

# Daily Bulletin



The 90th Annual Rotary International Convention

16 June 1999

Singapore

## FOUNDATION LEADERS HIGHLIGHT WORKSHOP

For those looking to learn or review the very basics of The Rotary Foundation, Ballroom 3, on Level 2 of the SICEC, is the place to be Wednesday afternoon. A workshop titled, "Understanding The Rotary Foundation," will be held there, from 1500-1700.

Speakers at the workshop, which is not listed in the *Program Book*, include Rotary Foundation Trustee Chairman Robert R. Barth, who will explore the history and background of The Rotary Foundation; Trustee Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, who will discuss Foundation finances; and Duane Sterling, manager of The Rotary Foundation, whose presentation will focus on Foundation programs.

The three speakers will answer questions from audience members following their respective presentations.

## Unofficial Affiliate Events

### Wednesday, 16 June

Running and Fitness Fellowship Run and Walk, SICEC, 0700  
Zone 22 Northern Lights Breakfast Mtg, Pan Pacific Hotel, 0700  
District Governors and Club Presidents 2000-01 Get Together, SICEC, Room 203, 0800-0900  
RC Auckland Yachting Fellowship Lunch, Westin Plaza, 1200

## Convention Count

**17,843 Registrants**  
**128 Countries**

as of June 15



### A Singapore salute

On Wednesday evening, the Carnival in Singapore, an evening of fun, food and entertainment sponsored by the Host Organization Committee, will follow the convention's closing ceremony. The ticketed event, to be held at the Millenia Walk, will feature snake charmers, opera performers and Bhangra dancers, as well as a buffet of many of Singapore's famous cuisines.

## Plenary looks to RI's future

"On to Rotary 2000!" is the forward-looking theme of Wednesday morning's plenary session, which not only introduces future RI officers, but provides a glimpse of Rotary's role in the new millennium.

Leading off events will be the elections of RI officers for 2000-02 and the RI president for 2000-01 (see article, page 3) and remarks by the 2000-01 RI president, Frank J. Devlyn.

The plenary continues with an introduction of the 1999-2000 RI Board of Directors (see article, page 3) and their spouses and culminates with an address by RI President-elect Carlo Ravizza, along with a glimpse of his family.

In his Wednesday morning speech, "A New Millennium of Service in Rotary," the organization's 1999-2000 president will outline his plans to ensure Rotary's success in the 21st century by applying the criteria of consistency, credibility and continuity to all actions and decisions.



Carlo Ravizza

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## PolioPlus awards presented

Eleven Rotarians were recognized at the International Institute, held just prior to the convention, for their instrumental role in Rotary's PolioPlus program.

Bill Huntley received the PolioPlus Pioneer Award, which honors outstanding service prior to 1 November 1992.

The International Service Award for a Polio-free World, recognizing service since 1 November 1992, went to Paulo V.C. Costa, Neville F. Hackett, George Chin-Yu Huang, Rajendra K. Saboo and James G. Walker.

Robert F. Atta, R.M. Bhat, Manoj Desai, Amin E. Merali and P.V. Purushothaman all received the Regional Service Award for a Polio-free World.

## Rotary 'dream' comes true

Fulfilling a long-held Rotary wish, Foundation Trustee Chairman Robert Barth unveiled plans to establish the Rotary Centers for International Studies during his plenary address Tuesday.

"For 25 years, it has been a dream of the Foundation to proactively work toward world peace and understanding," Barth said. "Now that dream is taking shape."

Rotarians have long envisioned a Rotary-sponsored academy that would promote world peace, goodwill and understanding. Building on the strength of its Ambassadorial Scholarships program, The Rotary Foundation Trustees recently agreed to create the Rotary Centers for International Studies as a new dimension to Foundation scholarships.

The Rotary Centers will be established with seven recognized universities, in diverse geographic locations, with superior curricula and faculty in world affairs, conflict resolution and international studies.

The universities selected to operate the Rotary Centers are: Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina, U.S.A.; University of California-Berkeley, California, U.S.A.; Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Paris, France; University of Bradford, West Yorkshire, England; University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia; International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan; and Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Beginning in 2002-03, 10 Rotary Scholars will be selected each year to study for two academic years in graduate programs related to peace and conflict resolution at one of the seven centers.

"It is our hope that these scholars will become the world's future diplomats, professors and international agency leaders, infusing Rotary's philosophy into their policies and other decisions," Barth said.

## Following Rotary dreams in Southeast Asia Indonesian Rotarians help their country rebound

### Last in a three-part series

When its worst economic crisis in three decades hit Indonesia in 1998, the fallout could be measured not only by the number of businesses that collapsed, but by "the millions of children who were threatened with the prospect of not being able to continue their schooling," according to District 3400 Gov. Mustain Sjadzali. "There was the possibility of a lost, uneducated generation being in our midst within a decade."

Determined to not let this happen, in 1998-99 Indonesian Rotarians launched "Help the Children, Help the Schools, Help the Villages" — a three-pronged program designed to provide relief to those who need it most.

"This program touches the lives and affects the future of many," said Sjadzali. The campaign, which emphasizes the needs of the youth population, was accepted district-wide and is scheduled to run for three years.

Through the "Help the Children" element of the program, clubs and individual Rotarians are encouraged to

identify children in their communities whose families are below the poverty level and provide them with needed assistance.

Through visits to schools, for instance, Rotarians learned of students whose parents were unable to pay for their tuition or uniforms and paid for these expenses. Rotarian visits to local health clinics have resulted in food supplements and vitamins, along with medicine, being supplied to malnourished children. Toys, shoes and books are among other items that are being distributed to children who need them.

District 3400 Rotarians "Help the Schools" by targeting run-down schools in need of repairs, equipment or supplies and providing whatever is necessary for them to continue operating, from chalk, first aid kits and emergency supplies, to building repairs and additions such as cafeterias and gymnasiums.

Clubs throughout Indonesia have compiled databases of information on children in need and helped thou-

sands, according to Sjadzali, "but the numbers [in need] are overwhelming." Assistance from outside Indonesia has come through nearly US\$300,000 in Children's Opportunities Grants funding, and an additional US\$60,000 was pledged by Rotary clubs in Holland.

The third element of the district-wide program is "Help the Villages," which aims to help residents gain or maintain economic independence. Farmers, for instance, are provided with seeds and fertilizer, and instruction to increase their productivity; capital assistance is provided to small businesses through revolving loan fund projects; and infrastructure projects are undertaken in communities lacking such necessities as clean water, health clinics and public toilets.

In formulating these projects, Sjadzali said, Rotarians have worked hand-in-hand with community leaders and existing nongovernmental organizations.



# Future officers to be elected

Frank J. Devlyn of the Rotary Club of Mexico City-Anáhuac, Distrito Federal, México, is slated to become president of Rotary International in 2000-01 following elections this morning. Devlyn is president and chief executive officer of Devlyn Optical Group of Mexico — retailers, distributors and manufacturers of optical products. A past RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee, he currently serves on Rotary's Dream for the Future Committee and is also a PolioPlus National Advocacy Advisor for Mexico. He will join the RI Board in July as president-elect.



Frank J. Devlyn

Eight other Rotarians will be elected directors for two-year terms, 2000-02. Their names and Rotary clubs:

- ☐ Kenneth E. Collins, Mill Point, Western Australia, Australia
- ☐ Lynn A. Hammond, Loveland, Colorado, U.S.A.
- ☐ Gary C.K. Huang, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China
- ☐ Jorma Lampén, Pohjois-Helsinki-Norra Helsingfors, Finland
- ☐ David M. Michaux III, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, U.S.A.
- ☐ Gustavo A. de Obaldía, David, Chiriquí, Panamá
- ☐ Donald E. Osburn, Easton, Maryland, U.S.A.
- ☐ Norbert Turco, Domont-Ecouen, France

## Convention travels to Buenos Aires in 2000



The monument to General José de San Martín in Buenos Aires, Argentina, site of the year 2000 RI Convention.

Host Rotarians from Buenos Aires are available at the 2000 Convention Booth in Exhibit Hall 402 to help conventioners register for next year's RI Convention and to answer questions of those who want to learn more about Argentina.

## House of Friendship Entertainment Schedule

### Wednesday, 16 June

- 1200-1245 Malaysian Troupe (from Sarawak Malaysia)
- 1255-1310 Montage of Singapore Fashion Show
- 1320-1400 ACS Chinese Orchestra
- 1410-1450 Band performance (Velvet)
- 1500-1530 Kindergarten
- 1540-1610 School Item (Zhenghua Primary School)
- 1610-1630 Demonstration of Wushu
- 1640-1700 Malaysian Troupe (from Sarawak Malaysia)
- Grand Finale



# Nine to join RI Board in July

Nine Rotarians, who were elected at the Indianapolis Convention, will be presented to this convention Wednesday, and will begin two-year terms as RI directors on 1 July. Their names and Rotary clubs:

- ☐ Hipólito S. Ferreira, Contagem-Cidade Industrial, Minas Gerais, Brazil
- ☐ Noel Fryer, Blackfriars, Newcastle-under-Lyme, England
- ☐ William G.B. Gant, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- ☐ Mario P. Grassi, Lugano, Switzerland
- ☐ Samuel L. Greene, Westlake Village, California, U.S.A.
- ☐ Mark Daniel Maloney, Decatur, Alabama, U.S.A.
- ☐ Louis Piconi, Bethel-St. Clair, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
- ☐ Iwao Shino, Tokyo Nihonbashi, Tokyo, Japan
- ☐ O.P. Vaish, Delhi Mid-Town, Delhi, India

## Preserve convention memories with *Proceedings*, slideset

For the official account of the plenary sessions and photographs of events, order the 1999 *Convention Proceedings*, using the form in the back of your *Program Book*. The English-only book will be available later this year for US\$4.95.

The Convention Slideset, highlighting this week's events, can also be ordered through the *Program Book*. An ideal club program, the slideset includes 36-40 images and a printed narrative script in English. The sets will be mailed by 3 July. The cost is US\$15 per set.

Orders for both the *Convention Proceedings* and *Convention Slideset* can be dropped off at the Publications Sales Booth in Exhibit Hall 402.





## Quotable

"We need to put more Rotary into our clubs, imbuing them with the unifying spirit of service and fellowship that has fueled our work for almost a century."

*RI President-elect Carlo Ravizza*

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"We are moving toward a future that will be characterized at once by desperate needs and vast potential," Ravizza has said. "We Rotarians are especially well-positioned to serve as a bridge between the problems and the possibilities."

A member of the Rotary Club of Milano Sud-Ovest, Italy, Ravizza was the owner of an architectural firm that bears his name, specializing in the design of industrial complexes and office buildings on an international scale, and serves as an indus-

trial and financial consultant to companies in Italy and Switzerland. He was a member of the Board of Italian Engineers Association, a member of the Swiss Engineers and Architects Association and was twice honored by Germany for his outstanding work in planning public facilities and industrial plants.

A Rotarian since 1971, Ravizza was most recently chairman of the 1997 International Assembly Committee and has served Rotary International

as a vice-president and director and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

Through Rotary, he has worked to improve the quality of life of people around the world. In 1996, he led a mission to northern Kenya to chronicle Rotary's efforts to immunize children in nomadic tribes against polio, and was one of the first leaders of Rotary's World Community Service program to link industrialized nations' resources to needs in developing countries.

The session concludes with the traditional transfer of the RI presidential banner and a preview of the next RI Convention, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, featuring a special performance by Tango Vivo.

## Music marks convention finale

Two renowned Singapore vocalists, accompanied by the NUSS Singapore Opera Orchestra and the Victoria Choir, will give the 1999 RI Convention a fitting final note as they perform at Wednesday's closing plenary.

Tenor Leow Siak Fah's lyrical tone is frequently heard in grand opera concerts throughout Singapore. He has sung the lead role in numerous productions and is founder and chairman of Singapore's first professional opera company, the Singapore Lyric Theatre. Siak Fah was awarded a Public Service Medal in 1996 by Singapore President Ong Teng Cheong for his contributions to the cultural scene.

Yee Ee Ping has been described by *The London Times* as having "the breath to blow out an entire churchful of candles . . . her soprano rich with dark undertones." A Singapore native, she has performed many operatic roles and solo recitals in Europe and Asia, and has garnered numerous vocal awards in national and international competition.

The NUSS Singapore Opera Orchestra, under the direction of Lim Yau, will provide accompaniment to the singers in the plenary's classical musical feature.

Iskandar Ismail will serve as the music director and orchestrator for the closing entertainment feature. Ismail has extensive experience in putting together large-scale productions involving talents and casts worldwide. In a recent endeavor, he conducted the orchestral accompaniment to the musical "Chang & Eng," which toured Beijing and Singapore to sold-out performances nightly.

The Victoria Choir will also perform in the closing program. The youth choir won Singapore's national choral competition and will represent the country in an upcoming international competition in Pohlheim, Germany.

RI President James L. Lacy will make closing remarks on "Keeping Rotary Dreams Alive" and the Singapore Convention Committee will also be introduced at the session, which concludes with the traditional singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

### Program Book UPDATE

Wednesday evening's Carnival in Singapore, which follows the convention's closing ceremony, will be held at the Millenia Walk, near Raffles Boulevard and Temasek Avenue.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL AND THE SINGAPORE HOST ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE 90TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

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SINGAPORE TOURIST  
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