



THE FELLOWSHIP ADVANCER

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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR:

Abraham I. Gordon,

Have you ever looked for a model for democracy? Look no further than Rotary International. In RI we have an annual change in our elected officers that is as peaceful as can be. That includes our RI President, our District Governors and even the Presidents and officers of our many Rotary Clubs.

Our RI Directors serve a multiple staggered year term (2 years) as do most of our appointed officers, such as Foundation Trustees (4 years) and Committee members (3 years). This smooth change in offices was emphasized by Past RI President Carlo Ravizza who use as his theme: “*Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity!*”

This applies to our RI Committees, as well. I am now completing my third - and final - year as Chair of this RI Committee on Fellowships. I have been honored by our RI Presidents by this appointment and I have thoroughly enjoyed these years of service. During these years we have reviewed every RI Fellowship, saw several new ones created and, sadly, saw a few discontinued for lack of activity. We met with our Fellowships at the annual RI Convention, heard your concerns, addressed most of them and gave you an avenue for communication directly to us.

We now have a quarterly publication, *The Advancer*, which was created directly as a result of the requests of our Fellowships. Several Fellowships have already taken advantage of this publication by inserting items of interest about their programs. Please continue to do this. Every inquiry from a Fellowship to our RI staff has received a reply directly from me in addition to our staff, as applicable. We have made suggestions, when asked, to make our Fellowships stronger. What we have done is recognize that while we serve as a committee responsible to the RI President and Board of Directors, we have assumed the additional duties of serving Fellowships directly. I thank that I speak for all of our committee members that we have had great pleasure in serving our Fellowships, as well as the RI officers.

Committee member Michael Jackson of England and I are leaving this committee as of June 30, 2009. We are not leaving Fellowships, however, as we are both active in RI Fellowships of our own interest. We might even take the initiative and create new ones. Suffice it to say that we thank everyone who made our stay on this committee enjoyable and happy. I thank our RI staff Abby McNear and Jesse Allerton who were quick to act as requested to make our Fellowships function smoothly. I thank Bill Boyd, Wilf Wilkinson and D. K. Lee for the strong support they

gave this committee during their time as a RI President.

A special “congratulations” is due our incoming Chair, Campbell King of Canada. He served this committee well these past two years and has served as our Editor of *The Advancer*. He will be an excellent leader.

As I say “Good-Bye”, I also say “It’s Been Nice to Know You!”

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2008 – 2009 FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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Liaison Director: Carolyn Jones

We want to recognize Abe, Michael, Daniel, Themistocles, and Carolyn for their work, counsel and encouragement as they leave the Committee at the end of July.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2009 – 2010 FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Campbell S. King (disaster management.) <stirling@mts.net> (Rotary Club of Winnipeg): **Vice Chair:** J. Barry Smith (electrical engineering) <barry@pseinc.net> (Member, Rotary Club of Sandy Springs): **Members:** Enrico Carozzi (safety consult.) <carozzie@libero.it> (Member, Rotary Club of Milano Naviglio Grande): Chungsam Doh (food serv.) <csdoh@charter.net>: David A. Judge (office equip.) <david.a.judge@virgin.net> (Member, Rotary Club of Colchester Forum.): Anthony A. Watson (electrical supplies dist.) <tony.watson@mac.com> (Member, Rotary Club of Fair Park (Dallas).)

Note: The R. I Board did not appoint an Adviser, a Board Liaison Director or a Foundation Liaison Director this year

BULLETIN BOARD

The deadline for article submissions for the August 2009 Advancer (#5) must be into Cam King (Editor <stirling@mts.net>) by July 17. This time line should be enough time to provide information from the respective Annual Meetings at the Convention. The Advancer will be out July 28.

From a Rotarian who sent us note about wanting to start a Fellowship, but did not know many Rotarians outside of his District. He felt there would many in the Family of Rotary of whom would be interested in developing an application for the R.I. Fellowship to approve.

First, go the R.I. Website and click on the “Service and Fellowship” tab and scroll down to the bottom of the page to the “Global Networking Groups”. Go down to the which provides the information about each Fellowship and their respective activities.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Rotary Fellowships pitch in for polio eradication

By Joseph Derr, Rotary International News -- 22 April 2009

In November, 150 members of the International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians ran the famed New York City marathon. With the help of the Rotary Club of Metro New York City, the four-year-old fellowship attracted other Rotary clubs, families, and community members as sponsors to raise \$3,500 for PolioPlus.



Photo courtesy of the International Marathon Fellowship of Rotarians

Rotary Fellowships are finding creative ways to do their part to meet Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, including running in marathons and auctioning off quilts, to name a few.

The event was a great opportunity for global fellowship, as the New York runners welcomed their counterparts from Andorra, Austria, France, Germany, and Tunisia. The day before the marathon, the Rotarians took to the streets to promote Rotary's causes, wearing shirts with the Rotary colors of royal blue and gold for a friendship run from the United Nations headquarters to Central Park.

"We were proud to wear our running shirts marked [with] Rotary along the New York streets," says Jean-Claude Brocart, of the Rotary Club of Toulouse Ovalie, France. "It was an unforgettable experience. All along the way, an enthusiastic and enormous crowd encouraged the runners."

The Rotarian's Wine Appreciation Fellowship challenged members to raise \$100 each for polio, and pledged to match the first 50 contributors. Those contributors also received a lifetime membership in the fellowship. In December, the group sent a check for \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation, earmarked for PolioPlus.

The fundraising effort even helped the fellowship add new members, especially from India, one of the four remaining polio-endemic countries.

"Fifty Rotarians, many of them new fellowship members, participated. A new chapter is being started in District 5320 (California) as a result," says Past District Governor Conrad Heede, the fellowship's

president. "The success of this initiative and the recent increase in the Gates grant prompted us to set aside another \$2,500 to match the additional contributions from 25 more new members with an interest in wine."

As a result, the fellowship sent another \$5,000 in April to the Foundation.

The Rotarian Fellowship of Quilters and Fiber Artists plans to lend its talents to the cause during the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June. Rotarian quilters will auction off handmade quilts, with proceeds going toward polio eradication. Last year, the group raised \$3,000 for polio during the RI Convention in Los Angeles. This year's convention attendees can visit the fellowship's booth or check its Web site for more information.

FELLOWSHIP - GLOBAL NETWORKING GROUPS – CHAIRPERSONS and SUBMITTED QUARTERLY REPORTS

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ICFR members are looking forward to the forthcoming RI Convention at the NEC in Birmingham and enjoying Rotary Fellowship on a number of pre and post convention rallies and events. ICFR is well advanced in its preparation for a caravan/motorhome support rally for the Birmingham Convention in accordance with our undertaking to RI to run a support rally whenever the RI Convention takes place in Europe, from ICFR's formation in 1967, following the 1966 Nice Convention and we look forward to returning to Birmingham as in 1984. In recent years we have returned to Nice and visited Glasgow, Barcelona and Copenhagen where a support rally has been held, as well as organising extensive pre and post Convention rallies and stopovers on the way to that Convention. This has enabled us to meet and make many Rotary Caravanning friends, some of whom joined ICFR, before forming ICFR in their own countries. We certainly look forward to renewing old and long standing friendships again in Birmingham.

Our rally will take place at the Heart of England Events Centre at Fillongley only 7 miles from the Convention at the NEC from Friday 19th to Thursday 25th June, to give ample time to set up and registration for the Convention. Already we have over 140 members (70 units) attending the rally with an ICFR Fellowship Dinner on the Monday Evening 22nd June, but still have ample space for more.

For further details, booking form and details of RV's (Motorhomes and Campervans) and Touring (trailer) caravan rental, please see our website www.rotarycaravanning.org.uk

ICFR has applied for a Booth in the House of Friendship at the NEC to promote its activities and take the opportunity of meeting and hopefully recruiting other Caravanning Rotarians with either caravans or motorhomes to join us in our Fellowship and our activities and enjoy the freedom of mainly 5 day meetings and rallies at home in the UK often on private locations under our Exemption Certificate for commercial sites with both recreational and vocational visits to places of interest, many with Rotary Connections and also visits to local Rotary Clubs.

We look forward to meeting you at our Booth in the House of Friendship, where you will find members of ICFR waiting to answer any questions you might have on "Caravanning with Rotary" or make arrangements for you to visit us on our Rally at the Heart of England site which is only 10-15 minutes drive from the NEC.

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RCPS Leads"Rotarians for a Drug-Free Philippines. With the theme "Say NO to Drugs, Say YES to Life" the Rotary Club of Paranaque South, led by Pres. Ed Castillo, conducted the launch of the district-wide project "Rotarians for a Drug-Free Philippines" last February 24, 2009 at the AIM Conference Center, Makati City.

Special guest speaker, Dangerous Drug Board Chair Vincete "Tito" Sotto III presented a situationer

report on Drug Abuse in the Philippines, while keynote speaker, PDG David Tong of the Rotary Club of Singapore East D-3310 and Chair of Fellowship of Rotarians for the Prevention of Drug Abuse, delivered on "How Rotarians Can Help in Eradicating Drug Abuse". The program was highlighted by the signing of pledges by DG Boyet Limon, Chairman Sotto, PDG David Tong, district officers and sponsoring Rotary club presidents

ROTARIANS FOR A DRUG FREE PHILIPPINES

"Say NO to Drugs, Say YES to Life"

RATIONALE

Drugs destroy millions of lives every year. Popularized in the 1960's by music and mass media, today they invade all aspects of society. The problem has many faces – from the college student partying for three days straight in ecstasy – or methamphetamine (shabu)- fueled rave, to the school child addicted to Ritalin (methylphenidate), from the mother who cannot get through a day without taking pills for depression, to the CEO addicted to cocaine.

According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime's 2005 World Drug Report, an estimated 200 million people, or nearly 5 percent of the world's population between the ages 15 and 64, consume illegal drugs. This is an increase of 15 million drug users over the previous year. One hundred and sixty two million people abuse cannabis (marijuana or hashish), making it the most prevalent illicit substance, followed by amphetamine-type stimulants (35 million), opiates (16 million) and cocaine (13 million).

In the Philippines, there are about 6 million drug addicts reported nationwide and only about 5,000 were admitted/reported by various treatment facilities in the country. The mean age of the users is 28 years old, predominantly male, single, and from the urban area (NCR) but lately, they are getting younger and younger and even female cases are increasing in number.

The most disturbing aspect of this problem is how drug abuse damages our youth and the threat this poses for the future of our country. Young users suffer more illnesses, miss more days in school and are more prone to engage in criminal conduct.

It is about time for the Rotary Club to take action in response to an ever increasing demand for a drug awareness campaign district/nationwide. We have to start empowering our youth and adults with the truth about drugs, enabling them to make an educated decision to say no to drugs and help others do the same. The most effective weapon in the war against drugs is education. With everybody's help, we can get the message out far and wide, "*Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life.*"

MISSION STATEMENT

The Rotary Club District 3830 is committed to raise awareness of the major problem that illicit drugs represent to society through a myriad of programmes and campaign activities for the youth and adults towards a drug free life.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To inspire all the Rotary Clubs to share in spreading the truth about the ill effects of illicit drugs on the lives of the victims of substance abuse;

2. To empower the youth and adults to make wise and informed decisions when it comes to saying "NO" to drugs;
3. To establish partnerships and linkages (both local and foreign) with other professional organizations and disciplines in order to support and intensify Rotary's anti drug campaign program;
4. To equip youth leaders, peer counselors and other youth groups with leadership and attitudinal training to serve as role models in their respective schools/communities/organizations;
5. To recognize talent and develop creativity and resourcefulness of the youth in the performing arts as better alternative medium of expression

PARTICIPANTS - Grade School, High School and College Students; Rotaractors; Interactors; Youth Leaders; Guidance Counselors/Administrators; Parents; Religious Groups

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

DISTRICT LAUNCH - February 24, 2009, 1:00 - 5:00 PM, AIM, Makati City

ANTI-DRUG YOUTH SUMMIT - March 14, 2009, 7:00AM-6:00PM, University of Makati

HOST AND PARTNERS - Rotary Club of Parañaque South (Lead Host); Host Clubs from DI-3830; Dangerous Drugs Board; Seagulls Flight Foundation, Inc.; Manila Times (media partner); *Inner Wheel Club of the Philippines*

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The Editors and Publishers fellowship will be sharing a booth with the Singles fellowship. Our fellowship would have annual general meetings on 23rd June 2009 between 3:30pm to 4:30pm. We are having a workshop on 23rd June 2009 between 1:30pm to 3pm at Concourse Suits 2 at the NEC on Best networking Tools for a better bulletin' where keynote speakers are myself as Chair, Mark Zober as Immediate Chair, Janie Carlisle as editor of our fellowship newsletter PEN and Robert Sommerville as webmaster and Chair Elect of our fellowship. We would like all club, district editors, webmasters to be present in large numbers for the workshop. Capacity is 300 and all of our speakers are very knowledgeable and good speakers.

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Every few years the World Fellowship of Rotarian Gourmets donates a Silent Auction Dinner Item at the District 5040 Annual Rotary Foundation Fund Raising Dinner in Vancouver, British Columbia.

This year the winner was Abigail Turner, President of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Sunrise and on March 21, 2009, the WFRG Chapter 1, Richmond hosted Abigail and her 5 guests to a Special Gourmet Dinner held at the Maitr'Ds home in Richmond, B.C.

Eight of our Chapter's members alternated as Hosts, Chefs and Stewards during the evening which commenced at 6.30 p.m. and before we realized it, for such a fun evening it was as we were repeated told by our guests, the bewitching hour was upon us and we were once again at the door bidding our guests farewell – sated, refreshed with down home Rotary fellowship and still sober – the drivers anyway – for their trek home.

In order for our guests to experience some of the benefits to be derived from our fellowship through fine dining and the appreciation of the inevitable accompaniment of fine wines for all occasions, we held a wine tasting contest comprising three bottles each of 'disguised' white and red wines for sampling during the evening with a request to state their choice from 1 to 3 for each category.

What a pleasant surprise at the end of the evening when the 'shill' in each group not only placed 3rd in one group, but 4th!! in the 2nd group! Added to that the order of choice was the same for all tasters, thus proving two things:

1. All of our guests with their exquisite tastes, at least for fine wine, are now eligible to join our Gourmet Chapter, should they so desire, and
2. Note to Maitr'D - stop displaying your home made wine – except as a membership test of course, which everyone will be sure to pass! J

Our sincere thanks to our guests for allowing us to be their hosts and for their gifts of some *very fine wine* which will be gracing the dinner table at our next meeting and to Diana and Michael thank you for that special antique wine box which will henceforth be our Gourmet Mascot.

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June is the key month in the calendar of the Rotarian Musicians. Tasked by the Chair of the House of Fellowship (HOF), IFRM is providing the majority of the entertainment throughout the RI Convention in Birmingham.

The two performance stages in the HOF will feature almost non-stop shows throughout the sessions. IFRM members from around the globe will provide professional quality entertainment ranging from jazz bands to classical flautists, piano and string players. There will also be live ad hoc entertainment at the IFRM booth in the HOF. *Where is the booth?* - just follow your ears!

For many years, the Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians has drawn together Rotarians and their partners to form the Rotary World Choir at the annual InterFaith Service. This year is no exception and when RI President D K Lee put out the call, his fellow Korean and IFRM Director PDG Chungsam Doh stepped up to direct the choir once again. This year the InterFaith Service takes place on Saturday afternoon; the Rotary World Choir will then go to the HOF and perform on stage.

"MESSAGE FROM THE WORLD"

a Song for Polio Plus.

"A Message for the World' is a song for polio plus. The song has been composed by Rotarian Barry Phillips from the Rotary Club of Grantham in District 1070 in England. It has been recorded by the Onoband with pupils from the Walton Girls High School in Grantham. The Onoband and manager Ray Klingels are all Rotarians from the Grantham Club. Band members Geoff Braunton, Ivor Metcalf and Barry Phillips, all members of the IFRM, formed the band in 2004 to raise funds for Rotary causes playing popular music from the 60's and 70's. To date the band has raised in excess of £26000 for deserving causes.

The band looks forward to members of IFRM and others to help promote and sell the recording across the world so that we can help to meet Rotary's target of \$100m in response to the Challenge set by Bill and Melinda Gates for the final eradication of polio in the world.

Details of the song may be found on website [www.message to the world.co.uk](http://www.message.totheworld.co.uk) (going live on 1st May). The song will be launched and played live by the band at the International Convention in Birmingham, England 21 - 24 June 2009"

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HOF Booth No. 849. As well as displays, we hope to promote health screening (B.P. check, body fat measurements). If you wish to have your project publicised through a display, please let Himansu Basu or Iain know. As RI will organize emergency medical cover, we will not duplicate the efforts. If you are able to spare one or more two hour slots for the Fellowship booth, please let us have your availability- we will return to you with timings of help needed at the Booth. To those who have or will respond - thank you very much for your help.

Men's Health Network (MHN)–This will be the International Men's Health Week - our major collaborator MHN will be attending the Convention and will assist us at the Booth and other activities outlined above. Male and Female Rotarians please join us to find out the latest in Men's Health.

Annual General Meeting – for members will be held at the Convention Venue (NEC) – Gallery Hospitality Suites 17-18 at 1630 on Monday the 22nd June. Please notify the Secretary of any topic for discussion. There will be an election of the members of the Executive Board, at the AGM. If you are able to serve the Executive Board, please submit your name, details and contact Chairman Himansu Basu for an informal discussion.

Clinical Meeting (CME/CPD Approved) and Hospital Visit –A clinical meeting (CME/CPD approval is awaited) will take place at 1230 to 1400 on Wednesday the 24th June, at the nearby Heart of England Hospital Postgraduate Centre. Speakers will include local Physicians and IFRP members. We hope to arrange transport for a number of members .Please contact us for further details. If you need a certificate of attendance for tax purposes. please let us know.

Drinks Reception followed by optional contributory Dinner – will take place at the Arden Hotel

(near NEC) on Tuesday the 23rd June at 1800. Please contact us for details and registering for the events.

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ITFR is organizing a half-day tournament on June 22nd. This will be held at the Edgbaston Archery and Lawn Tennis Society which was founded in 1860. Originally founded as an Archery Society, lawn tennis began to be played there between 1873 and 1875 and it is the oldest surviving tennis club in England and therefore in the world! The Archery, as it is known, is set in beautiful surroundings and has 6 grass courts, 4 shale courts, and 3 floodlit artificial grass courts. For more information see www.ealts.net. The tournament will provide the opportunity for all

Rotarians, Rotaractors and their spouses who are interested in tennis to play at this exceptional club and to raise funds for the PolioPlus Program. If you are already a member of ITFR and are coming to the convention, details of the tournament will soon be on the ITFR website. If you haven't joined ITFR- what are you waiting for? There is no membership fee and you will be welcomed by 658 members from 57 countries.

ITFR will be exhibiting at a booth in the House of Friendship to promote its activities, a meeting point for the Rotarians coming from all over the world. ITFR will organize a meeting and a short tournament and will take part in the meeting of all the fellowships with the RI President Lee. It is indeed a special occasion to be seized by the ITFR members also for the peculiar and unprecedented coincidence with the most important tennis event of the year: Wimbledon, The Championship! The short distance between Birmingham and London/Wimbledon (the tournament will take place from June, 22 through July, 5 2009) suggested us to organize a special package for the ITFR members who would like to spend a few days in London also (if not primarily) to enter for a day in the world temple of tennis: The All England Lawn Tennis Club. You can find all the information about the convention on www.rotary.org, on the official website www.convention2009.com and also on www.itfr.org (archive section), where all the forms and brochures are available for download.

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Activities at Booth 751

The International Fellowship of Travel Agents with 180 Members from 40 countries around the World, offers expert travel consultation absolutely for Rotarians attending the Rotary International Convention 2009 in Birmingham. You will be meeting with high profile professionals from many Countries: USA, Canada, Australia, India, Sri Lanka, Europe, and Asia.

We are offering a FAM TRIP in India through a raffle draw during the convention, please visit our Booth

We are inviting Rotarian's Travel Agents to join IFTA for US\$25 for one year, \$45 for 2 years, and \$60 for three years, who are members of a Rotary Club around the globe and waiting for an opportunity to have reliable business partners in other countries.

We are also inviting general Rotary members for Associate Members for US\$ 10 per Year who enjoy traveling and would like to have access to great Travel Deals from Fellow Rotarians.

Have a Great 100th Rotary Convention and continue to spread friendship and goodwill of Rotary

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The International Travel & Hosting Fellowship (ITHF) will have a booth at the Convention as usual. The ITHF Annual General Meeting will be held over breakfast on Tuesday morning, June 23, and tickets will be available at the booth. Visits to the booth will be very welcome for members and non-members alike. A great opportunity to join a great, friendly Fellowship.

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Saturday 6pm Pre Convention Dinner at the Priory Tennis Club. This is already fully booked. Sunday, We have our Leadership Meeting from 12.30 to 2 pm in the Gallery Hospitality Suites 17 and 18, at the Convention Centre. Tuesday 23rd is the IYFR Annual General Meeting at the Botanical Gardens, from 11.30 Lunch at 12.30 followed by the AGM. Please book at Booth if you wish to attend

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ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH