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**A Newsletter for
Rotary Leaders in
Zone 22**

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before March 15, 2008
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IMPORTANT DATES

Peace Summit

April 25-27, 2008 - Windsor-Detroit

WASRAG

Water & Sanitation Conference

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Rotaract

Pre Convention Meeting

June 12-14, 2008

Alumni Reunion, LA

June 13-14, 2008

International Convention

Los Angeles - June 15-18, 2008

Zone 22 Institute

Sept 10-14, 2008 - Victoria, BC

Show that Rotary Cares

My Rotary Friends;

I have just returned from the International Assembly in San Diego. Each time I sit in that audience and listen to the plenary speakers, my thoughts find me wishing that every member of my club could be there, to see what I have seen and to feel what I have felt. Unfortunately the International Assembly by virtue of its purpose and training component is limited in its attendance.

This is not the case with Rotary International's Convention. Los Angeles is open to the entire family of Rotary. There you can find that same spirit of internationality, inspiring addresses, opportunities for discussion, fellowship and networking, and the excitement of a brand new city and country to explore.

You can enjoy Zone 22 fellowship at the Northern Lights Breakfast held right at the convention centre on Sunday morning this year.

I have been fortunate enough and close enough to see our own RI President, and Trustees in action, and we in Zone 22 ought to be in that audience at the Convention in Los Angeles, not only to strengthen our own membership, but to acknowledge and herald all that President Wilf, Trustee Chairman Bob and Trustee Carolyn have contributed to Rotary's growth and history.
Show that Rotary Shares!

Thank you for what you do for Rotary,
Monty - RI Director 2007-'09

Donald MacRae Peace Award

The Rotary Zone 22 Donald MacRae Peace Award is an annual award presented by Rotary Zone 22 to recognize and honour an individual or organization for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideals of Rotary as expressed in the Fourth Object of Rotary.

Now is the time for District Governors to advise their districts and clubs that any Rotarian or club can nominate a Rotarian or non-Rotarian for this award. A nomination form is posted on the website at:

www.rotaryzone22.org

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Our Director

*Monty
Audenart
&
Liz
Audenart*



THREE of the Many Compelling Reasons to attend the Zone 22 2008 Victoria Rotary Institute.

September 10-14, 2008

Reason Number 1

Deepa Willingham

Direct from speaking at the International Assembly in San Diego, Deepa Willingham is leading the way in promoting LITERACY. The ability to read and write forms the foundation for all education and is essential for poverty reduction, economic development and social inclusion. "Those living in extreme POVERTY live with no hope in their hearts, they have no voice in their destiny or the ability to determine their future." Deepa is a dynamic and powerful Rotarian who is making a difference!



Reason Number 2

Penny LeGate

Penny is a highly respected television journalist and community activist in the Pacific Northwest. An effective communicator, an insightful analyst and a motivator who has an extraordinary ability to inspire others. Penny has participated in 7 National Immunization Days in Ethiopia and has been involved in a host of other international projects and service activities. She has been nominated for 3 Emmy Awards for her documentary "Bridges of Hope – Seattle to Ethiopia". Penny has great compassion for those who need our help and she is the quintessential ambassador for Rotary and its POLIOPUS campaign.



Reason Number 3

Reverend Al Tysick

'Reverend Al' is the spiritual leader of the Open Door, an inner city ministry in Victoria serving an estimated 600 people whom he refers to as "his family". He usually arrives at the Open Door by 5 am, often seven days a week, and does outreach work every Friday, often working 14 hr. shifts. The former Victoria Citizen of the Year has become a voice for some of the city's most vulnerable and, in recognition of his boundless empathy and tireless commitment to the poor and homeless, Time Magazine included Reverend Tysick in its 2006 list of Canada's Heroes.



Limited space – register today!

www.victoriarotaryinstitute.ca www.deltavictoria.com/rotary

Canadian Rotarians Visit United Nations

Recently over 100 Rotarians and Rotaractors travelled to New York City from Canada to participate with RIP Wilf Wilkinson, TRF Trustee Chair Bob Scott and RID Monty Audenart at the 'Rotary Day at the United Nations'.

"Many people are unaware that 49 Rotarians helped form the United Nations at the inaugural 1945 meeting in San Francisco," said PDG Doug Vincent, UN crusader and coordinator of the Canadian portion.

"This historical tie is the main reason Rotary International has maintained deep roots and official status there," Doug said. Currently, Brad Jenkins is the official RI Representative who plans the day and heads a team of several senior Rotarians assigned to promote our Rotary image, our programs and interests, plus keep RI leaders aware of world issues at the UN.

As an optional part of the visit, Doug hosted a meeting the previous day with Canada's UN Ambassador Henri-Paul Normandin at the Canadian mission. Participants learned about Canada's role and our involvement at the UN, which was a great opportunity to understand more about the role of an Ambassador and specifically Canada's purpose in being there.

"At one of our meetings, senior UN leaders commented that it is not the Heads of State, Presidents of Countries, Ambassadors or Government Officials who are the world

leaders," said Doug. "They say the true world leaders are the community leaders in every city, town and village of member countries," he continued. "Isn't that amazing that this fits the exact profile of a Rotarian." Truly we can make a difference in our world.

If you wish to learn more about our relationship with the United Nations and use our partnership to elevate the Rotary image in your community, contact Doug at rotary@teamvincent.com. Doug is available to speak at District or Zone events on 'Rotary at the United Nations.' Through the use of magic matching grants trickery, he shows how our Rotary toolbox can help the UN be more effective in making the world a better place. You are invited to join Doug next year at the United Nations on November 7-8, 2009



*Canadian UN Ambassador,
Henri-Paul Normandin
and Doug Vincent*

See you in LA!!! - by Tom Wilkinson

For those who attended the Zone Institute in Halifax, you have seen the promotional presentation for the LA Convention and know what an exciting moment this will be for Canada and all of Zone 22. We are so fortunate to have both RI President Wilf and the Rotary Foundation Chair, Dr. Bob Scott from our country and zone and we need as many Rotarians from Zone 22 to come to Los Angeles to celebrate this special moment of Rotary history and to demonstrate to the Rotary world our support for these two great Canadian Rotarians from Zone 22 and District 7070.

Current information indicates that we have confirmed registrations of just over 50% of our international goal for participants at the LA Convention. We are hoping to have 2000 Rotarians from Zone 22 attend and participate in what is shaping up to be one of the most outstanding RI Conventions ever. The list of speakers and entertainment is exceptional and the hospitality will be outstanding.

To date, we find as many as 780 Rotarians from Zone 22 registered for LA. Please register soon! There are still more than 4000 RI blocked rooms available.

Most Rotarians who attend a Convention do so because they were personally invited by someone to come to the Convention. We are asking everyone who receives Northern Lights News to become an Ambassador for RI President Wilf and speak to your club members and extend Wilf's personal invitation to come and celebrate Rotary in Los Angeles. It is a fact that those Rotarians who experience an RI Convention become more committed to Rotary ideals and opportunities, and also remain part of the family of Rotary for a more extended period of years. What an important and powerful membership retention and leadership development tool.

President Wilf and Chairman Bob look forward to greeting you in LA and hope that you will make every effort to bring as many Rotarians as possible to experience the internationality of Rotary at its very finest!! Registration forms and accommodation forms can be found at www.Rotary2008.com or www.rotary.org or in "The Rotarian" magazine.



Kick off a great LA Convention Experience!!

PDG Doug Vincent, Chair
2008 Zone 22 Northern Lights
Brunch Committee

On behalf of RI President Wilf Wilkinson, TRF Trustees Chair Bob Scott and RI Director Monty Audenart, I want to invite you to the 2008 Zone 22 Northern Lights Brunch, being held at the RI Convention in Los Angeles.

Please join us for fun and fellowship with your fellow Rotarians at this wonderful buffet brunch. Take the opportunity to mix and mingle with RI President Wilf, RF Chair Bob, RI President-Elect DK Lee and RI Director Monty, plus new and old Rotary friends.

Details: Zone 22 - NLB
LA Convention Centre, Peetree Hall
Sunday, June 15, 2008 - 10 am to 12 noon

Agenda:

- 9:45 am - Check-in, Meet and Greet
- 10:00 am - Buffet Brunch Served
- 11:00 am - Welcome and Comments from RID Monty, RFC Bob and RIP Wilf
- 12:00 pm - Brunch ends with procession of books to Book Mountain in House of Friendship
- 12:30 pm - First plenary session starts for those with early seating

You can register for tickets with credit card payment at: https://www.sporg.com/registration?form_id=100389
Price: \$45. (Early bird \$40. by May 15, 2008)

Please share this invitation with others who you know are planning to be in LA. Speeches will be kept to a minimum, allowing maximum time for fellowship and socializing.

Note: In keeping with the conference service theme of bringing books to build "Book Mountain" please bring your book on this day. At the conclusion of this event, those interested can deliver all their books to the House Of Friendship in one large procession.

I look forward to seeing you at this exciting event to kick off a great LA Convention experience.

Doug



Thanks to all our supporters for helping achieve an unprecedented 49 boxes in December 2007. This handily beat out the previous record set in November of 29 boxes for the month. Way to go Canada! During November combined donations from the public and Rotary worldwide paid for 587 boxes. For the November donors from Canada, there is news that all those boxes were sent to assist AIDS orphans in Swaziland.

ShelterBox responded to emergencies in 16 countries during 2007 - the highest number of deployments yet in the history of the charity. May was the only month when ShelterBox was not delivering aid somewhere in the world - while in September the charity's help was needed in six different countries.

In addition to over 1,000 boxes to Bangladesh, deployments in 2007 included:

Kenya (January)

374 boxes sent to help victims of flooding after unusually heavy rains across much of East Africa.

Bolivia (February-March)

600 boxes sent after floods affected a huge area of the Amazonian basin.

The Solomons (April)

200 boxes were sent after a tsunami hit these remote Pacific islands.

Pakistan & Nepal (June-August)

A total of 1,920 boxes were sent after a cyclone in the Arabian Gulf and extreme monsoon rains caused huge floods.

Swaziland (August)

140 boxes were sent in a project to assist children left orphaned by AIDS.

Peru (September)

408 boxes were sent following an earthquake that hit the coast south of Lima.

Nicaragua & Jamaica (September)

146 boxes were delivered to hurricane victims by the Dutch Navy, while 25 were distributed by

a Rotary club in Jamaica.

North Korea (September)

200 boxes were sent to flood victims resulting in ShelterBox photographer Mark Pearson's unique film footage being broadcast on Sky News.

Somaliland (September & December)

446 boxes have now been sent to assist displaced families.

Ghana (Sept.) & Uganda (October)

100 boxes were sent to each country after floods across large areas of Africa.

Mexico (November)

200 boxes were deployed after more bad floods.

Papua New Guinea (December)

218 boxes were due to arrive at the end of the month after floods left many homeless.

More information about all of these deployments can be found by looking at the news archive and deployments maps at www.shelterbox.org



Reconnecting Rotary Foundation Alumni and Rotary

R O T A R I A N S C A N H E L P M A K E T H I S H A P P E N

Reaching out and Connecting

Join us at the Rotary Alumni Celebration in Los Angeles on Friday and Saturday, 13-14 June 2008, just prior to the start of the LA Convention.

It is our goal that every district in the world is represented by at least one scholar (Ambassadorial or Peace) and one GSE member.

Attendees will hear prominent speakers, participate in stimulating workshops, and enjoy networking opportunities.

All this for just US\$25 for convention registrants. A reception will be held in their honor. And Foundation alumni from 2000 through 2008 are eligible to attend the convention at a reduced fee.

Please inform the Alumni in your District about this great event!

Find additional details, including the registration form, at www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008

I will be going. Will you?

Judy Harcourt, PDG

RFAC Zone 22 West, Zone 23 North



Creating Bonds and Reconnecting

Rotary Foundation Educational Programs have a way of forging bonds between Alumni and Rotarians that can last a lifetime. Former Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary World Peace Fellows, and Group Study Exchange team members are often interested in joining a Rotaract or Rotary club or a Foundation Alumni Association. Many Rotaract and Rotary clubs, in turn, are interested in inviting alumni to become members.

More than 105,000 people call themselves Rotary Foundation alumni. They include former participants of the following programs: Ambassadorial Scholarships, Carl P. Miller Discovery Grants, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Grants for University Teachers, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Programs, Rotary World Peace Fellowships, Volunteer Service Grants.

Foundation programs enrich the lives of participants and spread Rotary's vision of peace through person-to-person contact, friendship, study, service, and cross-cultural exchange. Program participants serve as goodwill ambassadors not only when they are abroad but also when they return to their home countries. The experience of living, learning, and serving in a land other than their own encourages Foundation Alumni to advocate for Rotary's ideals.

But it's not always easy for alumni and Rotarians to stay in contact.

**There are 105,000
Rotary Foundation Alumni
out there.
Help us find them!!!**

For more information on how you can help, please contact your District Alumni Chair or RFAC Judy Harcourt judy@Harcourt.ca