

Fourth plenary looks to the future

A highlight of Wednesday's plenary session will be a keynote address by Sadako Ogata, a former Rotary Scholar who has held a number of distinguished positions, including United Nations high commissioner for refugees and her current posts as special representative of the prime minister of Japan for Afghanistan assistance and president of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. She received the 1996 Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace, the 2000 Seoul Peace Prize, and the J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding in 2002.

The state of RI as it approaches its 100th anniversary will be the subject of presentations by RI Treasurer Gennaro



Sadako Ogata



Gennaro Cardinale



Ed Futa



Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar



Glenn Estess

Eight to join RI Board in July

Eight Rotarians elected at the Brisbane convention will be presented to this convention Wednesday and will begin two-year terms as RI directors on 1 July 2004. They are:

- Jocelyn I. Bolante, Parañaque South, Rizal, Philippines
- Serge Gouteyron, Denain-Bouchain, Nord, France
- Sölve Kernell, Kalmar, Sweden

- David Linett, Sommerville and Bridgewater, New Jersey, USA
- Yoshikazu Minamisono, Hofu, Yamaguchi, Japan
- G. Kenneth Morgan, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA
- José Antonio Salazar C., Bogotá Occidente, Cundinamarca, Colombia
- Rodger W. Wagner, Scottsdale, Arizona, USA

春は花 In the spring, cherry blossoms, in the summer the cuckoo.
夏はととぎす In autumn the moon,
秋は月冬雪さえて 冷しかりけり and in winter the snow, clear, cold.
—「本来面目」道元禅氏 (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.

Cardinale and RI General Secretary Ed Futa. The discussion will move to the future with the election of officers, including Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of Göteborg, Sweden, who has been nominated to serve as RI president in 2005-06. President-elect Glenn E. Estess Sr. will then address the convention on plans for the upcoming centennial year. A special presentation on the 2005 centennial convention in Chicago will close the session.

Closing entertainment a musical treat

Following remarks by President Jonathan Majiyagbe, the closing entertainment will begin, featuring the Kansai Philharmonic Orchestra playing Dvorzak's *New World Symphony*. The audience will also enjoy performances by some major Japanese classical and pop singers and musicians, including popular musical and TV star Kaho Shimada; Tsutomu Aragaki, one of Japan's most gifted tenors; and instrumentalist and singer Hideki Togi, renowned for his combination of traditional Japanese court music and modern innovations. Following Rotary tradition, convention goes to close the meeting with a rousing rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*.

Order Convention Proceedings

For the official account of the plenary sessions and photographs of events, order the 2004 *Convention Proceedings*, using the form in your program book. Please note that a credit card number must accompany all orders. Drop off your order form at the Publications Sales Booth in the Matsu room on the second floor of the Rihga Royal Hotel. The English-only book will be available later this year for US\$6.50.

Convention Count

45,560 Registrants / 111 Countries

* as of 25 May

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Message from the HOC chair

Thanks to all of your support, today we have the pleasure of closing the Osaka convention with a record-high number of registrants at a Rotary



Masaomi Kondo

convention. I am honored and pleased that so many Rotarians joined us in Osaka, under the theme of *Lend a Hand* advocated by President Majiyagbe. On behalf of all the HOC members, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you—the Rotarians in the four host districts and throughout all Japan who worked so hard and the Rotarians from abroad who traveled so far to make this convention a success.

In planning this convention, I wanted it to provide an opportunity to consider the original meaning of the Rotary activities advocated by President Majiyagbe. I wished, first of all, for Rotarians to meet as much as possible, deepen their friendship, and discuss issues of great importance to Rotary's future, including the role of fundraising in our organization, the goals of membership development, and vocational service. I hope that all participants enjoyed these opportunities for friendship and discussion.

As we begin the centennial year, I sincerely wish for the great success of the Chicago convention, where we will celebrate our centennial.

Masaomi Kondo
Chair, Host Organization Committee

Wealth of centennial celebration resources available

For Rotary's 100th anniversary, RI has created a range of materials to help clubs celebrate the centennial in their clubs and throughout their communities. Many of these resources are available for purchase at the Publications Sales Booth in the Matsu room on the second floor of the Rihga Royal Hotel.

- Centennial Promotion Kits I and II: Ideas for promoting your club's activities during the centennial year; ¥1,060 (US\$10 each)

Future officers to be elected

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar of the Rotary Club of Göteborg, Sweden, is slated to become president of Rotary International in 2005-06 following elections this morning. A past RI director, he currently serves on the Permanent Fund Committee for Europe and RIBI, the Literacy and Education Task Force, and the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force. He will join the RI Board in July as president-elect.

Eight other Rotarians will be elected to serve as directors in 2005-07. They are: Frank N. Goldberg, Omaha-Suburban, Nebraska, USA; Jerry L. Hall, Reno, Nevada, USA; Horst Heiner Hellge, Hamburg-Blankenese, Germany; Kwang-Tae Kim, Seoul Gwanag, Seoul, Korea; Noraseth Pathmanand, Bangrak, Bangkok, Thailand; Masanobu Shigeta, Takasaki North, Japan; Carlos E. Speroni, Temperley, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Robert A. Stuart Jr., Springfield, Illinois, USA.

Centennial book winners

Two Rotarians won copies of *A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International* signed by RI past presidents in the drawing at the Centennial Booth. The lucky winners are Earl Rogers of the Rotary Club of Duluth, Minnesota, USA, and Hara Tsunewo of the Rotary Club of Nagano North, Japan.

The Rotary Centennial Posters illustrate Rotary history, service, and fellowship.

- Rotary Centennial Posters: Set of three posters (24" x 36") illustrating objects related to Rotary history, service, and fellowship with a multilingual key identifying the objects on the reverse side. For use in centennial-related exhibits, the posters come in a mailing tube; ¥1,060 (US\$10)
- *A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International*: Specially commissioned history book of Rotary's first 100 years, ¥2,650 (US\$25)

Entertainment Schedule

Wednesday, 26 May

OICC, 1F Plaza	
1200-1300	Pop Concert
1600-1630	Brass Band Parade Osaka Economic University Brass Band
1700-1730	Cheer Leading GOLDEN BEARS
Rihga Royal Hotel, 3F	
Various Performances by Foundation Alumni on Stage	
1000-1030	Piano/Vocal
1030-1115	Viola/Piano/ Cembalo
1115-1145	Cembalo
1200-1230	violin/viola/piano accompaniment
1230-1300	Piano duo
1300-1330	Piano solo
330-1400	Piano solo
1400-1430	Soprano/Violin/ Piano Rotary Artists GSE
1430-1500	Tenor with Piano accompaniment
1500-1530	Piano solo
1600-1630	Piano solo
1630-1700	Soprano with Piano accompaniment

* Program is subject to change.



- *Historical Review of Rotary*: A booklet with a brief year-by-year account of major events in Rotary history, including presidents, themes, and convention information; ¥318 (US\$3.25)
- *My Road to Rotary* by Paul Harris, ¥1,060 (US\$10)
- *Honoring Our Past: The Words and Wisdom of Paul Harris*, ¥636 (US\$6)
- *Paul Harris and His Successors*, ¥1,484 (US\$14)

Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives

As of 30 April 2004, more than 80 Rotary clubs had qualified to receive the 2003-04 Rotary International Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives for their innovative

and strategic efforts to recruit and retain qualified members. One club from each district was eligible for recognition based on their fulfillment of the primary elements of membership

growth and development: retention, recruitment of qualified new members, or the organization of new Rotary clubs.

District	Rotary Club	Country
1010	Huntly	Scotland
1070	Loughborough	England
1080	Ely	England
1260	Hatfield	England
1470	Copenhagen Morning	Denmark
1590	Lelystad	The Netherlands
1630	Liège	Belgium
1660	Paris-Bercy	France
1700	Béziers	France
1740	Rodez	France
1760	Martigues et Etang de Berre	France
1850	Bremen-Neuenlande	Germany
1960	Pico – Açores	Portugal
1980	Zug – Zugersee	Switzerland
2090	Cagli Terra Catria Nerone	Italy
2250	Sandnes	Norway
2270	Bodø Øst	Norway
2290	Kristiansand	Norway
2370	Haninge	Sweden
2390	Malmö-Ellenbogen	Sweden
2420	Istanbul-Kadiköy	Turkey
2500	Furano	Japan
2580	Ginowan	Japan
2650	Kyoto-Fushimi	Japan
2690	Izumo-Chuo	Japan
2760	Kariya	Japan
2800	Oguni	Japan
2820	Tsuchiura	Japan
3090	Sirsa Mid Town, Haryana	India
3170	Miraj Mid Town, Mah.	India
3190	Bangalore Highgrounds, Karnataka	India
3250	Patna Mid-Town, Bihar	India
3290	Rajdhani	Nepal
3310	Batu Pahat	Malaysia
3450	Hou Kuong	Macau
3600	Gwangju	Korea
3620	Cheonan-Dosol	Korea
3650	Hanseong	Korea
3660	Pusan-Oryun	Korea
3720	Gimhae Gaya	Korea
3820	Lucena South	Philippines
4100	San Felipe North	Mexico
4340	Talagante	Chile
4400	Quito-Valle Interoceánico	Ecuador

District	Rotary Club	Country
4430	São Paulo – Itaquera, S.P	Brazil
4460	Iquitos	Peru
4480	Olímpia, S.P	Brazil
4590	Mogi Mirim, S.P	Brazil
4610	São Paulo – República, S.P	Brazil
4650	Jaraguá do Sul Perola Industrial, S.C.	Brazil
4660	Frederico Westphalen, R.S.	Brazil
4700	Getúlio Vargas, R.S.	Brazil
4730	Pointa Grossa-Vila Velha, Pr.	Brazil
4820	Tigre	Argentina
4870	General Villegas	Argentina
4960	Artigas Sembrador	Uruguay
5010	Barnaul	Russia
5030	Lynnwood, WA	USA
5100	Baker City, OR	USA
5360	High River, AB	Canada
5500	Valle Verde – Green Valley, AZ	USA
5520	Santa Fe, NM	USA
5550	Moose Jaw Wakamow, SK	Canada
5710	Shawnee Mission, KS	USA
5840	San Antonio, TX	USA
5870	North Austin, TX	USA
6040	Liberty, MO	USA
6290	Traverse City, MI	USA
6440	Mundelein – Vernon Hills, IL	USA
6580	Bloomington Sunrise, IN	USA
6900	Dunwoody, GA	USA
6930	Boca Raton Sunrise, FL	USA
6980	The Villages, FL	USA
7010	Collingwood and South Georgian Bay, ON	Canada
7250	Locust Valley, NY	USA
7300	Turtle Creek, PA	USA
7470	Newark, NJ	USA
7670	Pisgah Forest, NC	USA
7730	Wilmington, NC	USA
7750	Greenville, SC	USA
7980	Westport, CT	USA
9010	El-Kantaoui	Tunisia
9680	Wyong, N.S.W.	Australia
9810	Hampton, Vic.	Australia



Lend a Hand

2005 convention returns to Rotary's birthplace

Visit the 2005 Convention Promotion Booth to learn more about the Rotary Centennial Convention in Chicago, Illinois, USA, 18-22 June 2005. Located in the Korin room on the 3rd floor of the Rihga Royal Hotel, the booth will feature promotional and tourist information on Chicago and other materials about the convention. Members of the Host Organization Committee (HOC), dressed in turn-of-the-century attire, and RI staff will be on hand to answer questions and help Rotarians to register for the centennial convention and related RI-ticketed events.

Upon registering, Rotarians will have a chance to ring the Centennial Bell. Early registration will also secure a place



[Photo: Mike Gustafson]

in a special commemorative directory being planned by the HOC.

Computer terminals will be set up at the booth for online housing registration, and representatives from One-Stop Chicago, RI's official housing bureau, will be available to answer your questions. Rotarians are encouraged to reserve hotel rooms early for the 2005 convention while plenty of rooms are still available.

Centennial Twin Clubs support Thai AIDS Hospice

The Centennial Twin Club Program is helping a small Thai temple provide dignity and care to HIV/AIDS patients in Thailand. Through the twin club relationship of the Rotary Club of Bangkapi, Thailand, and the Rotary clubs of Tokyo Ginza New, Tokyo Ginza, and Tokyo Tsukiji, Japan, the Thai Temple AIDS Hospice, Wat Phra Baht Nam Phu Temple, has received US\$6,000 in cash and \$800 worth of supplies.

AIDS is the leading cause of death in Thailand where one in 60 people are infected with the disease. Because of misconceptions surrounding AIDS, patients are often shunned by society and left to care for themselves. Alarmed by such treatment, Dr. Alongkot Dikkapanyo, a Buddhist monk, decided to turn his small temple into a hospice to care for Thailand's growing AIDS population.

What began in 1992 as an eight-bed

facility has grown into a 400-bed complex with a waiting list of more than 10,000. Located just 120 km north of Bangkok in Lopburi, the Thai Temple AIDS Hospice relies on donations to cover medical and administration costs.

"Since the Thai economy bubble burst, donations to the hospice have also decreased, making it rather difficult to maintain," says Kaoru Tomita, secretary of the Tokyo Ginza New Rotary club. "It was agreed that the three Japanese clubs and the Thai club would make the temple a joint donation project, and if possible, support it for years to come."

The Centennial Twin Club Program is just one of the activities planned in celebration of Rotary's centennial. In the Twin Clubs Program, two (or more) clubs from different countries agree to work together to carry out a centennial-year effort.

“Working to find peace in the world is a family problem. It is not too big a problem to deal with if we realize that we are all from the same family.”

— Hiroji Mukasa, 1982-83 RI President

Reunion Luncheon

Past RI officers and their spouses, along with all convention registrants, are invited to attend the Reunion Luncheon at the OICC, Event Hall A-C, 3rd Floor, 1300-1430. If still available, tickets may be purchased at the RI Ticket Sales Booth in the Registration Services Area on the fifth floor of the OICC.

UNOFFICIAL AFFILIATE EVENTS

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



Rotarians meet with Dr. Alongkot Dikkapanyo (pictured at right) during a visit to the Thai Temple AIDS Hospice.