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ROTARIANS FROM 15 NATIONS LEARN ABOUT PEACE AT BRADFORD EVENT.

More than 400 participants - most of them from the Rotary International in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) area- celebrated the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at the University of Bradford, England, on 15 November. Some 15 countries were represented at the event.

Quoting from a World War II-era speech of Paul Harris, R I. President Jonathan Majiyagbe said that the Rotary founder's optimistic lead has inspired generations of Rotarians to work for world understanding and peace.

Allan jaggar, Chairman of the organizing Committee for the Bradford celebration, said he is confident the centers will turn out an outstanding crop of experts and advocates for peace. He said, "I believe (the Rotary world Peace Scholars) will make a difference after graduating from this educational program of The Rotary Foundation as they will have gained the knowledge to influence people in making our world and that of our children and grandchildren a safer place to live."

Monica Alfred, a Rotary World Peace scholar at Bradford from Sri Lanka had this to say, "Learning about peace is not as difficult as facing a war. But it is very important for me that I take the learning from Bradford to my fieldwork in Sri Lanka. The growth of violence in the world constantly challenges my efforts to help people combat violence. So the course is a good opportunity to upgrade my knowledge and skills on peace building".

For Centennial Project.U.S.Club throws lifeline to homeless

The Rotary club of Bellingham, Washington USA, has started a major fund raising campaign for their centennial project to help the Lighthouse Mission create a new US \$350,000 center to provide temporary shelter, rehabilitation, and job training for homeless men.

"This new center will help people who have hit the very bottom and have a desire to change their lives", says Al Archer, a Bellingham Rotarian who is the executive director of the Lighthouse Mission, a non profit organization that provides food, temporary lodging, and counseling to approximately 37,000 homeless per year.

The new center will separate the ones who are really motivated from the ones who just need to get off the street for a few nights.

"We'll do a little bit of the hands-on work including demolition, dry walling, painting and anything else we can do," says Joe Coons, the Bellingham Rotary club President. "We'll help Mission staff and volunteers.

CANADIAN COMMUNITY CORPS EARNS KUDOS

About eight years ago something happened that fundamentally changed the approach of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa's approach to community service. A member of the Ontario, Canada, club brought to the weekly meeting a newspaper article that featured the tragic story of a baby thrown out of the window of the city's west-end apartment complexes. Responding to the shocking event, club members made an investigation, which revealed that many residents of the complexes were either low-income earners or faced problems related to physical and substance abuse.

"We also learned that a group of social workers who worked for Carlington Community and Health services were having a difficult time in making things better there, so we met with them to see what we could do to help", explains Russ Hicks, a past district governor and member of the club. "The first thing we did was to rent an apartment (and we still rent it) so that the social workers would have an in-house base of operations".

The apartment also became a place where Rotarians could drop in and get to know the residents personally. In 1999, the club built a playground for neighborhood kids with the help of a Children's Opportunities Grant from the Rotary Foundation.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC LAUNCHES NIDS

More than 600,000 children in the Central African Republic (CAR) were targeted in National Immunization Days launched on 3 November. The three-day event is aimed at compensating for immunization activities that were disrupted by civil strife in the country between October, 2002 and March 2003.

MEDICAL VOLUNTEER WINS 2003-04 ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Dr Otto Austel, a California, USA, surgeon, is winner of the 2003-04 Rotary Foundation Alumni Service to Humanity Award. A Rotary volunteer who has served on 25 humanitarian projects, he will receive the award at Rotary International's 95th annual convention in Osaka, Japan, in May, 2004.

Established by the Rotary Foundation Trustees to honor outstanding alumni who have contributed to greater understanding and peace through service to humanity, the award also recognizes former Foundation program participants whose significant achievements have enriched their profession or vocation. The award has been presented to prominent alumni since 1995-96, although criteria and award titles have changed over the years.

Seen in the context of his many years of involvement with Foundation programs concedes that, perhaps, he does deserve the Alumni Service to Humanity Award. "It is nice to know that others approved of what you are doing," he says. "The real reward is knowing that our service has been helpful to others".

He is especially gratified that Rotary's dream of polio-free world is not only to and strengthen health infra-structures, as leaders and health ministers.

"I doubt that it would be possible to document the the extend to which the myraid programs of the Rotary Foundation have done so much good in the world," he says. "We are most fortunate to have an organization that enable us to do so much for so many."

For this reason, Austel encourages Rotarains to stay committed and engaged with the foundation. "Use it and support it",he says.

CENTENNIAL PROJECT BRINGS LITTLE LEAGUE TO COMMUNITY

Boys and girls in York, Pennsylvania, USA, will be able to play baseball in their, own backyards, so to speak, when renovations are completed at four city basketball diamonds next year. The renovations, which are part of Rotary Club of York's Cenennial Community Project, will also make it possible for the city to join the more than 7,000 leagues that now take part in Little League Baseball." We wanted a project that would help the community and its youth and would brand Rotary in a positive way among the population", says Mike Summers, past president of the York club. "The Community is very excited about this project."

MATCHING GRANT PROJECT

Our club has received the required funds from the Rotary Foundation to help provide a transport vehicle for the use of Mentally and Physically Challenged persons.

We Expect to conclude the work on this project with in the next fortnight.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

1. George Appel (electrocuted in 1952). George Appel quipped just as he was being strapped down in the electric chair: "Well, folks, you'll soon see a baked Appel."
2. Guy Clark (hanged in 1832). On the way to the gallows, the sheriff told Clark to speed up the pace. Clark Replied: "Nothing will happen until I get there".
3. William Palmer (hanged in 1856). As he stepped onto the gallows, Palmer looked at the trapdoor and exclaimed, " Are you sure it's safe?"
4. James Rodgers (shot in 1960). Asked if he had any last request, Rodgers said: " Why yes - a bulletproof vest".

Miles Stones December, 03

Birthdays

Rtn.Narender Gauri -17th

Rtn. C. Suresh -07th

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn.Shyam Joshi & -01st

Ann Pratima Joshi

Rtn.Ajit Gandhi & -08th

Ann Shilpa Gandhi

Rtn. Jitender Aggarwal -10th

Ann.Monkia Aggarwal

Rtn.Sandeep Jhawar -11th

Ann.Mamta jhawar

Rtn.Rajesh Pamanani -20th

Ann.Tanvi Pamnani

Rtn.Lokesh Jain & -27th

Ann.Seema Jain

Rtn.Chandrasekhar & -28th

Ann. Vijayalakshmi

Programme for the month December,2003

Day: Every Saturday

Venue: M/s Taj Tristar Hotel

Time: 8-30 am (breakfast meeting)

6th: Business Meeting

13th: Speaker meeting

20th: Speaker meeting

37th: Fellowship get together

THE FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

- 1.Is it the TRUTH ?
- 2.Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- 3.Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP ?
- 4.Will it be beneficial to all

On the lighter side

A wife was always antagonized by her husband's going out at night. His departing words, which especially annoyed her, were always, "Good night" mother of three", One night, as he was leaving, she answered cheerfully, "Good night, father of one ", Now he stays home,

A country clergyman once said to his flock: "Folks, the subject of my sermon this evening is 'Liars', How many in the congregation have read the 69th chapter of Mathew?" Nearly every hand in the audience went up immediately, " Good," said "his reverence, "You're just the folks I want to preach to, There is no 69th chapter of Mathew".

Nudists: folks who grin and bare it.

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