

The Rotary Foundation – Talking points for the Trustee Goals - 2007-08

1. Polio Eradication IS Realistic

- Polio can be eradicated
 - Polio cases worldwide have fallen by 99% since 1985.
 - Polio surveillance improvements have ensured rapid detection.
 - Outbreak control stops re-infection faster than ever.
 - New generation “monovalent” polio vaccines provide tools for finishing eradication in the last 4 endemic countries: India, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan.
 - Please consult www.polioeradication.org for the most up to date Polio information prior to the speech.

- Polio should be eradicated
 - A humanitarian legacy
 - 5 million children are walking who might have been paralyzed.
 - 1.5 million lives have been saved.
 - A financial responsibility to the developing world
 - US\$1 billion now spent on the disease will be saved worldwide each year!
 - The earning potential of millions of children may be secured
 - Switching to a “control” strategy would condemn 10 million children to polio over the next 40 years.

2. *Every Rotarian, Every Year*

A promise to be fulfilled:

- To further our mission and to do good in the world
The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.
 - Only with the financial support of Rotarians can this mission be accomplished.
- The Rotary Foundation belongs to Rotarians
 - It is dedicated to furthering Rotary’s programs through the world
 - Rotarians determine which programs to support and the level of funding provided
 - Rotarians help to shape the world’s future and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others
- The Rotary Foundation is among the most respected charities
 - Contributions to the Foundation are invested for three years and investment earnings fund administrative and fundraising expenses
 - The Rotary Foundation Trustees prudently manage the Foundation's resources to make possible humanitarian and educational programs that serve the needs of people around the world
 - Recently TRF achieved top ranking (4 stars) from *Charity Navigator*, a charity watchdog agency.

3. Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution

Peace IS possible!

- The program has educated 385 or six classes of Rotary World Peace Fellows
- Currently there are 180 or three classes of alumni
- Prominent alumni are:
 - Miho Kishitani (2003-2005 University of Bradford), is the country representative for Peace Winds Japan in Iraq. Recipient of Nakasone Yushiro Award
 - Bautista Logioco (2002-04 Duke University) is a specialist at the Department of Crisis Prevention and Special Missions within the Secretariat for Political Affairs at the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.
 - Mwila Chigaga (2004-06 Duke University), senior gender specialist for English-Speaking Africa for the Director General of the International Labor Organization, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 - Susan Stigant (2003-05 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) is in Nairobi, Kenya, providing support to the constitutional committee and convention for the Sudan program of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. She also plans to conduct a civic education campaign on the constitution throughout South Sudan.
 - Michel Huneault (2002-04 University of California, Berkeley) is a senior analyst with the Canadian International Development Agency posted in Afghanistan with the Provincial Reconstruction Team of Kandahar. Huneault is overseeing and moving forward CIDA's efforts to support development initiatives suited to a challenging conflict environments.
- Global Symposium: To date, 187 alumni and fellows have registered for the Rotary World Peace Symposium which is slated for 14-16 June 2007. The agenda includes a retrospective of the program's first decade and panels on how the work of these fellows is affecting conflicts worldwide. Participants will also get the chance to network, attend regional alumni events.
- Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program: Second session of the first year of the program is due to finish in March 2007. The first class of the second year, totaling 25 participants was selected by the Executive Committee of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Selection Committee in San Diego California, in February 2007.

4. Reconnecting with The Rotary Foundation Alumni

Our forgotten assets:

- More than 100,000 Rotary Foundation alumni
- Alumni Award winner: To be announced 1 March
- Convention Alumni Association event: Mark your calendars for next year's alumni event on 14 June 2008 in Los Angeles, California. This will be the first full-day pre-convention alumni event featuring speakers, workshops, networking opportunities, and a reception tailored for Rotary Foundation alumni.
- Communicate regularly with alumni subcommittee chairs
- Help districts form alumni associations
- Assist district to involve alumni in events, activities and projects
- Involve alumni in selection committees and orientation for future program participants
- Encourage clubs to consider alumni for membership and as contributors to the Foundation