

Third plenary to focus on Rotary Foundation

Tuesday's plenary session will begin with the presentation of the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace to the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust. Accepting the award will be Colin Parry, founder of the trust, an organization dedicated to teaching young people how to resolve conflict peacefully. This award



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recognizes and honors one non-Rotarian individual or organization for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideals and objectives of Rotary International.

Following the introduction of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, Trustee Chair James L. Lacy will address the convention, providing an inspirational overview of the Foundation's work to do good in the world. He will then be joined by Trustee Vice-Chair Carlo Ravizza for the announcement of the Annual Programs Fund goal, based on the goals of Rotary clubs worldwide.

The plenary session will also feature a presentation on volunteer service by Usha Saboo, spouse of and partner in Rotary service with Past RI President Rajendra Saboo. The session will close with inspirational presentations featuring former Ambassadorial Scholar Victoria Isiramen, who now works for UNICEF in her native Nigeria, and Takehito Nakata, father of Atsuhito Nakata, a former Ambassadorial Scholar who was killed while serving as a United Nations volunteer in Cambodia.

春は花 夏ほととぎす 秋は月 *In the spring, cherry blossoms,*
in the summer the cuckoo.
冬 雪さえて *In autumn the moon,*
and in winter the snow, clear, cold.
冷しかりけり
—「本来面目」道元禪氏 (1200~1253) — "Innate Spirit" the priest Dogen (1200-1253)

In recognition of the convention background theme of the four seasons, this famous Japanese poem by a 13th century Zen priest highlights the natural progression of changing seasons—an experience that is shared by all cultures and unaffected by world politics.

English charity receives 2004 Rotary peace award

The recipient of the 2004 Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace is the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Trust, a nonprofit organization based in Warrington, England, which is working for regional and international understanding, goodwill, and peace by focusing on children. The award is being presented at today's plenary session.

The trust was created by the parents of two children, Tim Parry, 12, and Johnathan Ball, 3, killed in a 1993 Irish Republican Army bombing of a busy Warrington shopping center, which wounded 56 others. Instead of seeking vengeance for the attack, Colin and Wendy Parry, with the full support of Wilf and Marie Ball, founded the organization that bears their children's names.

In addition to campaigning for peace and reconciliation between strife-torn communities in Northern Ireland and England, Colin and Wendy Parry have helped raise funds in support of the trust's peace education initiatives in the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom.

Seven years after the bombing, a £3.3 million (nearly US\$6 million) peace center, known as the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Young People's Centre, opened in Warrington as a lasting memorial to the victims of the attack. The center provides state-of-the-art learning and recreational facilities and organizes 10-day exchanges

in peace education for children from Warrington; Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Dublin, Republic of Ireland.

Through carefully designed programs, the center teaches young people ways to identify causes of conflicts and helps them develop skills and relationships that foster conflict resolution.

"We believe if we invest in children and young people now we will be able to persuade them that they can resolve problems of any size or complexity without resorting to violence," says Colin Parry, who chairs the trust. Parry will speak at today's award presentation.

Universal Studios Japan™

On Tuesday, the Host Committee will hold a Park Festa at Universal Studios Japan™, Universal's first movie theme park outside the United States. In addition to exploring the many exciting attractions, restaurants, and shops inside the park, you'll have the opportunity to attend special evening shows planned specifically for your visit.

Tickets that are still available to any host event can be purchased at the HOC Ticket Sales Booth located on the plaza level of the OICC.

Convention Count

45,468 Registrants / 111 Countries

* as of 23 May

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



Message from Foundation Trustee Chair Lacy

The Rotary Foundation sprang from the dream of one Rotarian—Arch Klumph—in 1917. Today, Rotarians worldwide are working through the Foundation to help disadvantaged people realize their dreams of overcoming poverty, having enough to eat, enjoying good health, and living in dignity.



James L. Lacy

Thanks to the vision of one Rotarian and the actions of many, the world's children are close to living lives forever free of the crippling disease of polio. In January, the ministers of health of the six remaining polio-endemic nations jointly announced plans to launch a series of aggressive, widespread immunization campaigns to rid the world of polio by 2005.

In addition, the relaunched PolioPlus Partners program is giving Rotary clubs, districts, and individual Rotarians expanded opportunities to support the efforts of Rotary International and its worldwide partners to eradicate polio.

To increase support for projects that benefit children and give them hope for a brighter future, the Foundation Trustees have established the Children's Fund within the Foundation Permanent Fund. This fund is intended to encourage Rotarians to expand their help to children through the Foundation's humanitarian programs.

Please be sure to visit the Foundation booths and display of service activities to learn more about the Foundation and opportunities to serve. As we celebrate the Foundation's achievements, let us continue to dream and work together to build a more compassionate, peaceful world to pass on to our children and all of humanity.

James Lacy
Chair
The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Japanese clubs clear land mines from Cambodia

Long after a conflict has been resolved, land mines remain as a lasting and potentially deadly reminder of war's brutality. According to the International Committee of the Red Cross, 8,000 to 10,000 children are killed and mutilated by land mines each year. In Cambodia



Members of the Interact Club of Okayama-Sanyo High School assisted the project by digging a well in the Siem Reap Province.

—one of the most severely afflicted countries in the world—there are twice as many land mines as children.

In response to the United Nation's Appeal of zero victims from land mines, District 2580 (metropolitan Tokyo and Okinawa prefecture, Japan) formed the Committee on Anti-Personnel Land Mine Clearance from a humanitarian standpoint (humanitarian mine clearance targets areas where civilians live and work). The committee chose the Siem Reap Province of Cambodia as its focus because of its urgent need.

At a cost of 70 million yen (US\$660,377), more than 450,000 square miles have been cleared since the Clear Land Project was formed in 1999. With the assistance of the HALO Trust, a British NGO specializing in land-mine removal, about 1,000 trained Cambodian staff members helped clear the villages of Ro Hal and Ta Siem. As a result, commerce has resumed, families have

been relocated, and roads and schools reopened.

In addition to District 2580's efforts, District 2650 (Fukui, Kyoto, Nara, and Shiga, Japan) formed the International Committee for Governmental and Non-Governmental Coalition to support the clearing of anti-personnel land mines. District 2680 (Hyogo, Japan) is supporting a training school for manufacturers of artificial limbs with a special focus on female land-mine victims. And Rotarians from District 2630 (Gifu and Mie, Japan) presented 50 secondhand wheelchairs to Cambodian mine victims.

The Clear Land Project in Cambodia is featured in the *Lend a Hand* Club and District Projects Exhibition located in the House of Friendship on the second floor of the Rihga Royal Hotel.

Entertainment Schedule

Tuesday, 25 May

OICC, 1F Plaza

1030-1100 Ninja performance

1200-1300 Latin Song

Miki Akaho with
Diez Puntos

1500-1530 Tour of Osaka

Interactive
Traditional Art

1530-1600 Ninja performance

1730-1815 Evening Concert

Osaka Economic
University Brass
Band

Rihga Royal Hotel, 3F

900-1030 Samulnori

(Korean Dance)

Gumi-Jangmi Rotary
Club

1100-1130 Writing for Healing

1200-1230 Japanese Folk Song

1230-1300 Taiko (Japanese Drum)

1330-1430 Jazz Concert by

Christie Kazuyo and

Frog House

1500-1600 Chanson

Eiko Naito and

Mineyo Hida Quartet

1730-1800 SONG-AID Jade

* Program is subject to change.

Workshops spotlight Foundation, programs

Today's discussion workshops will focus on the work of The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Programs. See your program book for times and locations.

- **TRF: An Update:** The leaders of the Foundation will review the goals and present the accomplishments of this past year during this informative workshop. Participants will also learn about The Rotary Foundation's finances and programs, gain information on fund development, and receive an update on Rotary's polio eradication efforts.
- **PolioPlus:** In the PolioPlus discussion workshop, you will hear about the fight to eradicate polio from the perspective of PolioPlus regional committee members and receive important news from the chair of the

International PolioPlus Committee, William T. Sergeant.

- **Humanitarian Grants Program:** Trustee John Kenny will lead this discussion workshop, which will offer an in-depth look at grant stewardship, the Trustees' vision for the future, partnership and communication as keys to successful grants, and a review of District Simplified Grants. A question-and-answer session will follow.
- **Literacy and Education:** Come to this session ready to exchange successful project ideas with panelists and participants. Learn about the Concentrated Learning Encounter and how this method can be incorporated into your local or international projects.

- **TRF Educational Programs:** Learn how you can promote Rotary's goal of world peace, goodwill, and understanding through The Rotary Foundation's Educational Programs. Victoria Isiramen, Ambassadorial Scholar alumna, and Paul Rogers, professor in the Department of Peace Studies at the University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England, will share their experiences with you.
- **Japanese and Mandarin Language Discussion Workshops:** These discussion workshops will address Foundation-related issues relevant to Rotary clubs in these areas. Please note these special language sessions will not have simultaneous interpretation available.

Rotaract projects recognized

Concerned by the lack of information about the dangers of illegal drugs and their impact on the community, members of the Rotaract Club of Muntinlupa Peace Maker, Philippines, created a traveling drug education project. The Movement Against Illicit Drugs not only served to inform area citizens, it also received recognition as the Outstanding Rotaract Project of 2003-04.

Combining entertainment with education, the Rotaract club tackled this serious subject with stage plays, music, speech contests, and talent competitions. The main attraction of the project was a pantomime called *Bohemian Rhapsody*, which told the story of a family destroyed by drugs. Community members were so impressed by the Rotaractors' efforts and better informed about the problems of illegal drugs in their area that the club plans to extend the show's run into surrounding communities.

In addition to this award, the following regional awards will be presented to five other Rotaract clubs at today's Rotaract Workshop.

Africa

The Rotaract Club of Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, for providing food and educational materials to 160 children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. The Rotaractors also established a database of those in need.

Europe

The Rotaract Club of Bursa Osmangazi, Turkey, for providing a vocational workshop to 300 students of the Nilufer Vocational High School, a school for hearing-impaired youth. The club collected and sold recycled materials to finance the project, which included decorating and installing the machinery in the workshop.

Latin America

The Rotaract Club of El Progreso, Honduras, for establishing a physical therapy rehabilitation unit next to the El Progreso Hospital to serve the area's lower-income post-surgery patients. Rotaractors designed conceptual plans for the unit and organized fundraisers to pay for its construction.

South Asia

The Rotaract Club of In Bhadra, India, for providing a 24-hour free cloakroom for pilgrims taking part in the celebration during Godavari Pushkar.



Members of the Rotaract Club of Bursa Osmangazi, Turkey, watch as heavy machinery is installed in the Carpentry and Decoration Workshop.

More than 11,000 families took advantage of the storage unit during the 12 days of the event.

USA, Canada & the Caribbean

The Rotaract Club of Chicago, USA, for initiating a project to ensure medical supplies reach hospitals in the city of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and surrounding areas. Nearly 10,000 patients will benefit from this project.



Lend a Hand

“The purpose of the Foundation is to assure us of Rotary in perpetuity, by providing for contingencies and unforeseen emergencies, that we may continue to serve all humanity, in the interests of permanent world peace.”

— Arch C. Klumph, Founder of The Rotary Foundation

UNOFFICIAL AFFILIATE EVENTS

Tuesday, 25 May

All Africa Breakfast, Hilton Hotel, Sakura Room, 0700-0900

Heart of America Breakfast, OICC, Event Hall A/B/C, 0730-0830

International Travel and Hosting Fellowship Annual General Meeting, 0730-0900

1995-97 Past RI Officers Reunion, Rihga Royal Hotel, Natural Garden, 1215-1400

International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians Annual General Meeting, Rihga Royal Hotel, Kiku Room, 1230-1530

Rotarian Fellowship for Population and Development, OICC, Rooms 1006/07, 1400-1730

Humanitarian Service Resource Fellowship, OICC, Room 1001, 1430-1600

Rotarian Fellowship for Multiple Sclerosis Awareness, Hotel NCB, Yuki Room, 1500-1600

Wednesday, 26 May

South Asian Breakfast, Hotel NCB, Matsu Room, 0715-0845

Nordic Breakfast, Hotel NCB, Yodo Room, 0730-0900

International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians Breakfast, Internet Corner, Rihga Royal Hotel, 2nd floor, 0800

Devlyn Amigos Reunion, Class of 2000-01, House of Friendship, 1430-1600

1991-92 RI Officers Reunion Reception, Rihga Royal Hotel, Natural Garden, 1630

Rotary's newest publications

It was an ambitious schedule: 15 one-day Presidential Celebrations in as many international locales in a single Rotary year. But RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe accomplished his goal, and in so doing, brought attention to the many outstanding Rotary projects and initiatives happening around the globe. *Celebrating Service: Success Stories from the 2003-04 Presidential Celebrations*, is a collection of essays and photographs describing all 15 celebrations that is available gratis at the Publications Sales Booth in the Matsu room on the second floor of the Rihga Royal Hotel.

Among the many RI publications, videotapes, and CDs available for purchase at the booth in a variety of languages, you'll find the following new or recently updated items:

Club Administration Software (CAS)

District Administration Software (DAS)

New Member Orientation (updated)

RI Theme on CD 2004-05

RI Theme Postcard 2004-05

Rotary Volunteers: Hand in Hand video

This Is Rotary (updated)

Rotaract Workshop focuses on teamwork

Learn how to increase the involvement and interaction between your Rotaract and Rotary clubs during today's Rotaract Workshop scheduled for 1500-1800 in the Conference Hall on the 12th floor of the OICC. In addition to a panel discussion composed of Rotaractors and Rotarians from around the world, the workshop will include roundtable discussions on such subjects as:

- The challenges faced by community- and university-based Rotaract clubs
- The benefits to your Rotaract club of participation in the programs of Rotary International and its Foundation
- Creative methods for increasing membership and effective ways to counteract member turnover
- How to make the Rotaract/Rotary connection a priority in your club

- Ways to use technology to increase the effectiveness of your Rotaract club

The winners of the 2003-04 Rotary International Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Projects will also be announced at the beginning of the workshop. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of your Rotaract and Rotary club relationship.

President-elect's Leadership Luncheon today

The President-elect's Leadership Luncheon for incoming RI officers, committee members, district governors, and club presidents will take place today at the OICC, 3rd Floor, Event Hall A-E, 1300-1430. A ticketed event, the luncheon will give President-elect Glenn E. Estess Sr. the opportunity to meet

with his team of Rotary leaders and share his vision for the coming year. If available, tickets may still be purchased at the RI Ticket Sales Booth at the OICC, 5th Floor, Main Foyer. All convention registrants are also welcome to purchase tickets to this event.