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Rotary, UN share Common Goals

By Ryan Hyland

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More than 1,100 Rotarians, UN officials, and Rotary youth program participants attended panel discussions on literacy, water, health, and youth activities as part of Rotary UN-Day on 6 November.

The event, held annually at United Nations Headquarters in New York City, celebrates the relationship between the two organizations. Speakers highlighted Rotarian projects in literacy, water and health that help advance the goals of the UN and improve the lives of people around the world.

Rotary, which has a 65-year history with the UN, holds the highest consultative status offered to any nongovernmental organization by the Economic and Social Council, which oversees many UN agencies.

Mickey Chopra, chief of health and associate director of programs at UNICEF, commended Rotary's partnership with UNICEF as the largest and most successful private-public partnership in global health. "UNICEF is proud to work side by side with Rotary's dedicated members," she said. "With the current progress we've made together, now, more than ever, is the time to push and continue this effort."

During a panel on literacy, Elizabeth Fordham, education adviser for UNESCO, discussed the improvements the UN has made in adult and youth literacy worldwide. "Promoting literacy for all is a goal close to the heart of both UNESCO and Rotary; the denial of literacy is the denial of a basic human rights, social inclusion, empowerment, and economic growth. It's a development imperative, not a luxury."

Past RI President William B. "Bill" Boyd spoke about water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic as part of the RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration during a panel on water.

"We are learning that Rotary does have a place on the world stage and there are many people who want to work with us," says Boyd. "Because of our partnerships with large organizations such as USAID, we do have the ability, through major water projects, to make a significant difference for many people around the world." §

November 10, 2010

Our Next Meeting: Nov 17, 2010

Speaker: Vicki Shim

Rotary Foundation Director

"November is Rotary Foundation Month"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Club Volunteers

Inspiration: Debi Halcro

Song: Dianne Bosworth

Rotary Minute: Joseph Rothstein

Good Deed: Cedric Choi

Dates to Remember

Nov 24: Paul Field

Pilgrims, Indians, and Thanksgiving: The Real History/Story

Dec 1: Nicole Tsutahara

My Experience as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in New Zealand 2009-2010

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

As of 31 October, Rotarians have raised about \$152 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received 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.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high. §

Inspiration of the Week

20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.



At our last meeting...

On the day before Veterans Day, President **Gloria King** opened the meeting, honoring fellow Veteran Rotarians and guests. **Veteran Bill Green** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Instead of Rotary Minutes, **Vicki Shim** gave us a little history of the song "God Bless America", and **Lisa Halvorson** read us some great Veterans Day quotes.

Veteran Pat Duarte then led us in the singing of *God Bless America*. Another **Veteran Carl Smigielski** talked about his good deed of visiting **Walt Davis** at Kahala Nui. He and his wife **Jim** brought Walt special meatballs and spaghetti to cheer Walt up. The Good-Deed kukui nut lei was then passed to **Cedric Choi**.



Cedric Choi and Carl Smigielski

We had a great group of visitors from other clubs: **Susan Thoring**, president of Misson Bay, San Diego of California, **Alan Rezner**, past-president of the same club; and their local hostess **Jackie Schiefle**. We also



Sachio Asaki and Gloria King

had Past-President and Mrs. **Sachio Asaki** from the Rotary Club of Kobe in Japan (Mr. Asaki visited us a couple weeks ago); and **Kathy Higa's** guest **Amiee Stiner**, a Financial Planner, who just moved back to Hawaii from New Jersey.



Alan Rezner, Jackie Schiefle, Susan Thoring, and Carl Smigielski



Amiee Stiner and Kathy Higa

Joe Rothstein updated us on several community services projects: The "Slippah" Project - 600 pairs of "slippahs" from Pearl Harbor Rotary Club to be delivered to our school children, details pending; the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner Server project, contact **Kevin Unemori** for detail; and last but not least, the "Food Bank" canned goods drive - please make a donation or bring canned goods to our next two meetings.



Noelle Kahanu

Bob Buss introduced our speaker, **Noelle Kahanu**, the Project Manager at the Bishop Museum. Her topic was "Under a Jarvis Moon", a documentary film developed by Bishop Museum with support from Kamehameha Schools and the Education through Cultural and Historical Organization (ECHO). ECHO is supported by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Innovation and Improvement. The documentary told the story of 130 young men who were sent to occupy Howland, Baker, and Jarvis Islands from 1935 to 1942. Noelle's grandfather was one of these young Hawaiian men. He just celebrated his 92nd birthday last week! §



Veteran Day Quotes by Lisa Halvorson



Scrapbook Story Board



Vicki Shim, Gloria King, Bob Buss, and Kathy Higa, with Mr. & Mrs. Sachio Asaki



Vicki Shim, Nancy Varner, Dianne Bosworth, Susan Graham, Bill Green, and Brandon Corse



Jackie Scheifla, Alan Rezner, Susan Thoring, Kathy Higa, Stephen Morgan, and Rich Turbin



Rich Turbin contributing to Emiko Yamashita's Happy Dollar basket



Bill Green was happy about his daughter's recovery progress



Carl Smigielski, and Kevin Unemori, with Mr. & Mrs. Asaki



Joseph Rothstein, Bob Buss, and Keonaona Hapai, daughter of our speaker Noelle Kahuna



Kathy Higa, Gloria King, and Bob Buss



Lisa Halvorson, Rai St. Chu, Pat Duarte, Cedric Choi, and Teresa Law

Our Next Speaker



Vicki Shim, our Rotary Foundation Director, will be speaking about the Foundation because **'November is Rotary Foundation Month!'**

Vicky is from New Jersey but has been a resident of Hawaii for over 35 years. She is a RN with a Master in Public Health, currently working at Ho'okele as the Business Development Associate. Previous jobs included over 25 years at Kuakini Medical Center as their Managing Director of Quality; and Peace Corps Nurse in Washington, DC, and Fiji. She loves to read and travel, and is married to Walton Shim. §



Did you know...

I was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, which has guaranteed me being a die-hard St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan forever.

After graduated from Washington University, I decided to have one year of adventure away from St. Louis and ended up in Honolulu to teach elementary school. I was still confident that after my one year I'd probably return to St. Louis forever, but then I met local boy Jim



Jim and Nancy Varner

who had other ideas and my one-year turned into a lifetime commitment! It's just the two of us and this past

summer we celebrated anniversary #40 by "reversing" the train trip across Canada that we took on our honeymoon which was just as much fun, even if our 65-year old joints made the upper bunk more of a challenge!

My grandfather and father were both presidents of their Rotary clubs in Colorado and Missouri – I suspect I might have had both Cardinal and Rotary microchips implanted at birth!

30 years ago we started our own business which is the Dale Carnegie Training franchise and are still active but hoping to retire someday soon. Needless to say we love to travel and my other love is reading and of course teaching – I sometimes say I have the best of both teaching worlds – little people during the day and big people at night! We have a second home in Oregon and love spending time there when possible and hey, there are still lots of places in the world we would love to explore! ^S

"God Bless America"

"God Bless America" is often sung at sporting events, recitals, and other public events where national anthems are sung, sometimes in place of "The Star-Spangled Banner". It is an American patriotic song written by Irving Berlin in 1918 and revised by him in 1938, as sung by Kate Smith (becoming her signature song).

Berlin originally wrote the song in 1918 while serving in the U.S. Army at Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, but decided that it did not fit in a Revue called Yip Yip Yaphank, so he set it aside. In 1938, with the rise of Hitler, Berlin, who was Jewish and a first-generation European immigrant, felt it was time to revive it as a "peace song", and it was introduced on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938 sung by Kate Smith, on her radio show. Berlin had made some minor changes; by this time, "to the right" might have been considered a call to the political right, so he substituted "through the night" instead. He also provided an introduction that is now rarely heard but which Smith always used: "While the storm clouds gather far across the sea / Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free / Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, / As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer."

The song was a hit; there was even a movement to make "God Bless America" the national anthem of the United States. However, there was strong opposition by conservative southerners as well as conservatives who lived in rural areas where there were few Jews, stating that because Irving Berlin was a foreigner and a Jew, they would not accept their national anthem to be composed by a member of that minority class. To make this change, Congress would have had to repeal the "Star Spangled Banner" in both houses of congress by two-thirds of the votes, which they lacked (to this very day).

In 1943, Smith's rendition was featured in the patriotic musical "This is the Army" along with other Berlin songs. The manuscripts in the Library of Congress reveal the evolution of the song from victory to peace. Berlin gave the royalties of the song to the God Bless America Fund for redistribution to the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Later, from December 11, 1969, through the early 1970s, the playing of Smith singing the song before many home games of the National Hockey League's Philadelphia Flyers brought it renewed popularity, long before it became a staple at nationwide sporting events. The Flyers even brought Smith in to perform live before Game 6 of the 1974 Stanley Cup Finals on May 19, 1974, and the Flyers won the Cup that day. To honor the start of the United States Bicentennial, Kate Smith sang "God Bless America" for a national television audience, accompanied by the UCLA Band at the 1976 Rose Bowl.

During a live television broadcast on the evening of the September 11 attacks, following addresses by then-House and Senate leaders Dennis Hastert and Tom Daschle, members of the United States Congress broke out into an apparently spontaneous verse of "God Bless America" on the steps of the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. ^S



Veterans Day Quotes

Veterans Day is the anniversary of the symbolic end of World War I on November 11, 1918. The date was declared a national holiday in many allied nations to help remember those lost during the war. The exception is Italy, which celebrates the holiday on November 4 for the Armistice of Villa Giusti. The holiday is known as Armistice Day in many nations around the world.

After WWII, the holiday was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in the British Commonwealth of Nations. Poland also changed the holiday to National Day and called it the Polish Independence Day. In Belgium, the day is known as the Day of Peace.

- In war, there are no unwounded soldiers. - *José Narosky*
- This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave. - *Elmer Davis*
- Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die. - *G.K. Chesterton*
- In the beginning of a change, the patriot is a scarce man, and brave, and hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. - *Mark Twain*
- But the freedom that they fought for, and the country grand they wrought for, Is their monument to-day, and for aye. - *Thomas Dunn English*
- You can no more win a war than you can win an earthquake. - *Jeannette Rankin*
- How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes! - *Maya Angelou*
- The more we sweat in peace the less we bleed in war. - *Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit*
- I think there is one higher office than president and I would call that patriot. - *Gary Hart*
- I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask, "Mother, what was war?" - *Eve Merriam*
- Never in the face of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few. - *Winston Churchill*
- There is at least one thing worse than fighting with allies – And that is to fight without them. - *Winston Churchill*
- Soldiers usually win the battles and generals get the credit for them. - *Napoleon*

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Dogology

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole!

- Roger Caras