub-category "Idealists." If college people want to make a difference, have ideals, they will be interested. Our entry-level people come from the colleges. There is no longer the attitude of life-long service in this country. Long-term employment with one company is seen as a negative today. Some say RI is not competitive in the job market. I take issue with that – we are competitive. We are not General Motors. It's not the salary that will retain people, it's the job, professionalism. Central core people have been with us quite a while. They mentor those coming in.

Litigation on the Rotary Wheel: We have a list of pending litigation that we give to the Board. We don't get sued over the Wheel – we sue others over it. If we let someone use the Wheel, after a while it becomes theirs to use.

Theresa Nissen (Meetings & Membership) We are named and sued by clubs who want to use the Wheel on projects. Twenty open lawsuits are by us with half over the use of the Wheel.

Q Len Wasserstein (D5280) There are problems reaching people on staff by phone. Jim DeMotto is terrific. Is it better for us to use e-mail?

A Ed Futa: Phones have been a pain for a long time. A call center can't satisfy what Rotarians want. They will take a message. Rotarians want an answer. We've given up on a call center. E-mails are better. We're still trying to get an acceptable answer time.

Q John Van Laar (D6330) Complaints for MBNA. Names and phone numbers are given to MBNA and we get phone calls every week. Nonsense. I'm ready to give it up*

A Ed Futa: We have to balance the bad publicity.

Q David Neumann (D2490) I'm concerned about privacy. Years ago, the Club President and Secretary had to attest to the number of Rotarians in the club. Now, we collect a lot of information that you can't use because of legislation on privacy.

A Ed Futa; We try not to get unnecessary information. The Board has to look at this seriously. It comes down to the 4-Way Test–RI will never check up on anyone on the Club list that's sent in. We are not an investigative body or the police.

Q Chris Offer (D5040) Because of the currency exchange rate, RI dues have actually reduced in Canada. What has been the success of putting the Presidential Celebrations under local control?

A Ed Futa: We found that local clubs are used to running meetings at a break-even status and there's not been any reduction in attendance. The purpose is not to make money – and attendance is up.

Q (Unknown Questioner--D5070) It's been reported that 38,000 are registered for the Osaka Convention and only 5,000 are from outside countries. What are we doing about registration for Chicago?

A Ed Futa: Perhaps it's a peculiarity of their culture. The Japanese Rotarians were assessed tens of millions of dollars for that convention. For Chicago I believe it will be heavily North American, but will also include a bigger percentage from around the world. I don't believe that Osaka registration is a trend – over there, there is brotherly and sisterly rivalry.

Q Frank Devlyn (D4170) Does Staff know how to direct callers to the proper people at the Wheelchair Foundation and Rotoplast?

A Ed Futa: The Directors make the rules and Staff cannot cross the line.

RI PRESIDENT-ELECT DINNER

7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

“Plans for the Centennial Year”

RI PRESIDENT-ELECT DINNER

7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

“PLANS FR THE CENTENNIAL YEAR”

RIPE Glenn Estess

RIPE Glenn reviewed with his colleagues his plans for the Centennial Year and basically shared the items listed in the Presidential Citation which can be downloaded from the International website: rotary.org.

PLENARY SESSION V

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

**PRIP Luis Vincente Giay
"Our Rotary Foundation Today And Tomorrow"**

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**John Osterlund, Foundation Manager
"Current Status Of The Rotary Foundation"**

Recorders:

PDG Rod Eide

PDG Don Gatzke

PDG Phyllis Jane Nusz

PLENARY SESSION V

Tuesday, February 17
7:55 - 8:00 a.m.

“SPECIAL TRF PRESENTATION”

RI Trustee Sonny Brown

TRF Trustee Sonny Brown gave a surprise recognition award to James H. Johnnsen (D5240) for developing a database for the World Community Service Network. More than 600 Rotarians have worked on it and more than 3,500 Rotarians have already been involved in projects from the network.

Tuesday, February 17
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

“OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION TODAY AND TOMORROW”

PRIP Luis Vincente Giay

Following the “special” presentation, the current report of The Rotary Foundation was presented.

PRIP brought everyone up-to-date.

- * TRF took in \$133 million last year, the most in history—due in part to the Polio Eradication effort.
- * Polio Eradication surpassed \$121 million in donations and pledges.
- * This includes a donation from a former Ambassadorial Scholar from 1949-50, a former Director of GATT
- * Niger is an example of a country with limited resources, but with a firm commitment to eradicate polio
- * This year, unlike past year, there is adequate funding for all Matching Grant applications.
- * During the first six months of this year, our income from investments was \$60 million, vs. a loss of \$39 million during the same period last year.
- * District Simplified Grants have been well received—72% of the Districts are participating.
- * “The Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution have been a great success.”
- * TRF just completed the first GSE between the US and Vietnam.
- * Rotarians through TRF are “long-term investors, not speculators.”
- * Last year, the US stock market declined by 24%. TRF investments lost only 2%.
- * I want to address the Future of TRF in two parts: (1) until 2005, and (2) after 2005.
- * TRF through 2005
- PolioPlus will succeed in stopping transmission of the wild polio virus.
 - TRF will cooperate with RI in membership development to assure the Foundation’s financial health.
 - The Permanent Fund will hit \$1 billion by 2010 (now at \$120 million + \$260 million in pledges). Goal for 2025: \$1 billion.
 - The Rotary Centers will further Rotary’s public relations.
 - A Children’s Fund will be established within the Permanent Fund.
 - TRF will operate completely electronically (Matching Grants, funds transfers, applications, etc.).
 - \$300,000 trillion dollars will soon change hands; TRF needs to take advantage of it.
- * TRF AFTER 2005
 - TRF will transfer additional responsibilities to the Districts.
 - New programs will not be necessary.
 - However, mega-programs will come into existence—e.g. for research, health, disaster relief.
 - By 2005, Humanitarian Programs will constitute 80% of TRF’s investments.
 - By 2010, it will increase to 90%.
 - Educational Programs will continue, but with decreasing emphasis.
 - By 2005, TRF will need \$150 million annual to meet its needs.
 - By 2010, it will require \$250 million.
 - The Permanent Fund will eventually be able to finance all of the programs; eventually all contributions will go into it.
 - Other NGOs (non-governmental agencies) will assist with TRF’s programs.
 - “Governments use public funds for private purposes: TRF uses private funds for public purposes.”
 - TRF will be recognized with a Nobel Peace Prize someday in the future.
 - The World Future Society listed 83 assumptions about the future (in fields such as health, resources, tensions, social issues) – TRF can effectively deal with all 83.
 - “Only those who have the courage to envision a perfect world while living in an imperfect one are worthy of being called idealists.” RI and TRF recruit for employment under the category of “Idealist.”

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q Jesse Devlyn (D4170) Can you give examples of approaches to \$100 annual giving by every Rotarian?

A Luis Vicente Giay: Some cultures lack a tradition of giving. In Argentina, it is four times more difficult to give \$100 now than three years ago because of currency devaluations against the dollar. Those who can't give money, can give time. One of the wealthiest Districts in the world (in Europe) gave less than \$12 per person until last year. After education of the Rotarians, it increased to \$70 per capital. In many cases, we simple have not ASKED for money.

Q Bill Cadwallader (D7170) Can you discuss the role of Rotary Volunteers?

A Luis Vicente Giay: Their role will expand dramatically. Volunteers did everything during the immunizations in Niger. There are about 270 Rotary Volunteers this year. During the cholera epidemic in Argentina last year, Argentineans lacked expertise to deal with it. Rotary volunteers with experience from India assisted—with encouragement—from PRIP Raja Saboo.

PLENARY SESSION V

Tuesday, February 17

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

"CURRENT STATUS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION"

John Osterlund, Foundation Manager
& Harvey Newcoln, Manger of TRF Educational Programs

John Osterlund, the new General Manager of TRF, introduced himself as a former Ambassadorial Scholar, thus, he has had a long "courtship" with TRF before working for it. He then introduced his associate Harvey Newcoln, Manager of the TRF Educational Programs who served as a resource during the presentation.

"Rotarians have a passion for volunteerism." John is encouraging his three children to incorporate volunteerism into their activities.

John shared some of the procedures he is using in his new position.

- * He likes to take one hour per week to talk to donors on the phone and thank them. It helps deal with job frustration.
- * Polio Eradication fund-raising, under the co-chairs of Herb Pigman and Bob Scott, highlighted last year. We raised \$40 million more than the original goal.
- * The French Government, for the first time ever, decided to appropriate 30 million Euros for Polio Eradication.
- * Giving to Polio Eradication has adversely affected the Unrestricted Annual Giving.
- * This led to the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" campaign planned for the next three years.
- * Every year, some 25% of the Rotary clubs give nothing to TRF.
- * We must ASK EVERY Rotarian to contribute.
- * Last year 900 Matching Grants could not be funded because of lack of money. In fact, TRF COULD NOT FUND ALL Matching Grants received for the last three years.
- * In the US, TRF can now accept credit card donations on an automated basis. TRF hopes to extend this to Canada.
- * Most of the \$450 million asset base of TRF is already encumbered.
- * Without \$100 per year per capita, we will not have adequate funding to meet the demands for services.
- * "Poor quality of service from TRF staff is unacceptable, especially in the area of humanitarian service."
- * As of December 31st, only 130 of 160 staff positions had been filled.
- * On February 9th, eight new staff members were added. They will endure a "learning curve."
- * Until April of 2004, not all information from the old database has been converted to the new database. The staff must access both to answer questions.
- * Only 64 of the 70 Rotary Center scholarships will be awarded during the coming Rotary Year, due to limited funding. This is due to the freeze on Permanent Fund contributions for the Centers and because of the Polio Eradication push last year. The staff hopes to make these up with endowed scholarships.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q Bill Cadwallader (D7170) May we explore using Ambassadorial Scholars long-term (more than one year) in countries where needed?
- A Harvey Newcoln: Yes.
- Q Dave Williams (D5280) Has anything replaced Helping Grants for non-Rotary countries?
- A John Osterlund: Yes, district Simplified Grants may be used for this purpose.
- Q Rod Eide (D5320) Can something more be done to recognize those clubs which give substantial amounts to restricted giving?
- A John Osterlund: Banners will continue to be awards to the top three clubs in each District for unrestricted Annual Giving. Awarding restricted giving can unfairly reward clubs in which a substantial donor dies and leave a large bequest while others in the club do little or nothing.
- Q John Tyler (D5870) Can we stop using "band aids" to address wide-spread problems like safe drinking water and come up with substantive programs?
- A John Osterlund: We must finish PolioPlus before embarking on another major campaign. 3-H was designed to provide self-sufficiency in many of these areas, but these grants remain in moratorium.
- Q Jim Mealy (D5170) How can we keep Peace Scholars from "disappearing" when they return, the same way we lost track of Ambassadorial Scholars?

- A** John Osterlund: Districts must track these scholars in their areas. It is easier because we only have 70 of these each year. These scholars are “more motivated” than regular scholars. We now have technology which assists in tracking.
- Q** Mike Kutsuris (D5170) Is it true that 25% of Ambassadorial Scholars to the US do not return to their country of origin?
- A** Harvey Newcolm: It may be true. People are mobile now. They may be able to do as much good for humanity in this country as they could in their own.
- A** Don Gatzke (D5390) The visas of Ambassadorial Scholars may require them to return.
- Q** John Van Horn (D6330) When will TRF start tracking Sustaining Members again?
- A** John Osterlund: We are unable to track them now. Such tracking is at least two years away. We are making enhancements to our applications over a nine-year period. (Osterlund has reservations about the merit of tracking Sustaining Members in today’s environment.)
- Q** Dave Hossler (D5500) Will Peace Scholars be able to find employment?
- A** Harvey Newcolm: We are working on this through the universities. We should know by next year.
- Q** Conrad von Bibra (D5300) Why is the number of Ambassadorial Scholars dropping?
- A** Harvey Newcolm: We are not really sure. If there are fewer, it is because the Districts are submitting fewer. We will be surveying the Districts about their intentions.
- Q** Gene Tannbaken (D5330) When will GSE become annual again for all districts?
- A** Harvey Newcolm: When the financial health of TRF returns.
- A** John Osterlund: I want to address the question of unanswered phone calls to TRF. If you get a voice mail when you call, it probably means the staff member is on another line. Please leave a voice mail message. Your call WILL be returned. If it is not, please call me, and I will follow--up. We cannot answer every call. Please do not send me e-mail. I get FAR TOO MUCH of it***** Please call me and leave a voice mail if I cannot answer immediately.

PLENARY SESSION VI

10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

RIP Jonathan Majiyagbe

11:15 - 12:00 noon

RIPN Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

Recorders:

DG Connie Crawford

PDG Bill Pettus

PDG Val Scanlan

PLENARY SESSION VI

Tuesday, February 17
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

RIP Jonathan Majiyagbe

Jonathan expressed thanks to those in attendance at the reunion for their dedication to Rotary. This is a good example of the Family of Rotary and meetings such as this provide important support to what we do. Individuals in attendance are more experienced and have a long-term commitment to the Rotary Family.

Regarding PolioPlus – as we near the deadline, we mustn't falter and we must not let down our guard or cut corners. We do not want another child to suffer from a preventable disease. Twenty years ago Rotarians made a commitment and with partners have managed to overcome many obstacles. We need both private and public health networks for ongoing disease surveillance.

The Rotary Peace Centers are another expression of shared ideas of peace and conflict resolution. "As I have visited various Peace Centers throughout the world, I have found students grateful for our support." Many students provided Jonathan an example of what they plan to do when they finish their studies. A young woman from Japan plans on working with refugees; another from District 6360, who has degrees in zoology and conservation, wants to work toward the promotion of social equality in Africa; and a young woman in England aspires to advocate for children's rights in the conflict torn countries in Africa. We want classes in the Peace and Conflict Resolution program to graduate for years to come.

We need to increase our membership. Jonathan stated that every place he travels, Rotarians say this. He urged Rotarians to include more women and those of diverse ethnic backgrounds in Rotary membership. "It is only reasonable that men and women should work side by side in Rotary." He indicated that today there are 50 women in Anaheim preparing to be district governors. Rotarians should reach out to religious groups who may be in a minority. Diversity in professions brings about diversity in other areas as well.

Rotary does quite a good job attracting new members but not such a good job in retaining them. It is important that we find something for new Rotarians to do and make them feel at home in their Rotary club. Stronger clubs increase our ability to do service. As we look for new members we should think about why we joined Rotary ourselves. In many cases you will find that the reasons were that Rotarians reach out to fellow humans and offer them comfort.

Jonathan talked about three areas of interest to him when he became President of Rotary International. These included poverty, education and health concerns. As he did his visits in Manila he learned of a Community Corps which reclaimed a whole area of the city and also provided opportunities for micro-credit. In Fiji a health fair was conducted which provided important health education as well as referrals for resources for those in need. In South Africa programs were started with an aim of improving the quality of life for those suffering from AIDS.

Jonathan said, "I have been inspired by the enthusiasm of the thousands who have attended the Presidents Celebrations, each of which focused on just one area." This provided an opportunity for greater detail along with opportunities for maximum participation in a shorter amount of time. Support by local Rotary clubs and districts has been excellent and costs have been kept down. In India the President of India was in attendance and Crown Princess Victoria attended the Celebration in Sweden. The plan to share their ideas on how Rotary can work with governments and help to alleviate illiteracy and poverty. "Rotary is a microcosm of the world at peace -- a model nations would do well to follow. It is my belief that hunger, poverty and ignorance bring about fear, degradation and even war. Together we can reach out with fellow service organizations to LEND A HAND to alleviate poverty, end illiteracy, relieve the scourge of disease and enjoy the fellowship of the Family of Rotary."

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q** Jesse Devlyn (D4170) Have you run into difficulties implementing the Family of Rotary and, if so, where and could you share the best examples with the group?
- A** Jonathan Majiyagbe: Things seem to be working very well everywhere. He heard very favorable comments and had no negative experience. He also emphasized that the Family of Rotary includes RYLA, Rotoract, Youth Exchange, Interact, the Community Corps, etc.
- Q** (Unknown Questioner – D3300) The speaker was disturbed that Nigeria is still not polio free. He asked that Jonathan call upon Muslim Rotarians to actively take part in the immunization of the six endemic polio countries.
- A** Jonathan Majiyagbe: The participant was thanked for his concern and Jonathan said he would take his comments to heart. He said he had been thinking about contacting clerics in Saudi Arabia and working with them to encourage them to contact other Muslim countries and ask for their assistance.
- Q** Frank Devlyn (D4170) How can we get more help from countries in Africa? We've experienced some difficulties with

World Community service grants, making contact with people and so forth. Are there ways you might suggest that we can help Africa?

- A Jonathan Majiyagbe: We don't have enough clubs in Africa but Rotarians need to contact those clubs and work with clubs in developed countries. Jonathan is seeing success in seven or eight countries. When I go there, they are looking for projects, including the Avoidable Blindness projects. He said he had spoken to members of African governments and they have been willing to reduce of their bureaucratic policies to make it easier to work with them.
- Q Bill Cadwallader (D7170) How many clubs use mentorships to work with new and younger Rotary members?
- A Jonathan Majiyagbe: He is seeing more mentors nowadays. It is important that we educate Rotarians and as members ourselves we must be willing to mingle with younger members, not talk down to them and treat them as equals.
- Q Sam Greene (D5240) As one of 44 Membership Coordinators, it would be important for Jonathan to ask for help of the Board of Directors to get communication to Rotary members to participate in conferences, seminars and so forth.
- A Jonathan Majiyagbe: Jonathan said he was doing some of this though it seemed to him that it was important for committee members, such as Membership, to work with District Governors encouraging them to invite people to participate in these events. Jonathan did say he would remind the Board again that their support was needed.
- Q Jack Blane (D6440) What is happening with Ade's "Hope Fund for Education of Women and Children?"
- A Jonathan Majiyagbe: Jonathan thanked everyone who had contributed to this fund. He said that over \$300,000 had been raised and that soon it would be closer to \$400,000. The Rotary Foundation has begun issuing some Matching Grants but he was not sure exactly how many. He did stress that Ade's desire was to help the education of women and children and he insisted grants be spent that way. He said the Foundation was cooperating in those efforts.

PLENARY SESSION VI

Tuesday, February 17
11:15 - 12:00 p.m.

RIPN Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

After an introduction by Mary Margaret Fleming, RIPN Carl-Wilhelm exhibited an excellent sense of humor. He will be serving as President of RI in 2005-06. In his opening remarks he discussed some of the amusing things which had occurred as he met with Rotary Presidents such as Matt Capras and Frank Devlyn. He jokingly said, "My theme of Revenge and Peace covers just about anything." He also joked about selection of the jacket colors for the governors and demonstrated a convertible blue and yellow jacket which is not only Rotary's colors but the colors of Sweden, Carl-Wilhelm's home country.

On a more serious note Carl-Wilhelm discussed his views on leadership. He stated, "The President is the chief executive on the Board – and I am as far from micro-management as you can get." He mentioned that it is the board's responsibility to make decisions and the administration's job to implement them. Carl-Wilhelm also said "I believe in delegation but under responsibility." He further mentioned that he felt management by objectives was important, more for the administration than for the board.

When attending a Presidential retreat, a word he heard frequently was "continuity." He emphasized the importance of continuity and said that he believes in cooperation at all levels, including between clubs, between districts, between clubs and districts and between Rotary and other entities. "We can join others and do even more. I believe Rotary International can make alliances with other groups such as the Save the Children Foundation in Africa and make more progress."

Currently, Rotary has less than 20% women members. The world population includes 52% women. "I want to try for a 50-50-breakdown of men and women in key Rotary assignments." Carl-Wilhelm went on to say that his first attempt at this was a total flop as he was going to try to use it for next year's International Assembly Committee but found that the majority of members was already set based upon positions they currently held.

In the spirit of continuity he wants to continue emphasis on literacy and education as a Rotary task force. He also believes, as does RIPE Glenn Estess, that we must establish a water task force. Carl-Wilhelm said, "I'm more concerned about the Family of Rotary. It seems to be already taken care of as a part of the Membership Committee. I will, however, accept that task force since it will be in its third year of a pilot program."

Carl-Wilhelm expressed concerns about the costs of transportation for the RI President- Nominee. He said he would not accept first class tickets to travel between the United States and Sweden as the costs were significantly higher than traveling business class. "My wife, Monica, and I have agreed that we will not accept first class tickets though we will accept a business class upgrade. Please be clear that I am not talking about the President and President-Elect of Rotary. They are out of the office for weeks at a time, often traveling at night over many time zones and first class accommodations help them sleep so they can do a better job when they arrive." He also expressed concerns about travel expenses for spouses of the Board of Directors. He questioned whether these expenses should be paid by Rotary International or some other source. He is not sure what other source may be available but felt that perhaps that clubs and districts might be able to assist during the Board member's term.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q** Bill Cadwallader (D7170) Bill commented that task force coordinators often have no one in the district other than the District Governor with whom to communicate. He suggested that Carl-Wilhelm consider having DGE's bring the names of all of the task force contacts for each district. He further asked that member of the Board of Directors utilize task force coordinators to get information.
- A** Carl-Wilhelm: He thanked Bill for his suggestions.
- Q** Frank Devlyn (D4170) Frank stated that he appreciated Carl-Wilhelm's stand regarding Save the Children. Partner alliances are very important and help us to get so much more done.
- Q** Robert Ketron (D7620) Robert Carl-Wilhelm what his intentions were regarding hunger, poverty and health.
- A** Carl-Wilhelm: He indicated that perhaps health, hunger and water could be combined as one task force.
- Q** (Unknown Questioner--D3190) It was suggested that school furniture from some countries should not be thrown away or destroyed but used in other countries that can get continued use from it.
- A** Carl-Wilhelm: It was agreed.
- Q** Jim Johansen (D5240) Jim advised Carl-Wilhelm that there is an index of over 300 potential partners for Rotary partners. We are looking at putting the index together by topic.
- Q** Chuck Keller (D7330) Chuck indicated that he was proud that Carl-Wilhelm was going to be serving as Rotary

International President. "It is special seeing one of your own governors move up to such an important position." Chuck also indicated his appreciation for Carl-Wilhelm's willingness to express his personal viewpoint on important issues.

Q (Unknown Questioner--D3300) They indicated an appreciation for Carl-Wilhelm's willingness to reduce flight costs and asked him to address the issue of appreciations for the RIP and RIPE. He also asked about Rotary's commitment to a program on AIDS.

A Carl-Wilhelm: He stated the appreciation issue is before the Council on Legislation. He indicated that if we have rules, we should follow them and if we don't follow them, we should change them. He said he would follow the decision of the COL.

Regarding AIDS, Carl-Wilhelm stated that Rotary does not yet want to take on a new global project. He said it seemed that there was a fatigue on the part of Rotarians at this time and perhaps a break was in order for a couple of years before any new projects are undertaken.

Q Grant Wilkins (D5450) Grant stated that he appreciated both Glenn Estess' and Carl-Wilhelm's focus on water. Polluted water kills more people than any of the other diseases. Poor water supplies kill more people on a daily basis than anything other than AIDS. He went on to say that for as little as \$250 in some places, water problems can be remedied. He urged continued involvement in water programs.

A Carl-Wilhelm: He thanked him for his comments.

PLENARY SESSION VII

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

PRID Toshio Itabashi
“On to Osaka”

12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

PDG Carol Wylie
Past Officers Reunion Audience Commentary
(Panel)

Recorders:

PDG Gred Podd
PDG Gayle Tully
PDG Dave Williams

PLENARY SESSION VII

Tuesday, February 17
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
"ON TO OSAKA"

PRID Toshio Itabashi, Chief Sgt.-At-Arms, 2004 Osaka Convention

The first RI Convention held in Japan was 42 years ago –1961 in Tokyo. Then in 1978 Rotary returned to Tokyo where the highest attendance of any RI Convention took place—almost 40,155 participants.

- * Some 34,000 Japanese have already registered for the Osaka Convention, together with about 6,300 from other countries.
- * Osaka is the financial heartland of Western Japan. It features canals and the Yodo River.
- * Rotarians may take excursions to the nearby historic cities of Kyoto and Nara.
- * The Opening and Closing ceremonies will be held in the Osaka Dome that seats 55,000.
- * All other activities will take place in the Osaka International Convention Center.
- * There will be an International Institute in advance of the Convention, May 20-22.
- * The House of Friendship will feature tea gatherings, flower arranging and the Secretariat booths.
- * The Crown Prince of Japan will welcome Rotarians to the Convention.
- * May 22nd will feature Kyoto Day, an excursion to a city whose culture dates back 1,210 years.
- Kyoto boasts 17 UNESCO designated sites
 - . The excursion will conclude with entertainment at the Kyoto Exhibition Hall; it includes 2 meals, a bus tour, entertainment at dinner, and English translations.
- * An alternate event features a Welcome Concert by the NHK Symphony Orchestra on May 22.
- * On May 24, Rotarians can enjoy a night cruise on the Dotonbori River or a cruise to the City of Kobe.
- * Another Host Organizing Committee event will take place on May 25. It features a visit to the Parkfesta (Universal Studios Japan) theme park.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q Jess Devlyn (D4170) May we purchase passes for the high speed Japanese trains?
- A Toshio Itabashi: Yes, there is a pass for one week for about 30,000 Yen (about \$280US), but you must buy it before coming to Japan.
- Q Data Hasi Mustapha (D3300) May Malaysians attend the Convention without securing a visa? They normally are not required for visits to Japan.
- A Toshio Itabashi: They will probably not be needed for Malaysians. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is working to expedite and simplify entrance requirements for Rotarians.
- Q Chris Offer (D5040) What is the Host Organizing Committee doing to prevent overcrowding at ticketed events and will the Convention accommodate vegetarians?
- A Toshio Itabashi: Ticketed events are restricted in advance to numbers which can be accommodated. There is a vegetarian tradition in Japan. We are confident that we can meet all culinary restrictions.

PLENARY SESSION VII

**Tuesday, February 17
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.**

**“OFFICERS REUNION AUDIENCE COMMENTARY”
(Panel)**

The time for this session was used to introduce the members of the Planning Committee and then encourage everyone to come back again next year.

The Reunion was concluded with the singing of Auld Lyne Syne.

ADDENDUM

SECTION

PLENARY SESSION V

ADDENDUM 1

“OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION TODAY AND TOMORROW”

Presented by:

PRIP Luis Vicente Giay, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation

First of all, I wish to share with you a warm welcome and greetings from the chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees and my fellow trustees. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all Rotarians for their generous and continued support of our Foundation. However, it is the leadership provided by the past, present and future officers, the men and women attending this meeting, which proves to be so valuable as we look back on our achievements.

On behalf of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, welcome, and thank you for your remarkable efforts and unfailing cooperation. You have made significant monetary contributions to our Foundation and have been great supporters of the Foundation's programs, helping it to grow into what it is today—one of the world's foremost foundations.

Our chairman, Jim Lacy, meant to be here this morning but, due to a scheduling conflict, he has asked me to address you on his behalf, and I am pleased and greatly honored to do so.

For many years, I have been associated with our Foundation, and I must confess that each year I am more and more amazed by what Rotarians set out to do and achieve through its programs. An ideal mechanism for lending educational and humanitarian service, it is limited only by its fuel—its financial resources—which we provide.

The year 2002-2003 was an extraordinary year for our Foundation, a truly exceptional year because, in addition to participating in a full range of Rotary Foundation programs, Rotarians around the world contributed a record 133 million dollars to the Foundation. Your unflagging commitment is all the more appreciated at a time of such great global needs.

The one-year campaign, Fulfilling Our Promise: Eradicate Polio, scored a resounding success in raising critically needed funds to purchase oral polio vaccine and help cover operational expenses and polio surveillance. Rotarians worldwide went beyond the call of duty to raise, as of today, more than 120 million dollars in cash, commitments, District Designated Fund contributions and government matching funds—surpassing the drive's original goal of 80 million dollars.

Some interesting things happened as far as the contributions themselves. For example, in December 2003, TRF Ambassadorial Alumnus William Kelly (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Louisville, Kentucky, USA, to study at the University of Edinburgh in 1949-50) and his wife Cecile of Washington, D.C., made a 50,000 dollar contribution to TRF for a Charitable Gift Annuity to provide an Ambassadorial Scholarship. Mr. Kelly retired as General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Deputy Director General, Geneva, and Associate Trade Representative, Office of the President of the United States.

At this meeting you have already heard a report on the current state of polio eradication. This extraordinary campaign is providing Rotary with greater visibility in the media. In fact, the last 15 years of our polio eradication campaign have garnered more media exposure for Rotary than in its entire history.

Other humanitarian programs also have proved to be extremely valuable. For example:

* As of 31 January, the Rotary Foundation has approved 730 Matching Grants, which utilized 5.8 million dollars of the 14.8 million available for grant awards. This represents a 40% decrease from total awards made in the same period the previous Rotary year. This decrease is generally due to the hiring freeze, which has resulted in the Humanitarian Programs Division operating with 25% less staff than last year. The good news is that in late December, permission was given to fill most of the open positions, and this month we will see eight new staff members joining the HP Division. The other good news is that current projections indicate that there should be sufficient funds to support Matching Grant applications that are submitted and completed per the Foundation's business cycle—applications must be submitted by 31 March and completed and approved by 15 May.

* We are in the first year of District Simplified Grants and 381 districts (72%) are currently participating. Requests were reviewed and approved by 1 June 2003, and by the end of July 2003, 69% of the districts with an approved DSG received payment. By the end of the first quarter (30 September 2003), 83% of the districts had received their funds. Progress reports for these grants were due beginning in January and a number have been submitted, which demonstrates that districts are making efforts to use the funds and complete projects in the same year in which they receive the funds. Just a reminder that, if districts wish to participate in District Simplified Grants in 2004-2005, request forms are due at TRF by 31 March 2004.

* TRF began approving Individual Grants in July 2003. After the first quarter of managing these grants, there was an evaluation of procedures, and ways to make the process easier for Rotarians identified. The procedures were updated and have been in place since 1 November 2003. The system is now more user-friendly and easier to administer. The information has been shared with RRFCs and district leaders and is available on the rotary website—program participants are aware of what is expected.

The “new star,” the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, has several major achievements to its credit that highlight the inaugural year of this program. The Rotary Centers conducted or scheduled their first annual seminars, focusing on key areas such as nonviolence as a strategy for social and political change, nuclear nonproliferation and others. Rotary World Peace Scholars embarked on their first summer projects, many including internships with global organizations and agencies. And scholars were featured speakers at several Rotary events around the world.

A great achievement was the visit of the first Group Study Exchange team from Vietnam to the United States in April 2003, marking Vietnam’s first participation in a GSE.

With regard to investments, 2002-2003 was a pretty good year because we ended with earnings of 5.4 million. Beginning on 1 July 2003, The Rotary Foundation benefitted from strong investment returns during the first half of fiscal 2003-2004. Positive economic news pushed the U.S. stock market up over 16%, and a falling U.S. dollar contributed to a 27% return in the non-U.S. equity markets. The Annual Programs Fund’s return of 13.8% and the Permanent Fund’s return of 15.3% were well ahead of their budgeted returns of 3.9% and 4.3%, respectively, and contributed to a significant favorable variance. In addition, both funds approximated their benchmark returns during the period. The year-to-date net investment return of 59.4 million dollars compared favorably to the 13.8 million budgeted, resulting in a favorable variance of 45.6 million dollars. At this time last year, investments recorded a loss of 35.5 million.

The Rotary Foundation has made great strides in simplifying its programs, improving its ability to provide services to Rotarians, and providing them with ample opportunities to do good in the world.

After this presentation, time will be set aside for questions and answers. Now I invite you to join me in looking ahead—let’s use our imaginations and reflect a bit on what may lie ahead. Let’s consider for a moment The Rotary Foundation of tomorrow*

I will start with this premise: “Given the speed with which our world is changing, the scenario surrounding our Rotary Foundation will be very different within just a few—say, five, ten or fifteen—years.”

The lightning speed with which events succeed one another is changing many well-known authors, among them Alvin Tofler, into narrators of the present, on the verge of becoming historians. John Nesbitt has not ventured more than two or three years ahead in his predictions. I think that in the human arena, however, society will still have similar desires and will endorse values like those we now hold, although the proportional alignment may shift.

This presentation, therefore, will center on two points:

- a) Rotary Foundation priorities through 2005, in other words, middle-range considerations, and
- b) Long-term options beyond 2005.

First, let’s look ahead to the year 2005 and not beyond:

1. From the start, let me assure you that The Rotary Foundation Trustees fully endorse the growth of Rotary because the Foundation needs to grow. More members donate more money. More money funds more services. More services build better communities. Better communities build a stronger Rotary. A stronger Rotary attracts more members. More members potentially mean more donations. So, we fully endorse this effort because, although indirectly, our Foundation will benefit immensely.
2. Whatever the conditions, good or bad, it is binding upon us to carry out our commitment to eradicate polio worldwide, and we are moving along at a good pace.

We have achieved certification of polio eradication for the Americas and the Western Pacific and European regions and we will surely succeed soon in wiping out the remaining pockets in Afghanistan, India, Pakistan, and Nigeria. When we began this task there were roughly 1,000 cases of polio reported worldwide per day. As of 31 December 2003, an average of two cases of polio were reported per day.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you also for your part in our recent polio fund-raising campaign. The contributions received from you were outstanding. Thanks to all the help we received worldwide, but especially thanks to the generosity of the Rotarians of this country, we are over the 120-million dollar level for contributions and pledges to fulfill our promise.

I am certain that, in 2005, we will celebrate the end of polio virus transmission, an achievement due in great measure to significant RI and TRF participation.

3. Today we face a formidable challenge: preserving the financial health of our Foundation. Because we are long-term investors and are very conservative in choosing our holdings, the instability of the world economy has not had a big impact on us. But we must use all our ability and savvy in order for The Rotary Foundation to maintain its activities at the highest level possible with the resources available. Naturally, I also want the global economic outlook to improve and I hope it does so for everyone’s sake.

4. There is no doubt that in 2005 our Permanent Fund will exceed 500 million dollars. We may even go over 500-600 million and begin to close in on our goal of 1 billion dollars. This will be a major financial milestone.

5. By 2005 the Rotary Centers for International Studies will be fully operational with 140 students researching issues of international relations and conflict resolution in seven different university centers. This program will be Rotary's letter of introduction for participation in peace promotion activities.

6. By 2005 serious discussion will have taken place regarding programs to succeed Polio Plus. Rotarians are becoming eager to take on a new challenge, and I would venture to say that perhaps literacy will become our goal, especially literacy efforts aimed at children and young people.

7. The year 2005 will present us with a unexpected new initiative, a "Children's Fund" organized with the support of a group of major philanthropists, offering new activities specifically designed to benefit children.

8. By 2005 the issue of urban violence will form part of Rotary's Peace Programs. Dealing with the problems of densely populated urban centers will be part of a new phase of Foundation service. Our Foundation must strengthen its commitment to peace because this is our organization's number-one objective.

9. By 2005 our Foundation will have to be operating in fully electronic mode. I am well aware that it is unreasonable to wait several weeks or months to receive a payment or spend six months trying to locate an international partner when a simple database would allow us to work quickly and efficiently. In the world of telecommunications and instant responses, we cannot continue working with our current systems; we must explore, investigate, and improve. We need to improve a lot.

10. TRF also will be forced to decide whether to take an active stand on a trend that will become reality over the next 25 years: 300,000 billion dollars will change hands and pass from one generation to another as older people die. A large portion of these resources will be transferred to foundations, charitable works, churches, non-profit organization, etc. Should our Rotary Foundation continue in a passive role as this phenomenon unfolds? NO* Our Rotary Foundation must have a well-defined aggressive policy in place for receiving additional contributions.

I think that these ten points are more than enough to paint a picture of TRF in 2005. Let's move ahead not to a long-term view, to 2012, 2015, even 2020.

The long-term view:

Let's think 10, 15 or 20 years ahead.

1. As of 2005, the transfer of program administration responsibility to districts and clubs will increase dramatically, and the trend will continue to gain ground. Rotarians themselves will have the power to take charge of the planning, awarding and operation of our Foundation's programs. I think we should simplify TRF as much as possible because people lose interest in programs that become the domain of a group of experts.

Simplification is the password for the future success of TRF.

2. But, at the same time, we must have the good sense *not to create* more programs, concentrating instead on supporting and funding Rotarians' service activities. We will have to consolidate programs into four major areas: health, education, environment, and world peace. If you think carefully about all of our current programs, you will see that they ultimately fall under one of these general headings. There won't be big changes, but we will have to reach out to meet more and bigger needs.

3. However, new "mega programs" will appear. Today's Rotary Foundation is itself a mega-program of Rotary International. But the new mega-programs will have a particular trait: everyone can participate and millions can receive the benefits. You are probably wondering just what these mega programs may be like. Would they involve

–Scientific research?

–Coalitions or partnerships with other organizations dealing with social, environmental, or health problems, or conflict situations?

–Creating a mega fund to provide immediate disaster relief anywhere in the world?

–Administering a mega fund for food supply monitoring and distribution?

–Who know what possibilities the future may hold?

4. Humanitarian programs will be "the superstars" of The Rotary Foundation's future. By 2005 humanitarian programs will represent 80% of our investment, and by 2010 we may well be at the 90% level. As Rotary's history unfolds and the Foundation undergoes significant conceptual change, it will take on a decidedly humanitarian profile.

5. Another problem: How much money will we need to keep up these activities? Our Foundation's funding needs will grow by at least 10% every year. In 2005 we will need 150 million dollars, and by 2010, 250 million, and these are annual figures. Can we even imagine a Foundation of such scope? Now, imagine a Foundation with a Permanent Fund in excess of a billion dollars financing programs costing more than 250 million dollars per year* Is this a utopian vision? NO* It will be reality before we know*

6. At the same time, we will have to make appropriate plans for another historical moment in the realm of finance, the time when the "Permanent Fund" can support all the Foundation's annual programs and undesignated contributions are phased out.

In other words, the "Permanent Mega Fund" will be the force that will ensure the survival and continuity of TRF. This change in course must be well analyzed so as not to be have an adverse effect on the Foundation activities or features that appeal to Rotarians.

7. The time will have come for new strategic alliances, and I have a sense of the shape they will take, but regardless of whether we join with governments, NGOs or others, we will need to be ready to step in at the right moment.

One thing of which I am convinced, though, is that we must organize ourselves so that Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation can act within a national framework without losing their international character. Clearly, in every community we will need to cooperate with the "third sector" that involves neither government authorities nor for-profit entities. We can imagine the picture: thousands of volunteers out in the field, engaged in rather simple activities. While governments use public funds for private ends, volunteers make use of private funds to serve the public good, filling the gaps that even governments are unable to cope with.

8. I envision an increasingly important role for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation in preserving peace. The Rotary Centers for International Studies, a Rotary University for Peace, a large corps of volunteers, our involvement in Urban Peace, in short, a more than fascinating challenge to keep order, justice, and peace throughout the world.

Over the past 15 years, our Foundation has garnered for Rotary International more visibility, press exposure and recognition than RI has enjoyed in all its 99 year of existence. However, my hope is that we will be recognized with the Nobel Peace Prize. Few organizations have done as much to earn it as our Rotary Foundation and Rotary International. I expect that the day cannot be too far off, for though due recognition is often slow in coming, eventually it does come.

9. We must plot our service potential not only for 2003 or 2004 or 2005. We must think ahead to 2010, 2015, 2020...* We need to make plans, study possibilities, revise our goals, and remain at the forefront of service to humankind. We can "Lend a Hand"—and we must "Lend a Hand" to "Celebrate Rotary."

By now you probably can't wait to ask, "Giay, all these future challenges, changes, and innovations that you are describing—will our Rotary Foundation be ready to deal with them when the time comes?"

I am sure that already now, right here, today, we have the ability to stand up to them and come out ahead. Why do I feel this way?

Profession Joseph Coates, a leader of the World Future Society, an extraordinary group of brilliant thinkers devoted to studying the future we are shaping, as compiled a most interesting report dealing with 83 Assumptions about the Year 2005. Coates brings up problems that society will have to face in the highly probably future, and lists several crucial issues:

- * Managing Our World
- * Managing Human Health
- * Managing Environment and Resources
- * Population Trends
- * Automation and Infotech
- * Worldwide Tensions, and
- * Public Issues and Values

If we carefully consider how each of the 83 assumptions is posed and developed, we can assert that our rotary Foundation has the human and financial resources to deal with all of them successfully.

My message today is one of great optimism, a highly positive note. We are the guardians of our Rotary Foundation. We have made good use up to the present of this wonderful tool, but the Foundation is also a bridge reaching across to the future on which we may safely tread. "The Rotary Foundation is the road of hope along which travel memories of times to come for Rotary."

Ladies and gentlemen, some of you may say that I have been too much of an idealist in this presentation, but I know that I stand before many idealists to whom these words of Jose Ingenieros, an Argentinean philosopher, will apply:

"Only those who have the courage to fight for a better world while living in an imperfect one deserve to be called idealists."

In closing, I want to encourage you to continue working and supporting our Foundation because the challenges of the next centuries will only be another test for us to pass in order that

The voice of every Rotarian may resound
Proclaiming the ideal of service,
For the most beautiful gesture in the world
Is to help another build a good life.

Many thanks.

PLENARY SESSION V

ADDENDUM 2

“FOUNDATION AND YOUR QUESTIONS”

Presented by:

John Osterlund, Foundation Manager

Thanks to Carol Wylie for inviting me to be with you today. Thanks to Mary Margaret Fleming and Barb Fed for helping me prepare and offering their assistance.

Looking around the room, I see many familiar faces. Let me begin by thanking each of you for your continued involvement in Rotary and more specifically the Foundation. As many of you know, my wife, Beth, and I are blessed with three children. As Ben, Peter and Abigail get older, I find that we are becoming increasingly involved as volunteers in their respective activities. You have spoiled me. I get irritated as a volunteer that other volunteers do not exhibit the same passion and commitment that I've come to expect given my work for more than 12 years now with Rotarians. Our organization would not be celebrating its centennial were it not for the phenomenal resolve on the part of Rotarians to make our world better. All of you have been a real source of inspiration to me and to my colleagues as well. I salute you for making Rotary what it has been and what it will be in its second century of service.

I am enjoying my new role as General Manager of our Foundation. Each day presents new challenges and opportunities. Some days I leave the office thinking we have accomplished a great deal and other days I'm frustrated thinking that there is so much more that we can do. One thing is certain, no two days are alike.

Recently, I was on the phone with one of the Trustees of the Foundation. At the conclusion of the call, the Trustee said to me, "well John, the honeymoon is over." As I hung up the phone, I thought about how fitting that comment was. My relationship with the Foundation is akin to a courtship. I fell in love with The Rotary Foundation as a result of me being an Ambassadorial Scholar many years ago. I was privileged to join the staff and raise money to support the programs of our Foundation. During that time, I really got to know our Foundation and the people that make it work. After a long courtship, I now feel as though I'm married to the Foundation. While I still love her, it is different from our courtship. I now have a lot more worries. One thing is certain, I wouldn't trade this experience for anything.

Last year was an extraordinary year for our Foundation. The Polio Eradication Fund-raising Campaign was a phenomenal effort on the part of Rotarians worldwide. It was the highlight of my tenure of working for the Foundation. As you know, I was privileged to work side-by-side with two men that spearheaded the campaign, Past General Secretary Herb Pigman and Past Vice President Bob Scott. To date, Rotarians have contributed more than US\$119 million as a result of the PEFC which is almost \$40 million more than the original US\$80 MILLION GOAL. The resolve on the part of Rotarians to "fulfill their promise" of a polio free world is most impressive. Let there be no doubt, polio will be eradicated.

Earlier this month, it was confirmed that the French Government will appropriate EU30 million for polio eradication. This is most significant given that this is the first time France has participated in the global polio eradication initiative. This achievement is the result of continued advocacy efforts of many Rotarians.

While the campaign was a resounding success, it did, however, adversely effect our annual giving efforts. We hope to remedy that this year and next. "Every Rotarian, Every Year," is one of six goals articulated by Foundation Chairman Jim Lacy.

The concept of "Every Rotarian, Every Year" came about for several reasons. It might surprise you to know that in any given year, roughly 1/3 of the Rotary clubs worldwide contribute \$0 to the Foundation. If we are to achieve a US\$100 per capita by 2005, it's obvious that we need to increase the participation rate among our clubs. Similarly, more Rotarians need to be asked and be encouraged to make a gift of some amount on an annual basis.

There is, as you know, abundant need for additional funds to support the programs of our Foundation. For the last three years, the Trustees have not had enough money to address all of the matching grant applications received. In fact, last year, more than 900 matching grants went unfunded. Each of these proposed grants tells a story of needs not met--of children that are hungry, of amputees lacking mobility, of agricultural lands stripped of its productivity.

If we succeed in meeting our challenge of US\$100 per capita more than US\$125 million would be directed to the Annual Programs Fund. Think of the good that could be accomplished in our world with funding at this level of magnitude.

Let me mention here that the Foundation now offers to Rotarians in the United States the possibility of making automated credit card contributions. Rotarians have been requesting this convenience for some time; we are exploring how to offer this option to Rotarians outside the United States as well.

Give that The Rotary Foundation has an asset base in excess of US\$450 million, Rotarians routinely ask me why their US\$100 gift is so important. There are any number of specific ways to answer this ubiquitous question. For starters, for the last three years the Foundation has not been able to fund all of the matching grant applications received from clubs and districts. The

demand exceeds our supply by a considerable amount.

Two days ago, I was with a group of Rotarians from D5170 here in California. They wanted to bring to my attention the poor quality of service they have been receiving from The Rotary Foundation. During the meeting I indicated my concern, but I am painfully aware of the unacceptable service that Rotarians are receiving and have been receiving particularly in the area of Humanitarian programs. I don't want to make excuses, but I want to offer an explanation as I'm sure many of you have had similar experiences. As 31 December, 2003, The Rotary Foundation was operating with 130 of its budgeted 168 positions. Staffing has played a big role in our inability to deliver acceptable service. On 9 February, eight new staff members started working in the Humanitarian Grants area. While there is definitely a learning curve, I expect these new staff members to make a difference in service delivery in short order. The other explanation is technology. The Humanitarian Programs area has taken delivery of a new database. However, the data from its old database has not yet been converted to the new database. Until such time that the conversion is completed, the staff has to access two different databases which makes for tedious processing. The conversion is scheduled to be finalized in April, 2004.

Before taking your questions, let me tell you two quick stories about my kids: Friday nights' talk radio (WGN) "Look on the bright side."

(John then shared stories about his family and his children and their concept of Rotary. He then concluded his presentation saying that when his children say their prayers every night they always make certain they include: "and God bless Rotary.")

PLENARY SESSION VI

ADDENDUM 1

Presented by:
RIP Jonathan Majiyagbe

My Dear Rotary Friends,

Let me begin by thanking you all for your dedication to Rotary. As Past Rotary Officers, you are very important members of the “Family of Rotary,” a unique group that encompasses not only our 1.2 million members but also their spouses and other family members who provided such important support to Rotary’s service efforts. For you, Rotary is truly a family and you have made a long-term commitment to that family.

Although Rotary’s leadership changes every year, there are key projects that have been the focus of Rotarian energy and effort year after year – and will continue to require our attention in the years to come. It is every Rotarian’s responsibility to ensure that these projects continue their steady progress – and I believe that as the more experienced members of the Family of Rotary, you are particularly important to that effort.

At the forefront, of course, is PolioPlus. Our longstanding goal has been to eradicate polio by our Centennial, and as we near this deadline we must not falter. We have made such progress but we must face the harsh reality that enormous challenges remain. We must not let down our guard, and we cannot cut corners. The most obvious reason, of course, is that we never want to see another child suffer from a devastating disease that is absolutely preventable. But there are other reasons, too.

Twenty years ago, we could not have possibly predicted the obstacles we would face when we undertook the mission to eradicate polio from the earth. But, together with our partners, we have surmounted many of those obstacles. And for each obstacle surmounted, we have gained valuable knowledge that can be applied to future health concerns.

We had to find creative strategies to get vaccine to children in isolated regions. We had to form public-private partnerships to support the health programs of national governments. We had to strengthen the worldwide laboratory network, creating powerful connections that will support future disease surveillance.

PolioPlus has strengthened Rotary as an international organization – an organization dedicated to peace and international cooperation. Our new Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution are yet another expression of those shared ideals.

Last year, we held a Presidential Conference focusing on the Rotary Peace Centers and I had the privilege of visiting the Rotary Peace Center at the University of Bradford, England. It was inspiring to talk to many of the Rotary Peace Scholars in person and to realize that all of our scholars are working so diligently. They are passionate about the mission they have undertaken and they are grateful for Rotary’s support.

Our Peace Scholars include outstanding individuals such as Mai Hosoi of Japan, sponsored by District 2680. Mai began her professional career working as an intern for the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees in Tokyo. She plans to continue working with refugees after she completes her studies at the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the United States. Another scholar in the second class is Brian Adams, sponsored by District 6360 in the United States. Brian has degrees in zoology, conservation biology and rural development and he previously studied in Mali as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. When he completes his course of study at Sciences PO in Paris, Brian plans to work to promote social equality throughout rural Africa – drawing on his expertise in the fields of natural resource management. And then we have Elsje Fourie – sponsored by District 9250 in South Africa. She holds a degree in the international relations from the University of Pretoria and she is studying in the Peace Studies program at the University of Bradford in England. Elsje has researched conflict resolution in Angola and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Upon graduation she aspires to pursue a career as an advocate for children’s rights in conflict-torn regions of Africa.

At the end of this Rotary year, the first scholars will graduate. The whole Rotary world will eagerly watch their progress as they assume their roles as the world’s diplomats, international agency leaders, directors of humanitarian organizations and mediators. We must maintain and increase our support of this important program of The Rotary Foundation, so that classes continue to graduate for years to come.

My friends, in the years ahead we must focus on yet another important and ongoing goal – one that is critical for achieving all of our other goals – increasing our membership. Everywhere I have traveled in the last year, Rotarians have expressed their grave concerns that we don’t have enough members – especially younger members.

This is where I think the Family of Rotary Committees can be a great help to our clubs and to our organization at large. And as we continue our efforts to encourage family participation in Rotary social events and service, I urge all Rotarians to invite more women and people of diverse ethnic backgrounds to join us.

Fifteen years ago, on behalf of the Rotary International Board of Directors, it was my privilege to move the motion for the admission of women into Rotary. Women and men work together in every area of life – family life, professional life,

community life – I think that it is only reasonable that men and women should work side-by-side in Rotary. In the short time that women have been Rotarians, they have served with enthusiasm and devotion. This year, nearly fifty women have come to Anaheim to prepare to serve as Rotary District Governors in the coming year.

In addition to actively recruiting women to join Rotary, I believe that we should be making a special effort to reach out to members of ethnic and religious groups that may be in the minority in our communities. The classification principle ensures a cross-section of vocations in each club – a commitment to diversity that has fueled Rotary's growth and enriched our organization to every level. Having experienced the benefits of professional diversity, we should nurture diversity in other ways, too.

Asking qualified people to join rotary is important, but in order to increase our overall membership – we must take an unflinching look at the evidence from our membership campaigns. We're quite good at attracting new members. We are not so good when it comes to retaining them.

We must stop this "revolving door." We cannot strengthen our membership if we don't keep new members active and involved. This means engaging them in meaningful service projects. It also means that we must do more to make all members feel at home in our clubs – as part of a close, warm supportive Rotary family.

I sometimes wonder if we are reluctant to focus our energies on our clubs. Perhaps we worry that we are being selfish when we work to make our clubs more fulfilling for ourselves when there is so much dire need in our communities and in our world. But since strong clubs form the basis for everything else that we do, any efforts to improve our clubs will only increase our ability to serve.

When we think about how we are going to attract and retain members, we might think about why we joined Rotary ourselves. What did we want from this organization?

I believe that most of us wanted the encouragement and support to simply act upon one of our most natural impulses – to reach out to our fellow human beings to help and to comfort.

This year, I have seen Rotarians all over the world doing just that – reaching out to help their communities and their world – carrying out countless service projects with attention to three areas of emphasis – poverty alleviation, education and health concerns.

In Bangladesh, I saw Rotarians building a center for impoverished children. Instead of milling about the streets in filthy conditions, these children will have a safe, clean facility to learn literacy skills and play.

In Manila, I saw Rotary clubs working closely with Rotary Community Corps to reclaim an entire area of the city – refurbishing dilapidated houses, cleaning streets, improving and expanding local shops and businesses through micro credit loans.

On the island of Fiji, I saw Rotarians working with the local government and healthcare professionals to organize a health fair to provide health education, screening and treatment referrals for the island's poorer residents.

And in South Africa I visited The Kotulong Community Centre Project – an initiative of Rotary clubs in District 9300 in South Africa and other clubs throughout the world. Aimed at improving the quality of life for people infected or affected by HIV/AIDS, the project also has the support of South African businesses, government and local communities.

It has been exciting to see all of the good work – and more. I have also been inspired by the enthusiasm of the thousands of Rotarians who have attended Presidential Celebrations so far this year. Fifteen of these mini-conferences were scheduled to take place throughout the Rotary world this year – each one focusing on just one aspect of Rotary – such as Vocational Service, or The Rotary Foundation, or health concerns. By keeping our topics so specific, we are able to go into greater detail in a shorter amount of time.

We had another goal in planning these conferences – and that was to maximize opportunities for participation. We have been mindful of keeping costs reasonable – an effort that has been greatly assisted by local Rotarians who have handled the organization and registration.

Eleven of these Presidential Celebrations have taken place – and every one of them has been a true celebration of service and fellowship. It has been particularly rewarding to see how these one-day events have attracted the attention of government leaders. In Nigeria, President Olusegun Obasanjo was in attendance in India we were honored by the presence of the President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo attended the celebration in the Philippines, and Crown Princess Victoria joined us in Sweden.

These leaders – along with many other representatives of governmental and non-government organizations – came to the Presidential Celebrations to express their gratitude for the work Rotary does in their countries. They pledged their support and shared their own creative ideas about how Rotary can continue to work with governments to alleviate poverty, raise literacy rates and improve the health of people everywhere.

These leaders recognize that in nearly one hundred years, Rotary has matured into a vital, potent force for peace. Our second century of service will see even more partnerships with governments and non-government organizations.

Paul Harris envisioned this for our organization when he said “Rotary is an integrating force in a world where forces of disintegration are all too prevalent; Rotary is a microcosm of a world at peace, a model which nations will do well to follow.”

More and more, it is a model that nations want to follow. They know, as we know, that the connection between humanitarian service and peace is clear. Hunger, poverty and ignorance breed despair, anger and fear – the very same emotions that fan the flames of intolerance, conflict and even war. And those who suffer the miseries of abject poverty, cut off from hope for a decent future—these are the people who are most vulnerable to the rhetoric of war.

Throughout human history, contentious rhetoric has made the same evil arguments: there is not enough to go around, so we must fight for our share. Love is dead, so we must hate to survive. Human lives are worth so little that squandering lives is of no consequence.

As Rotarians we refute these arguments with all of the resources we and muster. Together we will reach out in fellowship and service, to Lend a Hand wherever it is needed – in our clubs, in our vocations, in our communities and in our world.

We will Lend a Hand to alleviate abject poverty;

Lend a Hand to educate the illiterate;

Lend a Hand to relieve the scourge of disease;

Lend a Hand of fellowship to all of the Family of Rotary.

Thank you*

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