

Alumni Newsletter

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From the Desk of Janet Holland

As your new Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator, let me introduce myself.

When I was DG in 1995-96, our GSE team pairing was with Bangladesh. After the team went home, I received a request from the team leader to lead a Foundation Discovery Team to Sylhet to help advise them on the feasibility of establishing a physical therapy center and hospital. A therapist and I went to Bangladesh. At the end of our visit, we knew they were very committed to having this center and we wanted to help in any way we could.

There were many benefits from the experience. The Jalalabad Rotary Disabled Therapy Centre and Hospital is now serving disabled people from a large

area, supported by the Rotary Club of Jalalabad and Rotarians worldwide.

My personal benefit, other than the experience of our time in Bangladesh and the friendships made, was that I became a Rotary Alumni. The Foundation's mission of achieving world understanding and peace through service took on new meaning for me.

Through associations with other alumni, I became interested in the scholarship program. That interest led to the formation of ASETS (Ambassadorial Scholars-Elect Training Seminar) which I chair. The regional orientation is held near Austin each year, but includes scholars

from throughout the United States.

Every year, I am in awe of the quality of the Foundation scholars and their commitment to service. With these future Rotarians, our future will be in good hands. I have immense respect and appreciation of the Rotarian staff who participate in the orientation each year.

I was honored to be asked to be your Regional Alumni Coordinator this year. One of my goals is to create a newsletter for you on a monthly basis. You can help make it a beneficial tool by letting me know what you are doing in your district.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet".



A New Rotary Year Begins

As has been the case for over a hundred years, Rotary's leadership changes from the clubs to the international president.

We are beginning this new year with some of the district alumni chairmen continuing. Others are new to the task.

For those of you who are remaining in your position, you can help the new chairmen by sending us your ideas that worked, what to avoid, and what you wish you had known in the beginning.

I welcome questions from the new chairman. Working together, we'll strengthen all our programs.

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Rotary Multi-District Training Institute

A Day of Training and Fellowship for District Chairmen

Who? Foundation Subcommittee Chairmen	Tammy Taylor, D-5830 GSE chairman, will lead the session on the GSE program.	• Learn how to form an alumni association for your district.
When? August 1, 2009	Donna Landry, D-6200, will lead the scholarship session.	• Receive tips on how to locate missing alumni.
What? Training you for your responsibilities	Janet Holland, RFAC, will lead the alumni session.	• Meet your fellow chairmen and exchange ideas.
Where? Round Rock, TX	PDG Bill Rains, D-5830, will demonstrate the internet alumni database. It will be available to districts wishing to use it.	There will be time for discussions, exchange of ideas, and questions and answers.

**For Registration, agenda and hotel information, go to:
www.Rotary-mdti.org**

Rotary Humanitarian Service
in Africa



Zone 21b-27 Alumni Goals

The RFAC goals for this year are:

1. Communicate regularly with you, the alumni sub-committee chairs.
2. Help districts form alumni associations.
3. Assist districts in involving alumni in events, activities, and projects.
4. Involve alumni in selection committees and orientation for future program participants.
5. Encourage clubs to consider alumni for membership and as contributors to the Foundation.

In the future issues of the Alumni Newsletters there will be articles, ideas and tips on how you can accomplish these goals within your own district. This newsletter is for you. Let me know if you have successes you'd like to share. If there are special concerns you want addressed, email me.

Trustee Decisions

In making difficult decisions due to the current economic situation the Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided that the Rotary Alumni Celebration will not be held in conjunction with the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal. They did agree to have the celebrations for 2011, 2012 and 2013 as previously approved.

The following educational programs are being phased out due to under-utilization unless previously funded: Cultural Scholarships, Multi-year Scholarships, and Grants for University Teachers. Volunteer Service Grants will be phased out. The Rotary Foundation is no longer accepting applications for travel to plan a future project or to provide direct service to a community.

ReConnections by Email

Starting in July 2009, Reconnections will become a bimonthly e-newsletter that will be sent directly to your email. Printed copies will no longer be sent via postal mail. We are excited about our new format and its ability to keep you informed about current events and activities involving Rotary Foundation alumni in a more timely manner.

If you have not received your ReConnections by email, send your current email address to Alumni@Rotary.org. You can find the newsletter here:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/reconnections_current_en.pdf

Class Notes can be posted at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Alumni/GetInvolved/Pages/Telluswhatyouaredoing.aspx>



RIPE Ray Klinginsmith is a Foundation Alumnus



PRIPs Jonathan and Chuck with Archbishop Tutu



PRID Sam Reconnects at the Alumni Celebration

Alumni Celebration at the '09 Rotary Convention

Who are Foundation Alumni?

They include former participants in:

- Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants
- Volunteers Service Grants
- Group Study Exchange
- Rotary Grants for University Teachers
- Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Programs
- Rotary World Peace Fellowships
- Ambassadorial Scholars

More than 110,000 people call themselves Rotary Foundation Alumni. Only about 18,000 are members of a Rotary Club.

Can you locate missing alumni?

Get ReConnected

Involve them with Rotary!



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