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# Rotaract and Interact Newswire



## RI Rotaract & Interact

### Committee News



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## Chair Dong-Joon Lee's Message

My fellow Rotaractors,  
As we kick off a new Rotary year together, I am excited about the many accomplishments that lie ahead: the innovative service projects we will launch, the global friendships we will make, and the positive impact we will have – on our communities at home and abroad.

Yet, in addition to these many achievements that will require commitment and enthusiasm, this 2010-2011 Rotaract year will be marked by yet another milestone – one that RI President Ray Klinginsmith has pioneered. For the first time in Rotaract history, on 20 May 2011, Rotary International will convene a **Rotaract Council** during the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

Recognizing the importance of Rotaractors' input and vision, President Klinginsmith has created this opportunity for Rotaractors to make some decisions about which direction the program will go. The three-hour council will be modeled after the Rotary International Council on Legislation, and will empower Rotaractors who are registered for and attending the Preconvention to consider and vote on non-binding resolutions that affect the Rotaract program. These resolutions will have been submitted beforehand by Rotaract clubs worldwide.

Through this important initiative, Rotaractors and Rotarians will be able to work together on strengthening and improving Rotaract clubs. By engaging in active dialogue and meaningful and thoughtful actions, we will be able to use the Rotaract Council as an effective platform for positive change. I encourage all of you to make this year's Preconvention a scheduling priority, so that you can take full advantage of this historic opportunity to give your personal feedback about Rotaract's future.

I look forward to serving as your 2010-2011 Rotaract and Interact Committee Chair, and hope that you will all join me in re-committing yourself for the Rotaract to be "**Bigger, Better, and Bolder**" under the theme of our President, **Building Communities – Bridging Continents**.

Best Wishes,

Dong-Joon Lee  
Chair, Rotaract and Interact Committee  
Rotary International

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- Send this newsletter to the Rotarians in your sponsoring Rotary Clubs & District Governor
- Create a note on Facebook and link it to this newsletter



2010-11 Rotary International Theme

## November is Rotary Foundation Month

By Betsy Hernandez Pizaña

The month of November is when we celebrate our Rotary Foundation. Beginning July 1st, 2010 one hundred Districts from around the world entered into a three-year pilot program for the Foundation's Future Vision.

### Do you know what the Future Vision Plan is for our Foundation?

Well, the aim of the Rotary Foundation is to promote global understanding as well as to boost global peace and goodwill through the improvement of health, support of education and the alleviation of poverty. In the year 2017, our Foundation will celebrate its 100th anniversary and as such certain modifications will seek to improve the service of our programs.

### The Future Vision Plan, aims to address 5 key areas:

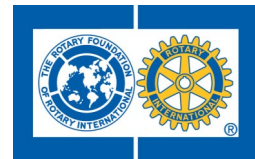
- Simplify the programs and operations of the Foundation, consistent with the mission of the institution;
- Target service initiatives of Rotary in the areas where greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians;
- Offer program options to help achieve goals both locally and globally;
- Increase participation and ownership of Rotarians in the area of clubs and districts, by delegating more responsibilities to the districts
- Achieve a better understanding of the work of the Foundation and improve the public image of Rotary.

The new activities which can be performed under this new model are the humanitarian and educational initiatives, locally and internationally, through two types of grants: district Rotary Foundation and The Foundation Global Grants, the latter being used to finance larger projects.

### Do not forget that Global Grants now focus on 6 Strategic Areas of Focus:

Peace and conflict prevention and resolution  
Prevention and treatment of diseases  
Water and sanitation

Maternal and child health  
Basic education and literacy  
Economic and community development



The Polio Plus program and the Rotary Centers for International Studies will continue to work the same way for the time being. For more information on Rotary Foundation Month and the Future Vision [click here](#).

## Rotary Approves 5th Avenue of Service

By Lisa Hunter

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment 28 April to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations. New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as Rotary's five Avenues of Service which are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of Rotary clubs. The newly added Avenue of New Generations Service is meant to encourage Rotarians to actively engage with youth and young adults. This can happen through Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, and Youth Exchange, but it also can take place through a local club or district youth project.

"It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary," said Council Chair Mark Daniel Maloney. "Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment."

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

This September's New Generations Month took on a different meaning than in the past and for this reason the RI website featured several articles on Rotary's youth programs in celebration of New Generations Month:

- New Generations Give Rotary a New Avenue to Serve
- San Antonio Interactors Excel at Service
- Youth Exchange Creates Lifelong Bonds
- RYLA Alumna Brings Teens Together in Arizona
- Youth Programs Pave the Way into Rotary



Rotary Images/Monika Lozinska-Lee

RI President Ray Klinginsmith says the new Avenue of Service improves the value of youth programs and their impact on Rotary's future.

"The Council wanted to be sure New Generations programs were given adequate attention by clubs," says Klinginsmith. "Rotarians just want to be up front and recognize the importance of these programs. New Generations isn't just important to the future of Rotary but also our communities and the world."

"We truly have the finest youth programs in the world," says Klinginsmith. "Their intrinsic value continues to escalate. We do a great job with these programs, we just need to give them more visibility."

So take advantage and promote all the New Generations programs, not only within Rotary but also to the wider public, shout from the rooftops all that we do to encourage more young people to get involved today.

## Who are the 2010-2011 Rotaract and Interact Committee?

Below are the members of the 2010-2011 Rotaract-Interact Committee, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact any of them.



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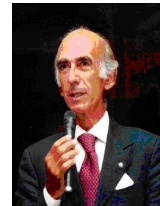
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**Note:** As of July 1, 2010 the Rotaract Committee is now the Rotaract and Interact Committee. The Committee is now expected to provide guidance and advice to the Board on all aspects of both the Rotaract and Interact programs. The Committee also remains responsible for developing the program content for the Rotaract Preconvention and to promote attendance at the 2011 meeting in New Orleans.

## Get recognition for your club

As you help the Rotaract clubs in your district exemplify this year's theme, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the awards and recognition available to Rotaract clubs throughout the 2010-11 year. Please review this information and all relevant deadlines carefully, sharing it with all those involved in your programs.

### Rotaract Presidential Citation

RI President Klinginsmith encourages all Rotaract clubs to strive for a Rotaract Presidential Citation. To qualify a club must complete any four activities from the categories listed in the Presidential Citation Brochure ([http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/pres\\_citation\\_rotaract\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/pres_citation_rotaract_en.pdf)).

The Sponsor Rotary Club President must sign the Rotaract Citation Form and submit it to the District Governor no later than **31 March 2011**.

### World Rotaract Week Recognition

During the week of 7-13 March 2011, Rotaract will celebrate the founding of the first Rotaract club on 13 March 1968.

Rotaract clubs around the world are encouraged to partner with their sponsor Rotary clubs and increase community awareness of the program through performing the following activities:

- Making a presentation about Rotaract to a Rotary club that doesn't yet sponsor a Rotaract club
- Inviting Rotarians to attend a Rotaract club meeting
- Attending a Rotary club meeting
- Conducting a joint Rotaract-Rotary club project

Those that join this celebration and tell the world about Rotaract will receive recognition for their work from Rotary International.

Interested clubs can download the World Rotaract Week Celebration Recognition Form from:

[http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/)

[pres\\_citation\\_rotaract\\_en.pdf](#)

The submission deadline is **15 April 2011**.

### RI Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Projects

Each year, hundreds of Rotaract clubs submit details about their exceptional community or international service projects to Rotary International.

In the 2009-10 Rotary year, seven clubs were selected by the Rotaract Committee to receive international and regional awards.

To learn more about developing a great community or international service project, download the Communities in Action publication from: [www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/605a\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/605a_en.pdf)

To submit a project for the 2010-11 Rotary year (the projects should be completed when you submit it for review), download the Outstanding Projects Form from: [http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en\\_pdf/pres\\_citation\\_rotaract\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/pres_citation_rotaract_en.pdf)

Submit your project to RI no later than **1 February 2011**.

### Interact Video Contest

Introducing the second annual Interact video contest. The contest gives participants the opportunity to tell the world about the impact Interact has made on their lives, while bringing Interactors and Rotarians closer together.

To enter the contest, create an account on YouTube and upload your video. Then submit the [contest entry form](#) by e-mail, fax, or post by 11:50pm Central Standard Time on 1 December 2010.



## Progress for Rotary's US\$200 Million Polio Challenge

During the week of 18-24 October, approximately US\$2.8 million was raised in online contributions for PolioPlus. To honor World Polio Day on 24 October, The Rotary Foundation offered for the first time double Paul Harris Fellow recognition points for online-only contributions of US\$100 or more during that week.

The results represent a significant increase in online donations. To compare, \$660,000 in online donations to PolioPlus were made from January to September 2010.

As of 27 October, Rotarians have raised about \$150 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families. Courtesy of Rotary International News, 27/10/10

# Youth Programs Pave the Way into Rotary

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary youth programs have prepared Andrea Tirone well.

As a current [Rotaractor](#), a past participant in her district's [Rotary Youth Leadership Awards](#) (RYLA) program, and a former [Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar](#), she is hoping her experiences serve as a springboard into Rotary.

"In Rotary, I will have a variety of service possibilities available to me, locally and internationally," Tirone says. "There is so much diversity in the work Rotary does. It can give you exposure to so many different areas, and help you find what your interests really are."

Tirone was introduced to Rotary during the District 7070 (Ontario, Canada) RYLA in 2004. She describes it as one of the best weeks of her life, and says she was impressed by the planning that went into it.

"Learning about each other through different workshops and activities, I formed these incredible, lifelong bonds," she says. "I thought to myself, if Rotary can put on such an amazing week, then imagine what it would be like to be part of the whole organization."

## Joining Rotaract

When she enrolled at the University of Toronto in the fall of 2004, she sought out its Rotaract club and joined, becoming club president in 2005-06. Her club volunteered in the community but focused much of its time and resources on raising funds for a literacy project in India, working with a sister club and Rotarians to help implement the effort.

"Being involved with Rotaract opened my eyes to the ability to connect with Rotaractors all over the world," says Tirone. "Finding out that Rotary has very strong ties to the rest of the world was very appealing."

In 2008, Tirone became an Ambassadorial Scholar, majoring in political science at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. During that time, her host Rotary club helped establish the Rotaract Club of Durban Berea.

As an honorary member of the Durban Berea club, she embarked on an international project with 19 other club members, raising US\$2,000 to help renovate a school in Ponta do Ouro, Mozambique. The Rotaractors spent a week cleaning and painting classrooms and installing a vegetable garden.

Tirone says she plans on becoming a Rotarian but wants to stay in Rotaract as long as possible.

"Rotary for me is for life, so I want to be able to experience as much of Rotaract as I can," she says. "Because of it, I have friends all over the world."

Tirone says Rotaract is good for Rotary.

"When it comes to encouraging new members or bringing in new and innovative ideas, Rotary can always rely on Rotaractors to be the people who bring those types of ideas to clubs."

## Rotaract Moments ...



Rotaract European Meeting (REM)  
Amsterdam, October 2010



Rotaract Big West Conference  
Berkeley, October 2010



The Rotaract Club Tijuana Oeste  
(D4100) donated 45 pairs of new  
shoes to all the kids at a kindergarten  
in the outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico.

## Gloves from Montréal, Canada

By Alexis Tugume

While attending the Rotaract Preconvention in Canada, after the community service project we did (cleaning the park), I gathered all the dirty gloves we were using for the clean up exercise and brought them to Uganda. The idea was to find a way to use those gloves to fundraise here in Uganda and feed a couple of hungry children. So I brought the gloves with me, washed them and then between 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010, my club (Rotaract Club of Kampala Ssesse Islands) went for its Annual project in the Ssesse Islands where we were building and cementing more classrooms in a school. Because building involves manual labour, I used this opportunity to market the idea of using the gloves as a fundraiser. So I hired out the gloves, each pair at about half a dollar and I collected about \$20. Here in Uganda, \$20 can feed a child in a village for about one month. While we were doing the project at this school we identified a child suffering from Kwashiorkor. Kwashiorkor is a disease caused by severe malnutrition and one of the signs of knowing a child has this disease is that the child will have a big stomach and will generally be weak. So I passed on the \$20 to my club and we are now trying to find a way to have this kid treated. After the project, I again collected the gloves from everybody washed them and now keeping them for another project where we intend to raise more money.



Explaining how I got the gloves and how the fundraising will work.



Rotaractors who hired the gloves and are ready to get to work.

## The “Big West” Rotaract Conference

By Cheryl J. Wong

On the weekend of October 15-17, 2010 District 5160 hosted the first Rotaract Big West Conference in Berkeley, California. 190 people, from 13 districts, spanning 3 states came together for this inaugural U.S. west coast conference. Attendees had several choices of presentations at each breakout session covering the main topics of Building Community Leaders, Personal Development, Keys to Nonprofit Success, Action Across Borders, Developing Your Club, and Developing Rotaract Regionally. The day also included keynotes on *Rotary and Rotaract* by none other than Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman and *Polio Eradication* by Past District 5170 Governor Brad Howard. Seeing as Rotaract's motto is *Fellowship Through Service*, the conference would not have been complete without its two service project opportunities: making Water Pasteurization Indicators (WAPIs) for Rwanda and packaging parts for LN-4 Prosthetic Hands to be sent to Ecuador and India. A definite highlight of the conference was the boat party on the \$1.5 million Zinfandel yacht. Rotaractors danced the night away while cruising the starlit San Francisco Bay. A very special thank you goes out to the entire District 5160 planning team for putting in countless hours to make the first Rotaract Big West Conference a great success.



## Rotaract France 40th National Convention

From the 15 of 17 October, Rotaract France members came together in Paris to attend the 40th national convention. Workshop topics included:

- Why Rotaract is an important program within Rotary International;
- The legal and financial responsibilities of clubs and organizations;
- Managing and engaging with the different aspects of Club Service; and
- How to successfully promote your club through its image.

Additional sessions focused on getting to know Rotary better and reviewing annual goals and objectives. Rotaractors also heard from representatives of Shelterbox France, where they learned how successful the organization has been over the past ten years. The National Committee looks forward to several more events it has planned over the remainder of the Rotary year and looks forward to attending the 2011 Preconvention in New Orleans.

## New Orleans 2011 - will you be there?



Do you want to strengthen your Rotaract club? Learn more about excellent Rotaract service projects? Build lasting friendships with fellow Rotaractors from around the world? If so, you'll want to attend the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting and discover how we can work together to **Build Communities and Bridge Continents!**

At the 2011 Rotaract Preconvention Meeting, you will have the opportunity to exchange ideas on a wide range of Rotaract topics in interactive workshops and listen to interesting and informative speakers, all designed to support and enhance the Rotaract activities underway in your communities.

In addition to the official program, there are social events specially planned for Rotaractors by local Rotaractors on the "Rotaract Host Organizing Committee." Their job is to make sure there is plenty of fellowship!

### Why should I attend?

There are many reasons to attend the Preconvention and Convention. First, it is a chance to see the world of Rotary and Rotaract in a whole new light. You know that Rotaract is an international organization, but when you attend a worldwide meeting, you really see that aspect of Rotaract differently. You will also learn more than you thought possible, get new ideas for your club, make lifetime friends, and have a BLAST. Its hard to do justice to the experience with words. Its something you have to experience for yourself!

Rotaractors from every district are encouraged to attend the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting. This year Rotaractors can register for the preconvention as a stand-alone meeting with a registration fee of only US\$50. Rotaractors who would like to attend the RI Convention, 21-25 May, can also register for this event before 15 December with an additional early registration fee of US\$50.

To find out more about the 2011 Rotaract Preconvention visit:

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/rotaract\\_preconvention\\_meeting\\_guide\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rotaract_preconvention_meeting_guide_en.pdf)

For more information on the fellowship events being organized in New Orleans visit: <http://rotaractnola2011.com>

## Inaugural Rotaract Council

An exciting addition to this year's Preconvention will be a first-ever Rotaract Council on 20 May. The three-hour council, modeled after the RI Council of Legislation, will allow Rotaractors registered for and attending the preconvention to consider and vote on non-binding resolutions to change the Rotaract program submitted by certified Rotaract clubs worldwide. This is a unique opportunity for Rotaractors to express their voice directly to RI's leadership and generate creative ideas to make their clubs stronger, dynamic, and more effective.

Resolutions will cover six broad topics:

- Standard Rotaract Club Constitution and Bylaws
- Rotaract Statement of Policy
- 18-30 age range
- Rotaract alumni activities
- Rotaract program name, emblem, and motto
- RI fees and dues for Rotaract clubs and/or its members



Rotaract clubs will be able to propose up to two resolutions to be considered by the council. Each resolution must include a statement of purpose and effect and may be no longer than two pages. Rotaractors will then have an opportunity to vote online to determine the order of consideration for the resolutions. The Rotaract Council's recommendations will be reviewed by the 2011-12 Rotaract and Interact Committee and considered by the RI Board of Directors in September 2011.

For more information on the Rotaract Council, please read the [story](#) posted on Rotary's website.

Rotaract Council Documents can be downloaded from: [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/rotaract\\_council\\_documents\\_en.zip](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/rotaract_council_documents_en.zip)

## Upcoming Events:

Event	Location	Date	Details
Ecuadorian, Bolivian, Peruvian, and Chilean Rotaract Conference ( <a href="#">ERBOPECH</a> )	Manabí, Ecuador	11-14 November, 2010	This 22nd annual meeting is hosted by Rotaractors from District 4400 (Ecuador). Rotaractors from the Central Andean region and other areas throughout Latin America are invited to attend.
Asia Pacific Regional Rotaract Conference ( <a href="#">APRRC</a> )	Sydney, Australia	25-28 November, 2010	This seventh annual meeting is hosted by Rotaractors from District 9680 (Australia). Rotaractors from across the Asia Pacific region are invited to attend.
<a href="#">Rotasia</a>	Panaji, India	13-16 January, 2011	This meeting is hosted by Rotaractors from District 3131 (India). Rotaractors from across South Asia are invited to attend.
Rotaract European Meeting ( <a href="#">REM</a> )	Belgrade, Serbia	13-16 January, 2011	This meeting is hosted by Rotaractors from District 2481, which covers five European countries and geographical areas. Rotaractors from across Europe are invited to attend.
Encuentro Rotaractiano Argentino Uruguayo y Paraguayo ( <a href="#">ERAUP</a> )	Cordoba, Argentina	16-22 January, 2011	This meeting is hosted by Rotaractors from District 4815 (Argentina). Rotaractors from Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay are invited to attend.
Conferência Multidistrital de Rotaract Clubs Brasil ( <a href="#">CONARC</a> )	Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil	26-30 January, 2011	This 37th annual meeting is hosted by Rotaractors in District 4470 (parts of Brazil and Paraguay). The conference theme is "Social Entrepreneurship." Rotaractors from across Brazil are invited to attend.

## Have a story you want to add?

If your Rotaract or Interact Club has a story it would like to see in the next issue of the Rotaract & Interact Newswire, let us know. Due to limited space, it cannot be guaranteed that every story will be included, but we will try our best. For more information or to make a submission, email Rotaract Representative, Andrea Tirone anget09[at]gmail.com



## New Generations Email

Rotary International have started producing a New Generations e-newsletter each month.

New Generations is a monthly e-newsletter designed to inform program participants and Rotarians about news and developments in Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA and to give you ideas on how to get more involved with these programs in your communities.

To be added to the distribution list for the e-newsletter, please click on this link:

<http://visitor.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?m=1101424972933&p=oi>

When the web page has loaded enter your email and click on submit. On the next page select New Generations\_ Rotaract from the list and complete the other information, following the instructions on the screen.