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Mountains of the Moon Climb 2011
<http://www.mountainsofthemoon.org>

in sincere appreciation and recognition of distinguished service, loyalty and devotion to the ideals of Rotary while service our fellowship

ROTARIANS ON THE INTERNET

Thanks, John, for everything you do for AIDS victims, Rotary and ROTI



John Glassford

(The Straw Wolf)

ROTIAN OF THE YEAR

by IPDG Ian Simpson, District 9700, presenter

We have all heard about Rotary Fellowships – groups of Rotarians who have common interests rather than common addresses. Tonight I wish to speak about one of these Fellowships in particular – Rotarians on the Internet. ROTI is one of the largest Fellowships, with more than a thousand members from more than a hundred countries.

ROTI members have led the way in showing the rest of Rotary how the Internet has increased the speed and efficiency of communication to other Rotarians, so that programs which will alleviate hunger, illiteracy, disease and hopelessness are now being expedited to the advantage of all.

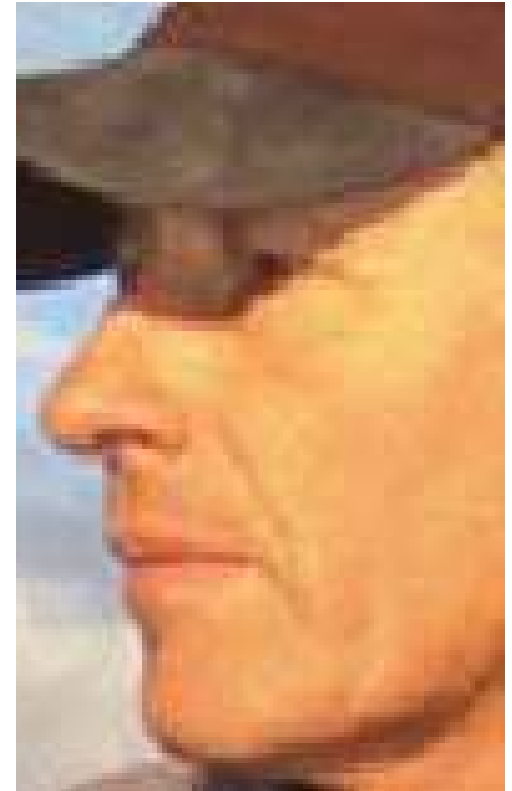
ROTI was a social network long before Facebook and Twitter.

Each year the almost 2,000 member-strong Fellowship, Rotarians on the Internet, selects from amongst its members one Rotarian who exemplifies the ideals of the Fellowship. This Rotarian is designated ROTIAN of the Year.

This year ROTI is pleased to honor **John Glassford of the Rotary Club of Coolamon, Australia as ROTIAN of the Year for 2011-12.**

In 2003 John was asked to build over one hundred straw homes for women with orphaned children. From that request a new calling emerged – aid to the AIDS-afflicted. John approached many organisations for help. Salvation Army, USAid, Dept of Foreign Affairs (Australia), the Catholic Church, The South African Government, the Mandella Foundation, to name a few. Only Rotary became interested and offered help. John seized the offer and jumped in with both feet – joining Rotarians for Fighting Aids (he is now a Director), and leading a move to partner with the RC of Hout Bay, in South Africa.

John, on behalf of Chair Steve Sokol and all of the members of ROTI it gives me great pleasure to present you with this plaque in recognition of your yeoman service.”



John Glassford became a member of ROTI in 2004. He was born in Kenya, on his father's coffee farm, and lived there for his first twenty years. He migrated to Australia by way of the University of Edinburgh with his first wife and two sons and became a builder specialising in the use of straw, a material readily available, and often treated as waste.

John is a member, and currently International Services Director, of the Rotary club of Coolamon, in the Riverina District of Southern New South Wales, Australia. -a grain growing area where there is plenty of straw.



Mountains of the Moon
A Coolamon Rotary Club Initiative

A surprised and happy John Glassford received the ROTY award from DG Ian Simpson at D9700 changeover on 30 June 2012.

BACK IN FULL SPEED by Steve Sokol

I am glad to report I am back at full speed. There is a lot we should do and I hope I can lead us there. I hope you will not take this as a trite, but our communication experience has a great contribution that we can make to Rotary.

One of the most pressing issues at the current time is facilities in Lisbon. Yes, a year out seems very early to worry about it – However, the time is now. The convention in Bangkok had twice the number of attendees as New Orleans. RI has taken note and reserved many more rooms than in the past. This has made the rooms in Lisbon difficult to find and very expensive. There are also some very restrictive demands on reservations. I will send you the options we have in the next days. The situation is not critical, but we will have to move rather quickly.



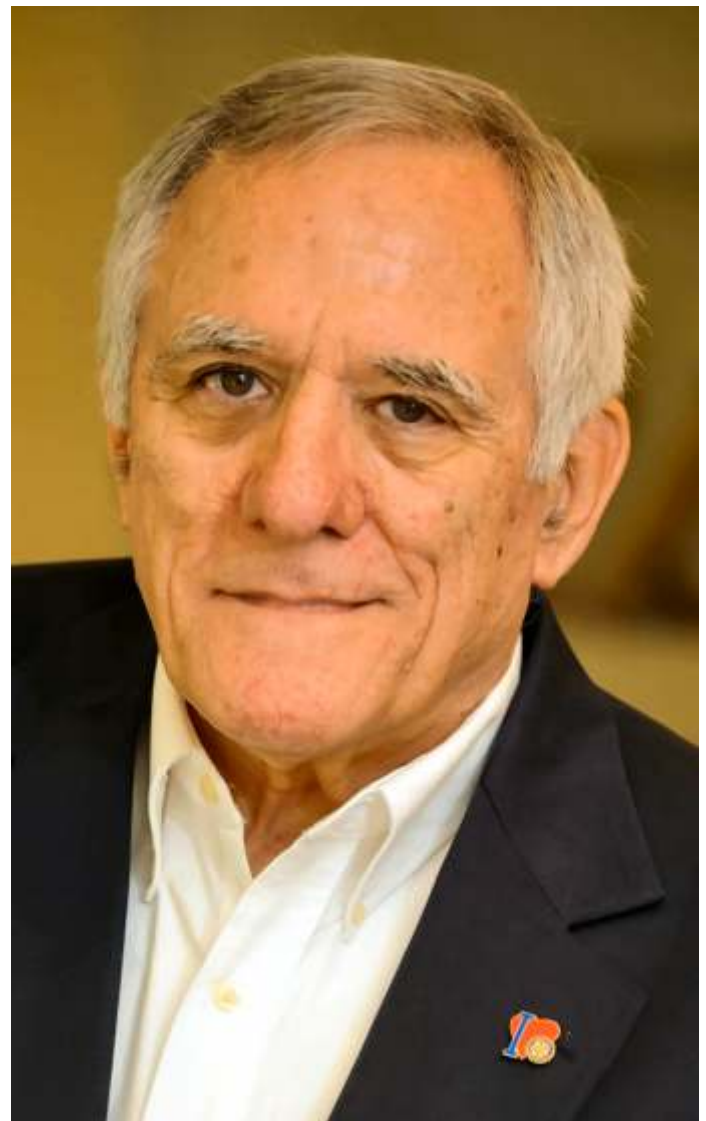
Even though there have been some important and interesting issues mentioned recently, the lists have been rather quiet. I hope we can stir everyone up and start addressing issues. Some of the open issues may be quite important. A member complains about being removed from a (Rotary) LinkedIn list for having a contrary opinion. I cannot address the issue, but it is a potentially important issue. Others have complained about compromise of address security on Yahoo. If true, we need to address it. Is FV a demon?? I do not know, but we need more (and not adversarial) discussion of the issues. There is plenty we need to talk about.

I want to thank Girish for his work on the ROTI FaceBook page. He has taken charge and shown the value of such a page to enhance our mission: Use Internet communications to further world understanding and peace. Thanks to other ROTIans, we have a viable position on LinkedIn. There are others looking for our involvement. If you are willing to help, contact me, or start a discussion on what you think can be done on one of the lists

ROTI is not my group. It is not the Board's group. It is not the Leadership Council's group. ROTI belongs to the almost 1700 members we have. If there is anything we can do to make the group relevant to your needs, please speak up. We exist to make the Rotary experience more valuable to all Rotarians. Please get active on the lists and help us be pertinent to the Rotary experience.

Based on the increasing importance of information technology and the knowledge/experience we, as a group, possess, we can lead Rotary forward. I hope everyone will join me in working to make that mission a reality.

Steve



WHAT'S



RON NETHERCUTT
ROTI Chair 2007-2009

CHOICES

As we begin a new Rotary Year, I would like to remind the reader of the importance of the choices we make, and have made in our life. Every choice we make determines our future, and perhaps the future of those around us. From the early days of our life we have made decisions. Some were encouraged by our parents, some by friends, teachers, and employers.

Think about how your parents molded your character by helping you to make choices; don't snack before meals, it will spoil your appetite, don't run with scissors, don't play in the street, etc. Of course with each of these, you made a choice, to either obey, or perhaps suffer the punishment for disobeying.

Later in life, you began to make decisions in your life without supervision; do I decide to eat healthy foods, smoke tobacco, drive safely, which books to read, select friends, study or party at college, etc. Each day opportunities occur for which we must make many decisions. Every single decision affects our future. You made a choice to either join Rotary, some other organization, or none at all. Some of you decided to accept a leadership positions and become the club president. Those of you that became President of your Rotary club have now completed a year of dedicated service in which you made decisions. What information did you seek in order to make those decisions? Was it good for the club? Good for the community? Good for Rotary's objectives? Good for your advancement in Rotary? Those were tough decisions right? Your decisions were just a continuation of the path you have chosen to follow.

I want to compliment each one of the club, district, zone, and international officers that have dedicated 2011-2012 to Rotary. Hopefully the investment you made with your time, energy, and personal funds, have proven beneficial to both yourself and to others.

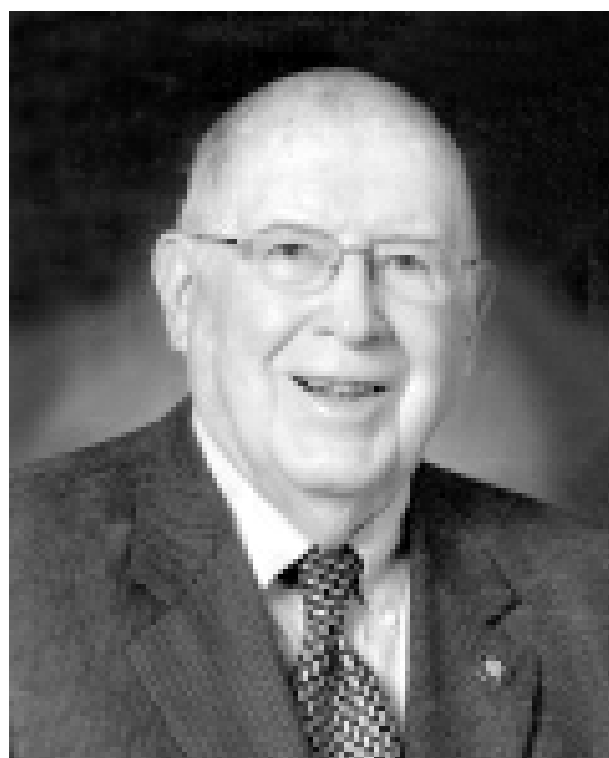
Some of you may find my next statement critical, but it pertains to decisions that ROTIans made. Each of us have a decision to send or not send a story, report, article, etc. to the ROTI BreadBasket each month to provide information to the membership. Only two individuals made the decision to send a story to the BreadBasket this month, according to the Editor. Those decisions will result in the lack of beneficial information to the readership. It also resulted in an increased burden on the Editor who had to dig information to include in the July issue in order to continue her promise of publication of the Breadbasket to appear every month on the 1st day of the month. That pledge was kept every month for RY 2011-12. Your ROTI BreadBasket is a communication publication; designed to communicate to the ROTI public. The Editor received only TWO short stories. May I remind each reader to 'communicate' by telling ROTI what your club and district are doing by sending to Lawrence Tristram at lawrence@tristram.force9.co.uk.

You will note that we now have another ROTY, ROTIAN Of The Year; John Glassford. The story appears in this issue; photos of the presentation in Australia will follow in the listservs of ROTI as soon as received. Congratulations to John, who truly represents "Service Above Self."

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SAM CHAPMANN



We will
miss you,
Sam

Dr. Samuel (Sam) Clay Chapman, 90, Liberty, Mo., passed away June 1, 2012, in Liberty.

A Celebration of his life will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Liberty United Methodist Church, 1001 Sunset, Liberty. Visitation will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at Church-Archer-Pasley Funeral Home, 119 E. Franklin St., Liberty.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Rotary Club of Liberty, MO Foundation, PO Box 193, Liberty, MO 64069 or Earnest Shepherd Youth Center, 610 E. Shepherd Road, Liberty, MO 64068.

Dr. Chapman was born Nov. 22, 1921, in St. Joseph, Mo. He graduated Kearney High School in 1939; William Jewell College in 1943 with a major in chemistry; and Illinois College of Optometry in 1948.

From 1943-1946 he served in the U.S. Navy as LT(JG) Deck Engineer serving on LSTs 379 & 1000. On June 4, 1944, in McFall, Mo., he married Mary Lou Manring. Dr. Chapman practiced Optometry in Liberty from 1949 until 1999. On Jan. 5, 1991, in Liberty, he married Joy.

His memberships included Liberty United Methodist Church; Liberty Rotary Club (past president and perfect attendance for 44 years); American Legion Post #95; Son's of the American Revolution William Corum Chapter (past president); Greater Kansas City Optometry Society (past president); Missouri Optometric Association (past president); American Optometric Association; Fellow, American Academy of Optometry; International Association of Boards of Optometry (past president); Missouri State Board of Optometry (past president); Volunteer Optometric Service to Humanity and a past board member of Earnest Shepherd Memorial Youth Center.

His honors included Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International; Certificate of Achievement from William Jewell College; Service to Mankind Award from Liberty Sertoma Club; 1st Eagle Scout-Kearney Boy Scout Troop; Tribe of Mic-O-Say; Co-Chair of Liberty Sesquicentennial Celebration Online.

Guest book may be signed at www.churcharcherpasley.com.

NEWS of INTEREST to ROTIANS



“Indeed... it all starts with water”

...says **PDG Patrick Coleman of Zambia**. The Water for Education campaign continues with the Rotary Club of Luanshya (Zambia) having just completed a grant in partnership with Rotary Clubs in Virginia for wells and toilets at three rural schools. The club is also in the midst of another project supplying five wells in partnership with the Rotary Club of Prestonwood (Dallas). The clubs in Virginia are following up their last projects with another grant to be submitted on 1 July for five schools. Other Clubs in California, Canada and Australia are also joining in July for a series of projects to provide water at rural schools. So far the Rotary Club of Luanshya has completed over 50 wells in rural communities in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia.



I would like to share the below information to ROTI.

District Governor Mamed Baboo has agreed for an ambitious project namely the creation of a **Rotary eClub for the District 9220**. PP Dinesh Gajele has been appointed Governor Representative to report on this project. For info the Rotary District 9220 consists of 7 countries in the Indian Ocean, namely Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Reunion and Seychelles. The full online model has been agreed compared to Hybrid model. The official language will be French but in true Rotary Spirit, both English and French will be accepted. Further information will be provided in due course.



Rachid Karroo



Big ShelterBox Week around the world

People from all over the world are joining in Big ShelterBox Week, raising funds and awareness for the international disaster relief charity.

ShelterBox Netherlands is hosting a photography event on Facebook this week to raise awareness. A ShelterBox image by photographer Rens Plaschek has been posted on their site every day and supporters have been invited to upload their own photos of ShelterBoxes in unusual places around the country.

ShelterBox USA invited supporters on 12 June to a Virtual Open House at their headquarters in Florida for a behind-the-scenes look at the disaster relief organisation. The participants learned in an interactive webinar how and why the charity brings shelter, warmth and dignity to disaster survivors. Speakers included ShelterBox USA's President Emily Sperling and Volunteer and Youth Programme Manager Alan Monroe, ShelterBox International's Operations Manager Alf Evans and Response Team member Tom Schaafsma (US). 'We are very fortunate to have ShelterBox supporters throughout the USA and our

virtual open house was an opportunity to give them an in-depth look at how ShelterBoxes are distributed around the world to families in need,' said Emily.

Volunteers in the UK have been collecting money at various underground stations in London every day this week, raising an impressive total of £1,534 so far. **ShelterBox UK & Ireland** has also been offering cake tours at ShelterBox's headquarters in Cornwall. 'It's a great chance to see behind the scenes of a frontline aid agency, see what goes into a ShelterBox and how it gets packed,' said ShelterBox UK and Ireland's General Manager Tim Bunting. 'There is also tea and tasty cakes made by our volunteers for people to enjoy for a small donation.' David and Carole Dowell visited the headquarters for a cake tour: 'What an enjoyable and informative tour. It's amazing to see that our donations are being of help to the less fortunate in other countries. We shall be doing all we can to tell our friends and family about the work that you do and will keep on with giving donations as often as we can.'

ShelterBox stands are popping up all over Canada to increase awareness and generate donations. One ShelterBox Canada Ambassador has set up a demonstration tent at the town hall in Innisfil, Ontario, which generated a lot of interest.

ShelterBox Switzerland is raising awareness and funds by setting up several ShelterBox stalls across the country with BBQs, car washes and football games this coming weekend.

For more information about the worldwide events happening during Big ShelterBox Week, please visit the Big ShelterBox Week website.

- Coralie Farren, International Affiliates Manager, ShelterBox, e. coralief@shelterbox.org www.shelterbox.org

Registration is now open for the 2012 RI CONVENTION in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June. Lisbon is an explorer's paradise. Perched on the west coast of Europe. Portugal's capital city is a charming combination of old-world appeal and modern flair.



EYE SCREENING CAMP

With a view to help those people who needs cataract surgery in their eyes, Rotary Club of Paharpur Naogaon, District 3280 Bangladesh organized two camps in the local area. A large number of patients were seen in the camp and after medical checking 94 patients were selected for the cataract surgery. In association with Islami Eye Hospital, Naogaon we did the surgery and put lenses to their eyes successfully. These patients we found in the camp came from very poor family and live in remote village areas. They need surgery badly but have no ability to manage fund to do it. We targeted these kinds of people to let them come back to their normal life.

This was a **District Eye Care Project 2011-12** and funded from Rotary Foundation Matching Grant # 76075 supported by District 3280 Bangladesh and District 6290 USA & Canada.

Rotarian PP Mohammed A Salam
Rotary Club of Paharour Naogaon
District 3280 Bangladesh



AWARDS

Greetings and good wishes from Ram and his Club RC Ottapalam. Sending picture of the prestigious awards received by our Club for the Rotary Year 2011-2012 and looking forward for more service activities next year.

Ambalakat Ram Mohan
<ambalakat@gmail.com>



Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

Why the Rotary year begins 1 July



Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended. The convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Rotary's birthplace, Chicago, in 1910.

Rotary Clubs: The Biggest and Smallest by Country and Geographic Area

United States:	Clubs: 7,847	Rotarians: 348,762
India:	Clubs: 3,148	Rotarians: 121,903
Japan:	Clubs: 2,292	Rotarians: 89,004
Korea Republic of:	Clubs: 1,588	Rotarians: 63,192
Brazil:	Clubs: 2,402	Rotarians: 57,467
Nauru:	Clubs: 1	Rotarians: 11
Lao People's Dem. Rep:	Clubs: 1	Rotarians: 11
Sao Tome and Principe:	Clubs: 1	Rotarians: 12
Kiribati:	Clubs: 1	Rotarians: 12
Guinea Bissau:	Clubs: 1	Rotarians: 14

5 Largest Rotary Clubs worldwide: July 2011

1. Seattle, Washington	Members 628 in Dist. 5030
2. Birmingham, Alabama	Members 564 in Dist. 6860
3. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Members 533 in Dist. 5750
4. San Diego, California	Members 511 in Dist. 5340
5. San Antonio, Texas	Members 499 in Dist. 5840

Semiannual Report goes electronic

Beginning this July, Rotary clubs will have the option of receiving their semiannual report (SAR) electronically. Clubs will continue to receive the standard paper SAR unless they choose to opt out, which RI strongly encourages, by updating their club preferences in Member Access. The first paperless SARs will be distributed in the last week of June. Going paperless supports RI's environmental efforts and also provides:

- * Improved service to all clubs
- * Faster, more secure, and more effective international delivery
- * Significant cost savings
- * Increased efficiency at all RI office locations

To make this effort to go green successful, please ensure that your club and club officer's email addresses in Member Access are current. For questions about this change, please contact your financial representative.

Instruction for opting out of the paper SAR

If your club no longer wishes to receive the paper version of the SAR, your club's secretary, president, or executive secretary/director should login to Member Access and select "Update Club Data, Semiannual Report Preferences." Be sure to save your update.

The electronic SAR will be sent from **Rotary_International_SAR@microdrg.com**. Please update your junk mail filters by pre-approving this sender and do not reply to this e-mail address.



Happy birthday, RI President Banerjee!

Dear ROTI Friends, This is just to inform you that 10th June is our current R.I. President Kalyan Banerjee's birthday. May he have a long happy and prosperous life and continue to serve and guide us in Rotary for years to come Amen!

- PDG Zubin Amaria R.I. District 3132 India



TOP 20 POSTINGS *more or less*



Tune in to **RadioRotary** on Friday, June 29 at 9 a.m., featuring *Rotarian Stan Martin (Warwick Valley Rotary) who discusses his club's highly successful Backpack Snack Attack project*, which provides weekend food to needy families. **RadioRotary** is simulcast weekly on Fridays at 9 a.m New York Time., just after the news update, on 3 AM radio stations on the Hudson Valley Talk Radio Network covering 8 counties and reaching a listening audience of 38,600: WGHQ 920, WBNR 1260, WLNA 1420. To listen in Real Time on computer, click Listen Live on www.hvradionet.com or listen at any time after the broadcast by visiting RadioRotary's website, www.radiorotary.org which includes photos and lots more information about the topic.

-Jonah Triebwasser, Co-Host, "Radio Rotary"

Listen to Radio Rotary Fridays at 9 am - WGHQ 920AM - WBNR 1260AM - WLNA 1420AM or <http://www.hvradionet.com/> or www.RadioRotary.org<<http://www.radiorotary.org/>>

CONVENTION NUMBERS

I made another chart from the data sent by my friend Suresh. This one condenses the previous information and may be more readable.

- **Ron Nethercutt** TRF Major Donor Past ROTI Chair RC Mabalacat D3790 Angeles City, Philippines

***Registration numbers from the International Fellowship of Rotary Convention Goers**
<<http://www.conventiongoers.org/conventions.htm>>

Osaka, Japan , 22-26 May 2004	43,381
Chicago, IL, USA , 19-22 June 2005	39,460
Malmö / Copenhagen , 11-14 June 2006	14,441
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA 17-20 June 2007	15,439
Los Angeles, CA USA , 15-18 June 2008	18,702
Birmingham, UK , 21-24 June 2009	16,062
Montreal, Canada , 20-23 June 2010	17,909
New Orleans, Louisiana, USA 21-25 May 2011	17,487
Bangkok, Thailand , 06-09 May 2012	33,104

Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June 2013
Sydney, Australia, 01-04 June 2014
Sao Paulo, Brazil, 05-08 June 2015
Seoul, Korea, 29 May-1 June 2016

Resource guide

**Doing Good in the World DVD**

See how The Rotary Foundation and its partners are achieving sustainable results in the areas of focus.

DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

I just watched a DVD produced by The Rotary Foundation titled "Doing Good in the World". It has a product number of 978-MU.

I liked it very much. It has a short introduction and then 6 short video's based on the 6 Areas of Focus, each set in a different part of the world. Very nicely done. Would be interesting for nearly every Rotarian and most non-Rotarians to see. The 6 Area of Focus clips could be shown at club meetings to raise awareness of our Foundation. They are 3-4 minutes long.

It is available for \$10 from the Rotary Shop. The one I received was in 8 languages.

Todd Lindley DDS FAGD

Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, Zone 31
Past District Governor, District 6060, 2010-2011

**ARCH C. KLUMPH**

For a man best known as the father of The Rotary Foundation, Arch C. Klumph was modest about his role in its creation.

In 1928, he listed three accomplishments that gave him "more satisfaction than any other contributions to Rotary" -- and launching the Foundation wasn't among them.

Instead, he emphasized his role in writing Rotary's constitution in 1915, which he asserted "gave Rotary International its first centralized power and made all the Objects and fundamentals of Rotary universal." He also took pride in establishing attendance reports and in being the first to insist upon founding a European branch office of Rotary International.

Klumph was born in the small town of Conneautville, Pennsylvania, USA, on 6 June 1869. When he was a child, his family moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he would later become a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. In 1914, he was elected a director of the International Association of Rotary Clubs and served on the Constitution and By-laws Committee and the Executive Committee. He was elected Rotary's sixth president in 1916, five years after he became a Rotarian.

Near the end of his term as president, at the 1917 international convention in Atlanta, Georgia, Klumph reminded Rotarians that "Rotary is at the present time entering a new era, demanding improved methods in administrative machinery, with which to carry out the splendid principles which have been laid down heretofore." He defined six points of action, including an endowment, which would later become The Rotary Foundation:

"Carrying on, as we are, a miscellaneous community service, it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world, in charitable, educational or other avenues of community progress, or such funds could be well used for extension work."

Through Klumph's simple yet profound statement, the Rotary Endowment Fund was born. The first contribution was made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City in 1917. By 1928, when the RI Bylaws were amended to change the name to The Rotary Foundation, the endowment fund had grown to over \$5,000.

In 1929, the Foundation made its first grant: \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/080903_news_historicSept.aspx , as requested by the donor, Rotary founder Paul P. Harris.

- **PP Ron Nethercutt**

WOMENinROTARY

A few days ago I wrote the following editorial to commemorate the 25th anniversary of CoL's decision at our district 5550 blog.

*It was titled *It's Time for a Woman President in 2014 -15**

<http://5550opinions.wordpress.com/2012/05/29/its-time-for-a-woman-president-in-2014-15/>

It has caused quite a stir at LinkedIn.

- John Borst

IT'S TIME FOR A WOMAN PRESIDENT IN 2014-2015!



D3790 RCMabalacat women: Treasurer May Valdez, auditor Aida Mendoza who recruited her 22-year old daughter Michelle, youngest member, to the club

It's Time for a Woman President in 2014-15!

Posted on May 29, 2012

by John Borst

Sometime around now, a committee is about to meet within Rotary to decide whom to nominate as the 2014-15 President.

Last year's announcement of the 2013-14 President, Ron D. Burton (Pres.-elect 2012-13) was made on 8 August 2011, so one must assume that a similar announcement will be made this August for 2014-15.

I would like to propose that it is an appropriate moment for the nominating committee to put forward a woman as the President for 2014-15.

There are some important reasons why this is an "appropriate moment" to choose a woman as our 110th president.

It was in 1989 that the Council on Legislation approved a resolution that henceforth Rotary International would be open to women members worldwide. Although the first woman was actually admitted to a Rotary Club in California in 1987, 2014-15 will effectively mark the 25th anniversary of that momentous change within Rotary.

So how has Rotary changed over those 25 years? According to a 1 May 2012 news release there are currently nearly 200,000 women Rotarians, 91 of whom, in 2011-12, are District Governors. Interestingly, this means women currently make up 16% of our membership and 16.9% of the District Governors.

At the R.I. Board table, however, women have not fared so well. This year of the 19 members only one is a woman, Elizabeth S. Demaray Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, USA.

Fortunately she will continue to serve in 2012-13. She will also be joined by Ann-Britt Åsebol, of the Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden and Anne L. Matthews, of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA both of whom are serving two year terms for 2012-14. As a result the board will now come close to having a board at least nearly proportional to its membership; 15.7% verses the 5.2%, it has had for the past year.

While at this years Bangkok conference, I took the opportunity to ask a small number of women if they thought it was time to have a woman as president. To a person each answered yes. I then would ask if they were getting impatient with the progress towards that goal. Again each answered yes.

The only event I experienced where much was made of the appointment of two women joining the board in 2013-14 was the Rotary Leadership Institute's annual breakfast. Somehow that seemed appropriate.

In 2011 the nominating committee who put forward Ron Burton's name was made up of 17 men and no woman, so I suspect 2012's committee may have a similar composition. Let's hope they have the courage and forethought to take this opportunity to both commemorate the 1989 CoL decision and recognize the importance women now play in the life and future of Rotary International, even if it means jumping the queue

women in rotary



PDG Mark Howisn, PDG Chit Lichauco D3820 Phils

My recent attendance at the Bangkok Rotary Convention was yet again, another priceless and valued moment in my Rotary Life, so may I say greetings to all those with whom I engaged (I have literally hundreds of business cards I am ploughing through now I am back temporarily back in my bunker) who visited me on the Police Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians Information Booth.

Also as member of the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF) with which I had the privilege of sharing accommodation at Dhurakij Pundit University Hotel Complex (DPU Place), our collective Rotary experiences were from my perspective, another chapter in the 'Joy of Rotary', so I am now motivated more than

ever to engage, given from time to time, we tend to get a bit derailed from what means most to us in our various life's experiences.

Which leads me to make the following comments.

I would hope and imagine, this story about the earliest women in Rotary is within the purview of the Rotary Global History Fellowship and if it is not, it needs to be explored and developed??

Back in 2008 I had the privilege of meeting a dear lady in Windsor, Ontario, at PRIP Wilf's Peace Assembly (where along with host PDG Doug Vincent I was a Guest Panel Speaker) who was the first Lady Rotarian in a contemporary sense. These earlier recollections are quite interesting and no doubt will get a few thinking.

Whilst on the subject of 'women in Rotary' as opposed to our dear Rotary Annes who have always been a joy to be around, it is my humble opinion there is a lot to be said at the outset for 'all' Women Clubs which embrace men to be members, rather than necessarily, the other way around, although the infusion of women into a previously Male Club has done a lot in many situations to save that Club from virtual extinction. I would be interested in any comments although I guess we all (Men and Woman Rotarians) have a story to tell.

The Police Law Enforcement Professionals Fellowship of Rotarians (Polepfor - www.polepfr.org) is now on Facebook so regardless of not necessarily having been or currently being involved in Police and Law Enforcement, I look forward to all of you joining up as 'Friends of Polepfor' at no cost, just a nice request from you to be our friends on Facebook.

PP Geoffrey B.W. Little JP.PHF in Sydney

Founding International Chairman,
Police Law Enforcement Professionals
Fellowship of Rotarians (Polepfor - www.polepfr.org)
in collaboration with the Rotary District Peace Communities Programme (RDPCP), Philippine Rotary Watch (Australia's Philippine version of Neighbourhood Watch) and RGHF

Geoffrey,

You wrote: "I would hope and imagine, this story about the earliest women in Rotary is within the purview of the Rotary Global History Fellowship and if it is not, it needs to be explored and developed??"

The information on our delightful DGE, Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, can indeed be found on the RGHF site:
<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/women/clubpresidents/whitlock.htm>

- Judi Beard Strubing
District 5110, DG 04-05
Zone 25, RC 2010-2012

I do not know how many of the original women inducted into Rotary are still active. The following is a brief outline of the events which led up to the admission of women into Rotary.

The first constitution of the Chicago Club #1, adopted in January, 1906, makes no reference to gender, referring only to "persons." From 1911 to 1917 there was an all women's Rotary Club in Duluth, Minnesota. The Duluth Women's Rotary Club met on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Spalding Hotel until 1915 when it moved to the Club Room of the Duluth Public Library. This club was not chartered by RI. The Duluth Rotary Club #25 met on the first Thursday of the month at noon and on the last Thursday at 6.15 pm at various locations.

In May 1921, Alwilda F Harvey the wife of the Chicago Club, #1, president convened a luncheon meeting of 59 women who formed "Women of Rotary." The Board of RI rejected that name so it was changed to "The Women of the Rotary Club of Chicago."



ROTI vice chair JohnB and PDG Beverly Hunt

In England, on 15 May 1923, the Manchester Club proposed "The Formation of a Ladies' Rotary Club in Manchester." The proposal was lost, but instead, the first Inner Wheel Club was formed with Mrs Margarette Golding as president. In 1950, at the Detroit Convention, the Ahmedabad Club of India proposed that the word "male" be dropped from Article III of the Standard Club Constitution. This was soundly defeated. Between 1964 and 1977 a number of unsuccessful attempts were made to provide for the admission of women.

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the Rotary Club of Duarte admitted Mary Lou Elliott and Donna Bogart to membership on 1 June 1977 and they were followed shortly afterwards by Rosemary Freitag. The reaction of the Board of RI was predictable: on 27 March 1978, Duarte's charter was terminated. A series of legal actions in the California state and US courts followed. In January 1987, The Rotary Club of Seattle International Districts then filed an amicus brief with the United States Supreme Court in support of the Duarte club, and in that year the Oakland club #3 wrote to the General Secretary of RI questioning the termination of Duarte's charter. On 30 March, 1987, the US Supreme Court heard an appeal by the Board of RI against the California Court of Appeal decision and on 4 May in a 7-0 unanimous decision affirmed the California Court of Appeal decision, upheld the second of two state laws prohibiting sex discrimination in private associations, ruling that Duarte could not discriminate against members because of gender. In the summer of 1987 although the case of Seattle ID was still before the court, the Board of RI under RI President Charles Keller decided to accept women in Rotary and in January 1989, the Council on Legislation voted to change the Constitution and By-laws to permit the admission of women into Rotary.

On 23 June, 1987 Dr Sylvia Whitlock of the Duarte Club was inducted by DGE Dr Kim K Siu as the first woman club president in the history of Rotary. On 1 July 1995 Mimi Altman of the Deerfield, Illinois club became the first woman District Governor of D-6440, followed by Gilda Chirafisi (D-7230), Janet Holland (D-5790), Riba I Lovrein (D-5220), Virginia B Nordby (D-6380), Donna J Rapp (D-6310), Ann Robertson (D-6710) and Olive P Scott (D7190). - **Norm Winterbottom**

Bonjour Norm, merci de votre courriel très intéressant. Je m'en suis servi pour faire une information sur le site du district 1510.

Vous pouvez le voir (en français) sur

www.rotary1510.org/new_ri/femmes.htm

- François Guilbault, RC Nantes Duchesse Anne
webmaster du site du district 1510 : www.rotary1510.org

peter - Tiscali wrote:

As promised, and at Dan's suggestion, I set up a LinkedIn account to see what it offers.. I find that the options are:

- Create a professional profile and build your network
- Join industry or alumni groups
- Search & apply for jobs<

Having been retired for more than a decade and a half, I have no need of a professional profile. Nor do I have any requirement to join an industry group or apply for jobs. There is the possibility that I might try to contact former student acquaintances, but since I moderate the Yahoo Group for my fellow alumni, I am already in touch with most of those who have an Internet presence. I made a searches for alumni, companies and my family name etc with the following results:

- 2 contacts – my own main email account and a local journalist whom I already know well
- 50 'People I may know' but they were 100% strangers to me
- 0 alumni from my school
- 0 companies amongst my employers
- 2 people in a family name search, my brother and 1 of our 4 daughters

My thanks to everyone for encouraging me to look at Linked In. It has been an interesting exercise but I do not see what it might usefully offer that increases my quality of life, former business or current social connections.

Thanks to Marilyn-A and a couple of others for their patience and explanations. For the time being, I am keeping all these social networks at arms length as I have not really worked out how they might be of benefit.

Of course, Peter, there are Rotary groups on Linked-In that you could have explored. While I generally do not participate in the groups, I do enjoy occasionally looking through the topics being discussed and, when interested, read down through the thread. There has been a recent discussion about putting together a "campaign" to get a woman elected President of Rotary International. I found that discussion particularly interesting because a few well-meaning individuals are making a mockery out of the prohibition in the RI constitutional documents against campaigning for Rotary office.

While I have been a linked-in member for some time, and I occasionally accept link requests from individuals I know, I do not use it in any meaningful manner. However, it appears to me to be a very effective business/professional social network that presents interesting forums in which to pursue ideas or have meaningful discussions. Just one more opportunity to learn and appreciate the culture of people around the world.

- Dan Mooers, District 7780

Don Chandler <don@4sea2be.com> wrote:

If you're careful with privacy and security, you may find they'll open up worlds of new friends, but as important (or may more important), reconnection with long lost friends and relatives. I've been able to find and connect with high school classmates, college class mate, colleagues at places I worked, and even former customers.

- Don, D7020 (4 days and counting ...)

If you go to their site you can read about what LinkedIn is. Essentially it's a business network that you can belong to and connect with people within your own scope of interest and or vocation.

It is growing with professional people and with Rotarians. I connect with Rotarians because they are the people I first turn to.

David Bennett, District Secretary-Elect Nominee 2013-14
President 2011-12, Program Manager 2009-12
Website Manager 2010-12, Rotary Club of Brimbank Central
Rotary District 9800, Victoria, Australia

Marilyn Axler <marilyn@cmi-direct.com> wrote:

You can ignore the invitations and delete them if you don't know the person. I usually suggest that they update their profile to include more Rotary information. That way I know if they are true Rotarians. Otherwise they will be following me and my Rotary Groups and try to promote themselves and dilute the groups.

I have been in business for over 35 years with my husband Marvin (Direct Mail) and in my free time at work I am fortunate to post and respond to others. My goal is to connect the Rotarian Network worldwide via LinkedIn. I am in my 60's (shh don't tell) and have a young spirit.

Please watch this: <http://youtu.be/2R1jiVclGcg>

I have found LinkedIn to be a very professional networking group, and belong to several. Rotary has several of which I belong; Rotary Foundation Alumni, the 'Official' Rotary LinkedIn Group, Major Donors, etc. They also have many specialized groups for various professions.

- Ron Nethercutt, RC Mabalacat D 3790,
Angeles City, Philippines

Seeking Advice on Children's Literature

Friends,
Can anyone point me to titles of good children's books in Creole or French for preschoolers and first graders for South Carolina District 7750's Partners in Literacy project in Haiti?Rotarians Building Literacy Together,

- Dr. Sara C. Mansbach
District 7750 Literacy Chair2007-12
Project Adviser
Partners in Literacy Haiti
Zanmi Alfabetizasyon
www.haitiliteracy.org

<http://www.ouiforkids.com/>
Scholastic Canada Éditions Français

These are two of a number Canadian sites.

TD Bank also gives awards for Childrens' literature in English and French.

- Joan MacFarlane
Past President Rotary Club of Stratford, PEI, Canada
District 7820
2011 Council of the Federation Literacy Award Recipient

Dateline: Cascavel, Brazil, June 24, 2012

When Rotarians learned of us being in town, they invited us to their 8 am Rotary meeting, so we were up early to enjoy the fellowship of Cascavel-Paz Rotarians. The members were very welcoming and made a special effort to speak English with us. One of the members said he had taken English lessons but this was the first time he had actually spoken with someone face-to-face. He did quite well.

We had the remainder of our day to relax including a nice buffet lunch with the Cargnin family. Then they headed off to make final preparations and we had a few hours to visit the sights of Cascavel before being picked up for the evening District 4640 Turnover Celebration.

These events take on a grander format than we are used to in our part of the world. When we arrived the venue was nicely decorated with curtains, flowers and impressive lighting. It was great to be welcomed by a receiving line of the hosting Cascavel-Uniao Club members, which is the home club of incoming Governor Marli.

As we moved further into the building, Assistant Governors welcomed their Club Presidents and Members to the special event. Arrangements included a photograph area where everyone was invited to have their picture taken with DG Marli as a memento of the occasion.

During this time there was live entertainment with background music while everyone socialized during a reception time. It was a joyous occasion and you could sense much anticipation and energy created by the excitement of District and Club Leaders about to take on their new roles. Everyone comes, since these induction ceremonies are made to be an important experience and kick-start to the next Rotary year.

In a District with 2600 members it was amazing to learn they had almost 1000 attendees. Walking in from the parking lot I had observed a couple of parked tour busses. Later I confirmed that some clubs had chartered a bus to travel the 2 or 3 hours drive, in order to be part of this celebration.

In Canada we usually have the dinner first, followed by the program. But in this culture it is normal to have the official program prior to a meal. It was good that some light finger food were served during the reception time to tide us over until the 10 pm dinner.

The program was impressive compared to what we do at home. With several of us seated at a long head table, the layout was such that the current Governor and District Directors were seated on one side of the table with their incoming counterparts on the other side. In pairs, based on position, they came to the front area where the incumbent Director pinned the incoming Director counterpart. When they returned, they switched places at the head table. This also included Interact and Rotaract Leaders.

As the gentle background music continued to play, other District Leaders were invited to the stage in groups, where the incoming DG pinned each of them with a 2012-13 theme pin. They were followed by the Assistant Governors who received the same welcoming treatment. Last was almost all of the 94 Club Presidents who came forward to have each AG pin their respective President while the Marli greeted each one with a hug.

It was obvious that excitement was running high with each of the new Presidents, who saw this process as a very special recognition of their rise to Club Leadership. As would be expected, a lot of photos were taken by family and friends.

The current Governor gave his farewell speech with appropriate appreciation to last year's team. Then Marli's family members paraded in with the 2012-13 Theme Banner, which was given to her and the current DG. Together they proceeded to the podium area and replaced last year's banner with the new one. It was a wonderful and symbolic gesture of transfer.

At this point it was my turn to bring greetings and appreciation from RI President Banerjee, thanking everyone for "Reaching Within to Embrace Humanity" and sharing thoughts on how this relates to continuing the drive for peace with RIP Tanaka's encouragement to continue on, working for "Peace Through Service".

As would be expected, the last word came from the new D4640 Governor Marli Cargnin who I am sure will be a great leader for Rotary in this part of the world. It was obvious from observation that her team is well organized and filled with enthusiastic energy to lead Rotary to a higher level.

Last came dinner followed by more socializing, dancing and entertainment. Everyone was active until the wee hours of the morning. It was a wonderful experience to enjoy both some new and renewed friendships since my last visit to this area several years ago.

We are in this area for a couple more days before heading on to our next stops in Curitiba and Itapema, located on the eastern shore of this huge country.

With best regards,

PDG Douglas W Vincent, RC Woodstock-Oxford

Rotary United Nations Representative, Z24; RI Service Above Self Award recipient '09; COL Representative 08-13, District 7080
RI Peace Community Project, Co-Chair; Humanitarian Missions Chair, D7080; CRCID Representative, D7080
<<http://www.dougvincent.com/>> <http://www.dougvincent.com>



Been flat out like a lizard drinking lately hard to keep up with all the Rotary news. Just read this via ROTA Reach Out To Africa on Facebook this morning and thought that you might like to read it. You probably all have found it by now one way or the other.

- JOHN GLASSFORD

III 112TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION *S. RES. 473*

Commending Rotary International and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES .
MAY 24, 2012

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LUGAR, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Commending Rotary International and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

Whereas polio is a highly infectious disease that primarily affects children and for which there is no known cure;

Whereas polio can leave survivors permanently disabled from muscle paralysis of the limbs and occasionally leads to a particularly difficult death through the paralysis of respiratory muscles;

Whereas polio was once one of the most dreaded diseases in the United States, killing thousands annually in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and leaving thousands more with permanent disability, including the 32nd President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt;

Whereas severe polio outbreaks in the 1940s and 1950s caused panic in the United States, as parents kept children indoors, public health officials quarantined infected individuals, and the Federal Government restricted commerce and travel;

Whereas 1952 was the peak of the polio epidemic in the United States, with more than 57,000 people affected, 21,000 of whom were paralyzed and 3,000 of whom died;

Whereas safe and effective polio vaccines, including the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (commonly known as "IPV"), developed in 1952 by Jonas Salk, and the Oral Polio Vaccine (commonly known as "OPV"), developed in 1957 by Albert Sabin, rendered polio preventable and contributed to the rapid decline of polio incidence in the United States;

Whereas polio, a preventable disease that the United States has been free from since 1979, still needlessly lays victim to children and adults in several countries where challenges such as active conflict and lack of infrastructure hamper access to vaccines;

Whereas the eradication of polio is the highest priority of Rotary International, a global association that was founded in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, is currently headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, and has 1,200,000 members in more than 170 countries;

Whereas Rotary International and its members (commonly known as "Rotarians") have contributed more than \$1,000,000,000 and volunteered countless hours in the global fight against polio;

Whereas the Federal Government is the leading public sector donor to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and provides technical and operational leadership to this global effort through the work of the Centers for Disease Control and the United States Agency for International Development;

Whereas Rotary International, the World Health Organization, the United States Government, the United Nations Children's Fund (commonly known as "UNICEF"), and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have joined together with national governments to successfully reduce cases of polio by more than 99 percent since 1988, from 350,000 reported cases in 1988 to fewer than 700 reported cases in 2011;

Whereas polio was recently eliminated in India and is now endemic only in Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan; and Whereas the eradication of polio is imminently achievable and will be a victory shared by all of humanity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) commends Rotary International and others for their efforts in vaccinating children around the world against polio and for the tremendous strides made toward eradicating the disease once and for all;
- (2) encourages the international community of governments and non-governmental organizations to remain committed to the elimination of polio; and encourages continued commitment and funding by the United States Government to the global effort to rid the world of polio.



The Sixty-fifth World Health Assembly, Agenda item 13.10 26 May 2012



Recalling resolution WHA61.1 on poliomyelitis: mechanism for management of potential risks to eradication, which requested the Director-General, inter alia, to develop a new strategy to reinvigorate the fight to eradicate poliovirus and to develop appropriate strategies for managing the long-term risks of reintroduction of poliovirus and re-emergence of poliomyelitis, including the eventual cessation of use of oral poliovirus vaccine in routine immunization programmes;

Recognizing the need to make rapidly available the necessary financial resources to eradicate the remaining circulating polioviruses and to minimize the risks of reintroduction of poliovirus and reemergence of poliomyelitis after interruption of wild poliovirus transmission;

Noting the finding of the Independent Monitoring Board of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in its report of October 2011 that “polio simply will not be eradicated unless it receives a higher priority – in many of the polio-affected countries, and across the world”² and its recommendation in its April 2011 report that the World Health Assembly “considers a resolution to declare the persistence of polio a global health emergency”;

Noting the report of the meeting in November 2011 of the Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on immunization at which it stated “unequivocally that the risk of failure to finish global polio eradication constitutes a programmatic emergency of global proportions for public health and is not acceptable under any circumstances”;

Recognizing the need for Member States to engage all levels of political and civil society so as to ensure that all children are vaccinated in order to eradicate poliomyelitis;

Having noted the current high cost and limited supplies of inactivated polio vaccine that are hampering the introduction and scaling-up of inactivated polio vaccine, resulting in major programmatic and financial implications to developing countries;

Noting that the technical feasibility of poliovirus eradication has been proved through the full application of new strategic approaches; Noting that continuing poliovirus transmission anywhere will continue to pose a risk to poliomyelitis-free areas until such time as all poliovirus transmission is interrupted globally,

1. DECLARES the completion of poliovirus eradication a programmatic emergency for global public health, requiring the full implementation of current and new eradication strategies, the institution of strong national oversight and accountability mechanisms for all areas affected by poliovirus, and the application of appropriate vaccination recommendations for all travellers to and from areas affected with poliovirus;
2. URGES Member States with poliovirus transmission to declare such transmission to be a “national public health emergency” making poliovirus eradication a national priority programme, requiring the development and full implementation of emergency action plans, to be updated every six months, until such time as poliovirus transmission has been interrupted;
3. URGES all Member States:
 - (1) to eliminate the unimmunized areas and to maintain very high population immunity against polioviruses through routine immunization programmes and, where necessary, supplementary immunization activities;
 - (2) to maintain vigilance for poliovirus importations, and the emergence of circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses, by achieving and sustaining certification-standard surveillance and regular risk assessment for polioviruses;
 - (3) to make available urgently the financial resources required for the full and continued implementation, to the end of 2013, of the necessary strategic approaches to interrupt wild poliovirus transmission globally, and to initiate planning for the financing to the end of 2018 of the polio endgame strategy;
 - (4) to engage in multilateral and bilateral cooperation, including exchanging epidemiological information, laboratory monitoring data, and carrying out supplementary immunization activities simultaneously as appropriate;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to plan for the renewed implementation through 2013 of the approaches to eradicating wild polioviruses outlined in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Strategic Plan 2010–2012 and any new tactics that are deemed necessary to complete eradication, including the enhancement of the existing global polio eradication initiative within the Organization;
 - (2) to strengthen accountability and monitoring mechanisms to ensure optimal implementation of eradication strategies at all levels;
 - (3) to undertake the development, scientific vetting, and rapid finalization of a comprehensive polio eradication and endgame strategy, and inform Member States of the potential timing of a switch from trivalent to bivalent oral poliovirus vaccine for all routine immunization programmes; and include budget scenarios to the end of 2018 that include risk management;
 - (4) to coordinate with all relevant partners, including vaccine manufacturers, to promote the research, production and supply of vaccines, in particular inactivated polio vaccines, in order to enhance their affordability, effectiveness and accessibility;
 - (5) to continue mobilizing and deploying the necessary financial and human resources for the strategic approaches required through 2013 for wild poliovirus eradication, and for the eventual implementation of a polio endgame strategy to the end of 2018;
 - (6) to report to the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly and the subsequent two Health Assemblies, through the Executive Board, on progress in implementing this resolution.

WHAT AFTER POLIO ERADICATION?

For almost two decades, Polio Movement has become synonymous with brand rotary. Philanthropic individuals and organisations all over the world, including Bill Gates Foundation became partners in this movement. Thankfully, India has been taken off the map of Polio affected countries and hopefully, it would soon be eradicated from the face of Mother Earth. But what after Polio Eradication ? What could be the next big project to be the face of Rotary globally? Any thoughts or ideas ?

- PP Rtn. Jeetender Gupta, Rotary Club of Faridabad Amity, Coordinator, RID 3010, Rotary Leadership Institute

"otunbaniyajao@yahoo.com" <otunbaniyajao@yahoo.com> wrote:

After polio eradication, the challenge may shift to Malaria eradication or HIV / AIDS eradication.

The focus should be on Illiteracy or Hunger eradication. - James Lawson, RC Surulere-South, D9110, Lagos, Nigeria

According to the World Food Programme: Hunger is the world's number 1 health risk. Hunger kills more people every year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. Hunger and malnutrition are global threats.

- Bob Ewing, Rotary Club of Campbellton

Education, education, education. Let's give every child an opportunity to learn. Many polio vaccine drops were placed on tongues; let's now drop the excitement of learning on their minds and hearts. - Alan Okinaka, RC of Hilo Bay, Hilo, HI

While I believe strongly that literacy and food should continue to be strong emphasis of Rotary, I think another corporate worldwide project of Rotary should take advantage of the world-wide volunteer and distribution network created with health agencies through PolioPlus. Rotary is now a respected partner in the health field and a subject like malaria eradication or AIDS eradication (apparently now with a vaccine) provides both a world-wide problem and a measurable objective. Because of the Rotary involvement in the Pacific with malaria prevention, I would lean in that direction. Which ever way Rotary eventually heads, I believe it should continue to focus on disease eradication. With Rotary's experience in polio eradication, it assures our voice will be heard and that Rotary would play a major role.- **Dan Mooers, District 7780**

I would envision water as being one place to continue our major work. We've already been doing millions of dollars of water projects each year, helping lots of people obtain clean water, catch it, purify it, drill for it, store it, and keep it clean by implementing good sanitation practices. Once women and children are not walking hours every day to find water of any sort, but have clean water close at hand - those extra hours can be spent in education and small economic enterprises to put a few more dollars in the family budget. When you're not spending weeks away from work and away from school due to dysentery every year, better health leads to more production at work and better grades at school..... little by little we get better and better. - Todd Lindley DDS FAGD

In my opinion, there are two macro categories of concern: environmental and socio-cultural. Within these two categories, in my mind there are two pressing issues, that produce the "biggest bangs:" 1) Environmental - clean water; 2) Socio-cultural - literacy/education

1) CLEAN WATER: The predominant carrier of illness, disease, chemical pollutants and contamination influencing the quality of human life is dirty water. Water contaminated with human and animal waste, industrial pollutants, environmentally irresponsible mining and agricultural processes, and improper garbage disposal has direct local, regional, national and international health consequences. All of these are related and not mutually exclusive. The end result is that people who consume contaminated water, pass the pollution on to others. Viruses, bacteria, industrial chemicals, detergents, human and animal waste and so forth can be removed from the water supply by either proper disposal in the first place, applying low tech filtering and UV exposure and other water cleansing methods, use of available technology, and through methods of mining and agriculture to avoid fertilizers, mining residues, and chemicals from entering the water supply. All of these processes, methods and technologies Rotary has already been providing around the world. Clean water then is available for human consumption without resulting disease, raising crops that are not poisoned or

otherwise contaminated, and ensuring that our environment is safe not only for us but creatures in the fabric of life. Keep in mind that pollutants in the air end up coming to earth in the form of "dirty rain," therefore removal of air pollution is a method of keeping water clean.

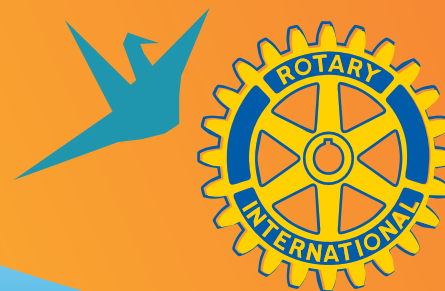
2) LITERACY/EDUCATION: Untrained, illiterate minds are less able to contribute to and/or participate in their own health, quality of life, safety, vocational/work opportunities, problem solving, or decision making, not only on issues of their own personal concern but also on issues of greater import involving their communities, regions and nations. People who are literate can more actively and intelligently contribute to the processes of Number One (Clean Water) above, as well as participate in preventative processes of emergent problems, generate greater economic viability at the "foundation" of their society, evaluate and avoid suggestions, persuasions or pressures to participate in activities that are not in their best interests, and act as responsible citizens. They will be able to read directions of why, how and what to do when confronted with personal and local problems. They will be able to discover answers to their problems without being hostage to "external experts" or influential "others" who have agendas, priorities and/or goals different from their own. The single most important skill in the ascension of an individual's status in life and the stability of the fabric of one's society, is the ability to read: following literacy, skills in math and other arenas of higher learning will soon follow. In this vein, literacy should be universal and available to both males and females.

When Polio is ultimately eradicated, each of us may have alternative ways of looking at where Rotary's priorities will shape up and how our resources will be allocated. In selecting where the next emphasis ought to be, perhaps the focus should be on those issues that have the greatest "ripple effect" though the array of difficulties confronting us. It is my impression that Rotary's effort should be to "get the ball rolling" such that local people will be able to assume control of the processes themselves once the momentum has begun. Rotary's effort, in my mind, ought to be in the initiative and development of momentum: the sustainability needs to be carried on locally.

- Jon Deisher, PP Anchorage Rotary/D5010 Anchorage, Alaska

I lurk and lurk and hardly ever make a comment - What after Polio Eradication? This is certainly something we should be considering. However the hardest part of our campaign to End Polio is still ahead. We have aided and guided and funded and participated in the elimination of Polio in most of the world BUT we have not reached the goal. To reach the goal we still have to inspire our fellows, most of whom have been in the Polio fight their entire Rotary Service, to continue to fund raise, to donate, to participate. And once we have gone three years without any endemic polio we can get on with whatever the new project might be, these years will give us time to find and develop a plan of attack for our next challenges.

- Jay Recanzone, PP
Secty Yerington Rotary, Dist 5190, USA



Highlights of actions taken by the the Rotary International Board of Directors. The 2011–12 RI Board of Directors held its fourth and final meeting on 11–16 May 2012 in Pattaya, Thailand. The 2012–13 RI Board held its first meeting on 17 May 2012 in Pattaya, Thailand

- PP Ron Nethercutt
ROTI Chair 2007-2009

Club and District Matters

At its September 2011 meeting, the Board requested RI directors and directors-elect to convene regional planning meetings with local leaders to develop three-year regional membership development and retention plans. The Board reviewed these plans at this meeting and adopted those from Europe, India, Japan, Korea, Latin America, North America, RIBI, and Southeast Asia, Zone 6B. To ensure that these plans are successfully implemented, communicated to the district and club leadership, and regularly monitored for progress, the Board requested an annual report on the status of the plans at its fall meeting. Regional plans not adopted at this meeting are to be reworked for presentation at the Board's October 2012 meeting.

RI Administration and Finances

The Board adopted the 2012–13 RI budget, reflecting revenues of US\$95,511,000, the use of \$12,110,000 in general surplus funds, \$583,000 in convention reserves, and \$106,522,000 in expenses, resulting in an excess of approved funds over expenditures of \$1,682,000. Strategic initiatives to be funded by use of reserves include regional membership development plans, additional public relations grants, strategic branding, communications, social networking, End of Polio initiatives, and \$5 million to The Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.

The Board authorized the president to designate conveners and meeting places for RI director nominating committees that will meet in September 2012 to select directors-nominee for election at the 2013 RI (Lisbon) Convention. Directors will be selected from Zones 3, 7A, 12, 16, 20, 27, 32, and 34.

RI Programs, Communications, and Awards

The Board received a report on the continued success of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. **As of 11 May 2012, US\$218,067,511 had been raised toward the challenge.**

The Board agreed to several **structural changes to the New Generations Exchange program, effective 1 July 2013, to include shifting the program participant age range to adults ages 21–30**, requiring a focus on service in these exchanges, revising the name of the exchange to reflect this service component, and including these exchanges as part of New Generations Service. **The Board further agreed that "New Generations" refers solely to the Fifth Avenue of Service and not to Rotary clubs or to Rotarians. New Rotary clubs shall not include "New Generations" in the club's official name.**

After reviewing a proposal from the RYLA Committee that significantly revised the program for the international RYLA event (which the Board had discontinued at its November 2010 meeting) and further reduced the per-participant cost paid by RI, the Board agreed to reinstate the event on a three-year pilot basis, beginning at the 2014 RI convention in Sydney, Australia.

The Board agreed that Comely Bank—the Chicago home of Paul and Jean Harris—is of great historical importance to RI and merits the organization's support. Noting the declining condition of the home, the Board also agreed to help identify potential donors to help in its restoration and to further publicize the need for assistance in this effort.

To recognize Rotarians who sponsor new members, the Board approved development of a new recognition pin. The pin, similar to the Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow pin, will provide levels of recognition based on the number of new members sponsored.

The Board amended its circularization policy to better reflect how Rotarians are using new communication tools like Facebook and Twitter. Clubs soliciting cooperation through websites or social media that rely on users selecting to opt-in to receive information are now exempt from submitting their purpose and plans to the governor of the involved area for approval.

The Board officially recognized the Go Playing Fellowship of Rotarians.

"July" 2012 Board Meeting Highlights The 2011–12 RI Board of Directors held its fourth and final meeting on 11–16 May 2012 in Pattaya, Thailand. The 2012–13 RI Board held its first meeting on 17 May 2012 in Pattaya, Thailand. At these meetings the Board reviewed reports from 13 committees and recorded 94 decisions.

RI Administration and Finances

The Board welcomed the appointment of Kenneth M. Schuppert as 2012–13 RI vice president, Elizabeth S. Demaray as 2012–13 treasurer, and elected Yash Pal Das as its executive committee chairman.

Following the resignation of Trustee Anne L. Matthews, the Board elected Stephanie Urchick to fulfill the remainder of Anne Matthews' term as a Foundation trustee.

The Board established the following goals for 2012–13:

1. Support the eradication of polio and promote humanitarian service in the six areas of focus;
2. Advance peace through service;
3. Strengthen Rotary clubs and membership;
4. Enhance Rotary's public image;
5. Address regional issues and concerns as needed.

On President Tanaka's recommendation, the Board established the 2012–13 RI committees and approved their terms of reference. The Board agreed that Zones 4, 6B, 10B, 13, 17, 22, 26, 29, and 30 shall select committees in 2012–13 to nominate RI directors for election at the 2014 RI convention in Sydney, Australia.

The Board confirmed the 2012–13 RI budget with revenues of US\$95,511,000, the use of up to \$12,110,000 from the general surplus fund, \$583,000 from the convention reserve fund, and expenses of \$106,522,000, resulting in an excess of approved funds over expenditures of \$1,682,000. It further approved The Rotary Foundation's 2012–13 budget of \$80,572,000 for Foundation programs that are funded with unrestricted Annual Programs Fund contributions.



small CLUBS

I maybe mistaken, I thought the number to charter a club is 20. Yes my smallest club in my Area has to pay dues for 10 members.

- PP Martin McGee (Mac)

Rotary Club of Galesburg - D6460,
DGSC -District Grants Subcommittee Chair - D6460 - RY 2009-2013
World Community Service (WCS) District Chair RY 2009-2013

There was a time when the minimum number of charter members was 20, but the COL raised it to 25 a few years ago. Whenever a specific fact like this is being batted back and forth it is always good to go to the most recent MOP and cite the specific page:

2010 MOP, page 21: Minimum Number of Charter Members: A new club must have a minimum of 25 charter members. At least 50 percent of the charter members must be from the local community in which the new club is established. (RCP 18.050.5.)

Todd Lindley DDS FAGD, Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, Zone 31

Past District Governor, District 6060, 2010-2011, Overland MO 63114-3640

Any club should pay for minimum of 10 members even if the membership is less than 10. We had clubs with less than 10 earlier. So, officially the smallest club in the data of RI will have the membership of 10. Thanks for the correction Todd, coming to your question about donations to TRF it is tricky/confusing? I have send cheques from our members equalant to \$50 and less.

- Suresh Sunku, Major Donor

Rotary Club of Dharmavaram Mid Town RID 3160

Dr. Todd Lindley wrote:

Suresh, suppose you were put in charge of an international charitable foundation which had been collecting between US \$100 million and US \$500 million dollars every year for the past 10-20 years. You're in charge of making sure that donations continue strongly. Someone else is in charge of spending the money, so you have no worries about that, only collecting money.....
What would be the minimum donation you would accept?

As Gene mentioned, the downside of small donations is that there is a cost to process each donation received. A donation of \$1 takes as much time to process as a check for \$100 or \$1,000. There is someone entering the donor's ID number and verifying club numbers and district numbers. A receipt letter is produced and mailed, now emailed, but still there is time in doing all this. I agree with Gene that donations of \$1 per member to get 100% EREY clubs is likely costing TRF more money to process than it received. We encourage our clubs that are over \$100 per capita and want to earn the 100% EREY banner to donate \$5 in the names of each of the non-donors.

So, my theory is that small donations are never turned away. They are accepted, the donor is thanked, proper recognition is given when due. But, there is no publicity being made aimed at increasing tiny donations. The smallest amount being publicized is the \$100 per member as a sustaining member. I looked through my own Donor History Report to see how much of a tightwad I've been over the years. Smallest donation I found was \$9.71. I have no idea why such an odd amount. I got a receipt letter for it!

My district's support of TRF has been slipping the last couple years. The general consensus is that it is due to decline in membership. Also, lots of folks talk about "the economy". Down deep inside I am thinking "values," "understanding," and "information." Do we do a good enough job sharing stories and pictures of Rotary Foundation funded projects with all of our members in all of our clubs. This means that knowledgeable people need to travel to the far corners of our districts and give programs that are interesting and informative. In this way, more and more of our members will begin to understand what is being done with their donations. They are not disappearing into a black hole in Evanston but are being put to work in Louisiana rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina and in Mexico supplying water wells and literacy programs, and in nearly every country of South America, Africa, and Asia providing scholarships and humanitarian grants. Even projects in Europe and Oceania. Rotarians have the biggest hearts of any people I've ever met. Regardless of "the economy."

Whether a Rotarian gives a dollar or a hundred dollars really doesn't matter, but I do object to anyone focusing on getting the EREY recognition as the primary focus and reason for giving to the foundation. I have heard of club presidents donating to the foundation out of their own pockets for a Rotarian who decided not to donate just to get that recognition. If someone doesn't want to contribute, we should find out why and hopefully find a way to encourage a contribution to help our communities locally and worldwide. Then have that president sit down and write the first of the 4Way Test a 100 times.

- Alan Okinaka, RC of Hilo Bay, Hilo, Hawaii

today
JULY 1 begins
RY 2012-2013

Glo and I send our most sincere congratulations to all the Club Presidents that will soon become IPPs. Your dedication and sacrifice to help the less fortunate is appreciated by many. It may have gone unsaid by some, but the results of better education and health will enable many to contribute to society instead of depending on society.

We are hopeful that your year as President taught you to recognize the importance of friendship in your club and improved your personal leadership skill during your service as a 'changemaker.'

PP Ron and PP Glo

RC Mabalacat D 3790, Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines

Lighten up

BANTERS

From: G N Sivaramakrishna <gns@woodpeckerbooc.com>. D3220 India

My Job Search

- My first job was working in an Orange juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
- Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe.
- After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it -- mainly because it was a sew-sew job.
- Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting.
- Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme.
- Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it... couldn't cut the mustard.
- My best job was a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy.
- I studied a long time to become a Doctor, but didn't have any patience.
- Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in.
- I became a Professional Fisherman, but discovered I couldn't live on my net income.
- Managed to get a good job working for a Pool Maintenance Company, but the work was just too draining.
- So then I got a job in a Workout Center, but they said I wasn't fit for the job.
- After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.
- My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.
- SO, I TRIED RETIREMENT, AND I FOUND I'M PERFECT FOR THE JOB!

Jail with a term or for life...

A woman awoke during the night to find that her husband was not in bed. She went downstairs looking for him. He was sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee in front of him. He appeared to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She saw tears rolling from his eyes as he sipped his coffee.

"What's the matter with you, my dear? Why are you down here at this time of the night?" she asked.

"Do you remember twenty years ago when we were dating and you were only 16?" he asked.

"Yes, I do," she replied.

"Do you remember when your father caught us while dating?"

"Yes, I do remember," she replied.

"Do you remember when he shoved that shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter or spend twenty years in jail?"

"Yes, I do," she said, getting a little teary-eyed herself at his fond recollection.

He wiped another tear from his cheek and said, "You know... I would have been released today."

TAXES

Q: What are you doing?

A: Business.

Govt: PAY PROFESSIONAL TAX

Q: What are you doing in Business?

A: Selling the Goods.

Tax: PAY SALES TAX

Q: From where are you getting Goods?

A: From other State/Abroad

Tax: PAY CENTRAL SALES TAX, CUSTOM DUTY OCTROI

Q: What are you getting in Selling Goods?

A: Profit.

Tax: PAY INCOME TAX

Q: How do you distribute profit?

A: : By way of dividend

Tax: PAY DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION TAX

Q: no, then pay Minimum Alternate Tax

Q: Are you taking out over 25,000 Cash from Bank?

A: Yes, for Salary.

Tax: PAY CASH HANDLING TAX

Q: Where are you taking your client for Lunch Dinner?

A: Hotel

Tax: PAY FOOD ENTERTAINMENT TAX

Q: Are you going Out of Station for Business?

A: Yes

Tax: PAY FRINGE BENEFIT TAX

Q: Have you taken or given any Service/s (except using the oxygen in the air to breathe)?

A: Yes

Tax: PAY SERVICE TAX

Q: How come you got such a Big Amount?

A: Gift on birthday, wedding anniversary.

Tax: PAY GIFT TAX

Q: Do you have any Wealth?

A: Yes

Tax: PAY WEALTH TAX

Q: To reduce Tension, for entertainment, where are you going?

Ans.: Cinema or Resort.

A: PAY ENTERTAINMENT TAX

Q: Have you purchased House?

A: Yes

Tax: PAY STAMP DUTY REGISTRATION FEE

Q: Want to run away to another city?

A: Yes

Tax: PAY TOLL CESS

Q: Any Additional Tax?

A: Yes

Tax: PAY EDUCATION CESS

Q: Delayed any time Paying Any Tax?

A: Yes

Tax: PAY INTEREST PENALTY

Q: Can I die now?

A: No, wait we are about to launch the FUNERAL TAX !!!



EDITORIAL

by Glo Nethercutt

Using social media and websites to strengthen your clubs

visit <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/story/StoryDetail.aspx?accountid=50018&sid=16106&stid=Distric>

The frames are part of John Borst's presentation at his District 5550 2012 convention, 8-9 June 2012. Examples are based on the ClubRunner platform.

I found John's presentation very helpful in using social media to promote and strengthen clubs. In fact, I intend to use it, with his permission of course, for conducting workshops on website and Internet technology which I plan for District 3790, as RY 2012-13 GML Editor and webmaster. Ron, who has been assigned District Club Service Chair would do well as my presentation partner (as always).



As defined, "social media includes web-based and mobile based technologies which are used to turn communication into interactive dialogue among organizations, communities, and individuals."

People readily obtain information, education, news and other data from electronic media rather than from print media (such as newspapers, television, and film) since they are relatively inexpensive and accessible to enable anyone (even private individuals) to publish or access information.

Rotary clubs should make use of this great technology to tell the good that they are doing, to develop friendship and connection, to enhance Rotary, and to keep up with the fast moving time.

And ROTI is the medium among Rotarians of different nationalities and personalities to communicate and enjoy the fellowship of their peers. We use the electronic technology to talk about our clubs, ourselves, other selves, other things, Rotary, etc. The more we talk, the more the fellowship grows..... the more pages appear on the Breadbasket. :-)

The Breadbasket is you, ROTIan, talking and sending..... keep it plenty up!



John Borst



- Retired director of education, 1996
- Took blog "Tomorrows Trust" to top 1% of all blogs, 2006--2010.
- Took "Communities in Bloom-Dryden" blog to #3 CiB site in Canada, 2009 -- 2010
- Joined Rotary Club of Dryden in December 2009 -- est. ClubRunner website Jan. 2010
- Communications director D5550 July 2011 -- June 2014 -- updated Dist. CR site Nov. 2010



Pinterest

- Think of it as content curation using pictures
- Create a series of boards on which you pin pictures
- Link automatically to Facebook page
- Creates pintweet shortened URL & tweet
- Use third-party apps to extend options & gather data -- Repinly, Pinstamatic, Pinaquote, Snapito



Flickr for photo sharing

Share your convention photos at <http://www.flickr.com/groups/riconvention/>.

Facebook

YOU are the best PR for your club

- Tell your own Rotary story on your own profile to your extended network
- Use status updates to share what you have enjoyed or something that you are looking forward to
- Share photos/ videos of your participation in Rotary
- Consider adding a Rotary emblem to your profile or cover photo