

# Zone 26 Rotary Alumni

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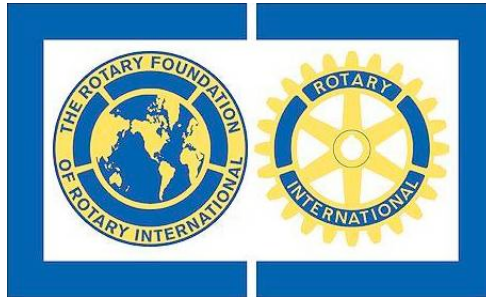
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I want to thank the District RF Alumni Chairs that responded to my earlier request to send me the actions steps that they had taken to re-connect our RF alumni to Rotary. I am including in this issue of the newsletter what each district has done in this regard, and to share their actions with all of the districts in Zone 26.

PDG John Alexander, the RF Alumni Chair in D-5260, indicated that he finally learned how to reduce the size of the Excel information from six feet across to 16 inches. He is now in the process of contacting the Rotary members that are RF alumni to form a committee to contact all the alumni residing in the district so that we can start recruiting.

D-5000 RF Alumni Steve Dyer says that he maintains a list of TRF Alumni residing in Hawaii who are willing to give programs, and mails this list to D-5000 club presidents and leadership. We have emphasized involving them as speakers during Foundation Month in November, as well as in club and district activities.

Steve went on to say that continuing our tradition, there will be a "pau hana" (end of the work day) informal get-together for current and past GSE team members and Ambassadorial Scholars residing in Hawaii. The D5000 Foundation Chair, Roz

Cooper, and I will host, at Honolulu's Plaza Club, on the 21st floor (penthouse) of a downtown office building. We will show a Rotary video, and/or Roz and I will give short talks, to get alumni caught up on RI, and encourage membership or at least involvement and staying engaged. During the meeting, we will discuss forming an alumni association here. Four alumni have become Rotarians in the past couple of years, although none in the past quarter.

We have invited all alumni to the district Conference in late September.

Alumni are invited, and at least one is a featured speaker, at our annual Foundation Banquet. We have sent GSE team applications to alumni, as they would be good candidates, or would know good candidates.

From this year, we will ensure an alumnus/alumna is on the GSE team and Ambassadorial Scholar selection committees, which was heretofore not done.

It is nearly a full-time job contacting and updating alumni lists, but we persevere.

From PDG Dave Williams the RF D-5320 Alumni Chair I received a copy of an email that he sent to all of the RF Alumni residing in his district that had email addresses as follows:

Dear Rotary Foundation Alumnus,

We are interested in establishing a network of Rotary Foundation Alumni in the vicinity of Orange County, California. Alumni Associations have been started throughout the world to enable those of us who have shared a unique experience to maintain our common bond and to promote interest in Rotary and its programs. I have attached a listing (*Excel* spreadsheet) of Alumni for whom I have e-mail addresses in our area. Some of us participated as early as the 1970s and others recently. Some of us are Rotarians; others are not.

Whatever your situation, I hope that you will want to join us in establishing the *Rotary Alumni Association of Orange County*. It need not take any more of your time and resources than you are interested in devoting to it. I am attaching a one-page Membership Information Form, in both *Word* and *.pdf* formats. Please fill it out and e-mail it back to me. If you know of other Alumni whose e-mail addresses are not included, please send them to me so that I may offer them the same opportunity. (I have a separate listing of names and addresses without e-mail contacts.)

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Dave

*Reconnections*, TRF's semiannual alumni bulletin, is going digital starting in July 2009. All alumni have been notified via post that distribution will be through email only and editions will no longer be mailed. To sign up to receive the e-newsletter or to view the current edition, visit the RI Web site at <http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/Alumni/ReconnectionsNewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

The deadline for submitting candidates for the 2009-10 Global Alumni Humanitarian Award from each district in Zone 26 is November 15, 2009. Submit your candidates on the forms that have been provided to each district RF Alumni Chair to our Zone 26 RRFC Brenda Cressey and myself by that date. We will then review the candidates qualifications and select the Zone 26 nominee for the award which has to be sent to The Rotary Foundation Trustees by December 31.

Several potential candidates that we are aware of are from D-5240. They are:

Ms. Linda Bidabe a special education teacher, an author, and founder of MOVE (Mobility Opportunities Via Education) and works with children with disabilities. She was named honorary fellow of the University of Wolverhaptan, England, and established a research base with the university's school of education and school of health sciences. She was a 1986-87 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by District 5240 in Zone 26.

Ms. Maya Kumarie Ajmera the founder and president of The Global Fund for Children and Shakti for Children, an NGO promoting human rights of children and youth. Shakti for Children develops books teaching global diversity and how to become productive world citizens. She was a 1989-90 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by District 5240 in Zone 26.

The names of other well known potential candidates from districts in Zone 26 can be provided by Rotary Foundation Alumni staff person, Haruka Wada at [Haruka.Wada@rotary.org](mailto:Haruka.Wada@rotary.org)

Hal Kibby, the Zone 25 RF Alumni Coordinator has put together a Rotary Foundational Alumni website that is linked to the Zone 25/26 web site. Hal has agreed with the support of our RI Director John Blount to make the alumni web site a joint Zone 25/26 website. Hal is in the process of upgrading his web site to make it more user friendly, and I agreed to use some of my coordinator budget and some of my own funds to participate in this up grade **and** to include Zone 26 in the website. You can view Hal's Zone 25 RF Alumni website at <http://rotaryzone25alumni.org>

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