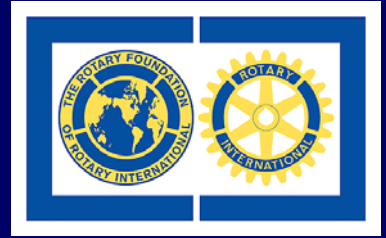




Rotary Foundation Alumni of D5300



The Four Way Test

Of the things we think,
say, and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Upcoming Meeting:

- Friday Dec 4th
- 6pm
- Vegas PBS headquarters
- 3050 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas 89121
- (702) 799-1010
- FREE for alumni
- \$20 for Rotarians and spouses



Foundation Alumni Launch

Dear Foundation Alumnus

You enjoyed the amazing opportunity of representing your district, whether it was District 5300 or not, in another country somewhere in the world based on your professional, leadership and community service qualifications. Maybe it was just this past year. Maybe it was in the previous millennium! Whenever it was, we want to reconnect with you.

Being a former Ambassadorial scholar from South Africa myself, I have first-hand knowledge of the power of Rotary. My life has changed so much because of this organization as I'm sure yours

have as well. Being part of an organization which main focus is a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world will do that to you!!

The vision of creating a D5300 Foundation Alumni club has been around for a while, but this year it is coming to fruition. You are the missing piece!! Some benefits of such a club include:

- ◆ Networking with business professionals
- ◆ Community service opportunities
- ◆ International projects
- ◆ Friends—old and new!!

The inaugural meeting of the D5300 Foundation Alumni club will be held on Friday December 4, 2009 at 6pm at the Vegas PBS headquarters located at 3050 E. Flamingo Road in Las Vegas. The event will be *free* for alumni.

You are cordially invited to attend this event since you are the guest of honor!!!

We hope to reconnect with you and tell you more about what good Rotary has been continuing to do in the world. This cocktail event will allow you to network with other Foundation Alumni and Rotarians in a relaxed atmosphere. Please RSVP to gordonm9@unlv.nevada.edu

Message from the District Governor

One of the most overlooked areas for Rotary membership is our Rotary Alumni. These are younger people that as non-Rotarians, have had the extraordinary learning experience provided by Rotary. They are past Group Study Exchange members, Ambassadorial Scholars, Youth Exchange, or Peace Scholars to name some of the programs.

For the most part, we know who

they are and how to contact these participants. I am sure there are reasons we don't approach these people for membership in our Clubs but, I honestly can't think of any.

Let's make this Foundation Alumni club a reality in the 2009-10 Rotary year!!!

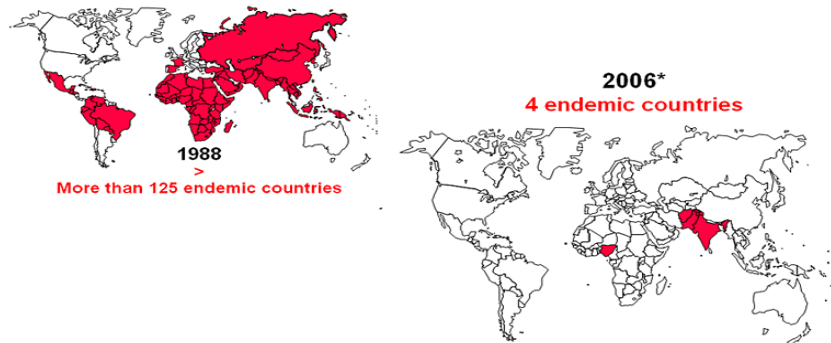
Tom

Tom Novotny is co-owner of Arrowhead Printing in Las Vegas. A Rotarian for 24 years, he has held several D5300 positions, including co-chairman of the 4 Way Speech Contest, Assistant Governor, Executive Assistant to the Governor, and assisted in the PRLS and Leadership Seminars in Las Vegas.

Tom Novotny is taking the motto "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands" to heart as he is challenging all of District 5300 to think about the importance of incorporating the youth in everything Rotary does.

Polio Eradication Progress

Areas with Indigenous Polio



* as of 8 July 2006

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge

More than two decades ago, the success of Rotary's initial fundraising campaign was a catalyst for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – a moment that Rotarians reflect proudly upon as “Rotary's finest hour.” For the third time, Rotary is undertaking a fundraising effort as part of an extraordinary partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the \$200 million match, which must be completed by 30 June 2012. It is the largest grant ever given to a volunteer service organization and a tremendous validation of the approach and success of PolioPlus.

“The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication...we are committed to helping reach that goal.”

-Bill Gates

Global Progress to date

- ◆ Over two billion children immunized, five million spared disability
- ◆ Poliovirus type 2 (1 of 3 types) eradicated 1999
- ◆ Reduction in active polio cases by 99 percent since 1988
- ◆ Three regions certified polio-free: the Americas, Western Pacific, and Europe

Today, only 4 countries remain polio endemic, the lowest in history – Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

But the poliovirus does not respect borders. No child is safe until polio has been completely eradicated.

We're only one plane ride away from another polio outbreak in the US.



District 5300 Conference



The annual District 5300 Conference will be taking place in Southern Nevada for the 2010-2011 Rotary year.

The conference has various seminars on membership, fundraising, the foundation, and much more!!!!

When: June 10-13, 2010
Where: Green Valley Ranch Resort-SPA-Casino
Henderson, Nevada

All Rotarians are encouraged to participate in the conference to learn useful information for the success of their club. Rotarians go all out to show support for the district as well as their home club by wearing matching t-shirts and crazy costumes.

Foundation Alumni are encouraged to attend the D5300 Conference to show their support to Rotary and the district. Start talking to your host club(s) for possible funding/sponsorship to try to get your seat at the D5300 Conference!!!

For more information email:
office@district5300.org



Useful Alumni Information

We realize that it can be daunting to reconnect with former Rotary friends. Here are some useful links that will aid you this process:

- ◆ **Rotarians and Alumni:** <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Alumni/AlumniAndRotary/Pages/ridefault.aspx>
- ◆ **District 5300 club information:** <http://www.district5300.org/clubinfo.html>
- ◆ **District 5300 newsletter:** <http://www.district5300.org/newsletter20092010/news0908/NL.htm>
- ◆ **Rotary Foundation Reconnections newsletter:** <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Alumni/ReconnectionsNewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>



Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

Every Rotary district can enter one or more candidates for the Global Alumni Service to Humanity

Award, which is presented each year at the Rotary International Convention. District candidate

application forms should be submitted to Brenda Cressey, by December 1, 2009. A zone committee will then review the applications and

select the one candidate that will represent Zone 26. That application will be sent to the Board of Trustees of TRF before the December 31 deadline. TRF board then decides the final winner from applicants around the world.

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees approved a Rotary Alumni Celebration to be held in Montréal,

Canada, in conjunction with the 2010 RI Convention on Saturday, 19 June 2010. All Rotary Foundation alumni and interested Rotarians are invited to attend for a registration fee of only US\$25.



Guest Speaker: Adrienne Cox



Adrienne Cox has been a member of the Rotary Club of Las Vegas Southwest since 1996. She was President during Rotary year 2004/05 and now serves as part of District 5300 leadership team.

Adrienne retired after 30 years of service, having administered child welfare and juvenile justice services for Clark County. She now has her own consulting business, Adrienne Cox Consulting, LLC. She works with business, government and non-profits on special projects in program development and operations, community outreach and research. She is a certified mediator, providing these services to businesses and as a volunteer through the Neighborhood Justice Center.

The National Immunization Day in India was Adrienne's second international humanitarian trip through Rotary International. The first was a clean water work project in the rural Yucatan of Mexico, and the third a medical mission to El Fuerte, Mexico.

At our meeting, she will share her experiences about the trip she took to rural India to take part in National Immunization Day and to build a school in an impoverished Muslim village.



**"No great
thing is
created
suddenly"
-Epictetus**

Rotary Round-Up

Rotary has been around for over 100 years. The highest award in Rotary, Paul Harris Fellow, is named after the man that started the organization. At first, Rotary was a small group of businessmen. The name 'Rotary' came from the weekly meeting rotations.

Here are some other facts about Rotary International that you may not know:

**The 1st Rotary project was a public toilet outside the Chicago court house.

**The 1st chartered Rotary Club is in Chicago, Illinois and is known as Rotary One.

**There are currently over 1,2 million Rotarians around the globe.

**Rotary International helped in the creation of the United Nations.

**Our very own District 5300 has over 60 Rotary clubs between Southern Nevada and Southern California which includes over 3,000 Rotarians

**Las Vegas has been rumored to be the site of a (near) future RI Convention. Maybe 2015 or 2016!?!?



For more information on the D5300 Foundation Alumni Club please e-mail Amanda Zeidan at zeidanamanda@gmail.com or Michael Gordon at gordonm9@unlv.nevada.edu