

# The Rotary Foundation



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**THE PURPOSE OF THE GLOBAL ALUMNI  
SERVICETO HUMANITY AWARD IS TO HONOR AN  
OUTSTANDING FORMER FOUNDATION  
PROGRAM PARTICIPANT AND TO HELP  
PUBLICIZE THE SOCIAL BENEFITS OF THE  
FOUNDATION'S PROGRAMS.**

This award is intended to celebrate a Foundation alumnus or alumna whose extraordinary service activities and professional achievements exemplify the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self. Zone committees choose their alumni award winner. The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation then select a global winner from among the zone winners. All zones are eligible to nominate candidates for the global award every year. The global winner is honored at the annual Rotary International Convention. The award is open to all eligible Foundation alumni: former Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange team leaders and members, and recipients of Grants for Rotary Volunteers, Grants for University Teachers, or Discovery Grants.

## 2010-11 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award Mr. Sandy D'Alemberte (nominated by District 6940)



Mr. Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte was a 1958-59 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chattahoochee, Florida, USA to study political science at London School of Economics. He is a lawyer, professor, former politician, former educational administrator, former president of the American Bar Association (ABA), and president emeritus of the Florida State University in Florida, USA. He has been a champion of pro bono legal service and was in the forefront of the modern dispute resolution movement. He helped to create the ABA's program that aided the newly Democratic nations of Eastern Europe, called the Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (CEELI). He has been honored with the legal profession's highest awards.

## 2009-10 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award Mr. Peter Kyle (nominated by District 7620)



Rotarian Peter Kyle was a 1973-74 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wellington North, New Zealand to study law at University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, USA. He is an international attorney in Washington, DC. He recently retired as Lead Counsel for the World Bank and is currently still consulting for the bank. He has worked on over 100 international development projects in a wide variety of countries in his career with the bank, advising them on their legal infrastructure to foster a stronger economy. He has been a Rotarian for many years, currently as a member of the Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, USA. As the district alumni sub-committee chair, he has made exceptional efforts in connecting Foundation alumni in the area. He has also served at the RI representative to the World Bank and been very active with Outward Bound.

## 2008-09 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award Dr. Alex Buchanan (nominated by District 9800)



Rotarian Alex Buchanan was a 1959-60 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Korumburra, Victoria, Australia to study agriculture and science at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, USA. Dr. Buchanan is best known for developing the Australian High Protein Milk Biscuit in 1965 which continues to be used in disaster areas around the world today. While with Australian Department of Foreign Affairs, he also developed nutrition balanced infant food in Thailand. He served as the editor of ASEAN (Association of South East Asia Nations) Food Journal and was a founding member of the United Nations University World Hunger program. Today he is executive director of the ATSE Crawford Fund which provides for the Royce and Jean Abbey Agricultural Training Program for Ambassadorial Scholars from low-income countries. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

## 2007-08 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award Dr. Young Woo Kang (nominated by District 7620)



Dr. Young Woo Kang was an Ambassadorial Scholar to the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, USA, during the 1973-74 Rotary year where he studied special education. In 1976, he became the first visually impaired Korean to earn a Ph.D. He has held numerous positions as an advocate for the disabled around the world and has been involved in service projects in both South Korea and the US. He is currently a US presidential appointee to the National Council on Disability in Washington, DC, USA. He also serves as vice chair for the World Committee on Disability and as senior advisor to the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. Dr. Kang has also worked as a professor, a motivational speaker and published several books. His autobiography, *A Light in My Heart*, was translated into six languages and adapted into a motion picture. He has been a Rotarian for many years and is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, DC.

## 2006-07 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Ambassador Philip Lader** (nominated by District 7770)



Ambassador Philip Lader was an Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, USA, to study history at the University of Oxford in 1967-68. He served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Court of Saint James from 1997-2001, during which time he played a critical role in the Northern Ireland peace process. He was deputy chief of staff to the president of the United States and a deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. He has served on the boards of the Red Cross, Duke University's Public Policy Institute, several banks, educational and children's organizations, as well as president of the Business Executives for National Security. He was president of universities in South Carolina and Australia and has been awarded honorary doctorates by 14 universities and colleges. He now serves as senior adviser at Morgan Stanley International, the global financial services company, and is affiliated with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, a prominent southeastern U.S. law firm.

## 2005-06 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Dr. John R. Schott** (nominated by District 7450)



Dr. John R. Schott was a 1957-58 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, USA, to study at the University of Oxford. As founder and president of Schott and Associates, Dr. Schott has advised leaders of municipalities, NGOs, and nations on improvement of rural community services through cooperatives and training programs. He has assisted several nations to establish new credit policies for farmers, small businesses and religious organizations in developing procedures and networks for humanitarian relief. He served as team leader with a staff of 20 international experts preparing a national plan to develop multipurpose cooperatives in Indonesia for the World Bank and Indonesian government. He is the author of several books on international development issues and has educated students, government leaders, and volunteers in non-profit agencies about how to define and solve social and economic problems concerning food production and distribution, rural reform, and refugee relief.

## 2004-05 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Dr. Khanh Nguyen** (nominated by District 5890)



Dr. Khanh Nguyen is an internist at the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic in Houston, Texas, USA, and assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She is also the founder of the Houston Homeless Health Clinic, where she continues to volunteer. A 1987-88 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, enabled her to study family planning at the National University of Singapore. While there, she taught English at a Vietnamese refugee camp. Dr. Nguyen earned her doctorate of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. After her residency, she volunteered with the U.S. Peace Corps in Malawi, where she treated patients for a wide range of diseases and devised an HIV/AIDS counseling program.

## 2003-04 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Dr. Otto Austel** (nominated by District 5240)



Dr. Otto Austel is both a former Group Study Exchange team leader who led a team from California, USA, to Brazil (1991) and a former Rotary Volunteer who has served on more than 25 humanitarian volunteer projects. He is currently a surgeon working in Simi Valley, California, USA. In the 1950s and 1960s, Dr. Austel was a missionary in the jungles of Brazil. Upon returning to the United States, he served multiple community and health care organizations, including as past director of the American Red Cross. He helped organize National Immunization Days (NIDs) and encouraged District 5240 Rotarians to personally participate in NIDs in Ghana and India. Dr. Austel has served as polio surveillance consultant in several countries and is considered a world leader in malaria prevention. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley, CA, USA and served as governor of District 5249 in 1999-00. He passed away on 15 April 2011 at age 81.

## 2002-03 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

**Mr. James A. Christianson** (nominated by District 5580)



Mr. Jim Christianson owns and operates a school bus company in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, USA. He has worked closely with families in his community, including immigrant workers, to provide information about laws regarding the education of children. Fluent in nine languages, he has traveled the world as a volunteer for

Rotary and for numerous other organizations in which he remains active. A member of the Rotary Club of Pelican Rapids since 1983, his volunteer activities for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation include leading a Group Study Exchange team to Changchun, Jilin Province, China, in 1993. As District 5580 Youth Exchange chair, he assisted 25 inbound and outbound students and escorted 125 students to Brazil. He has also been a Rotary Volunteer at World Community Service projects in Peru and Senegal, and volunteered in other projects in Senegal, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique.

## 2001-02 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

**Dr. Cirino Fichera** (nominated by District 2110)

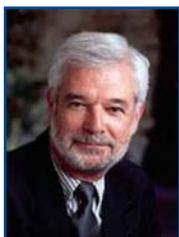


Dr. Cirino Fichera, a cardiologist and rheumatologist, serves as head of the Physiopathology Department of the University of Catania, Italy. A Rotary Volunteer for more than a decade (1986-96), Dr. Fichera has worked with 3-H and PolioPlus projects in more than 20 countries and on three continents, including

India, Nigeria, Uganda, Madagascar (working with Rotary International's Expanded Program on Immunization, the Red Cross, the United Nations' UNICEF, and USAID), Cameroun, Morocco, Guinea, Tanzania, Zaire, and Albania. As a Rotarian and officer of the Italian Red Cross, he educated high-ranking government officials on the importance of the PolioPlus program.

## 1999-2000 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Mr. Sanford J. Ungar** (nominated by District 7410)



Mr. Sanford J. Ungar was an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1966-67 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, USA. He studied government at the London School of Economics. He was Washington editor for *The Atlantic Monthly* magazine, managing director of *Foreign Policy* magazine, a correspondent for United Press International (UPI) wire service in Paris and correspondent for *Newsweek* magazine in Nairobi, Kenya, and a contributor to *The Economist* for many years. Host of several programs of the award-winning National Public Radio program *All Things Considered*, he is also a former board member of the International Human Rights Law Group, the National Immigration Forum, and the Public Diplomacy Foundation. A former dean of the School of Communications, American University, in Washington, D.C., he was also director of the Voice of America, the international radio program that reaches some 83 million listeners worldwide. He is currently serving as president of Goucher College in Maryland, USA.

## 1999-2000 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Professor Beryl Nashar** (nominated by District 9670)



Professor Beryl Nashar was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1949-50 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mayfield, Australia. She studied geology at Cambridge University, England. Upon returning to Australia, Professor Nashar spent 25 years teaching geology and acting as an administrator at the University of Newcastle in New South Wales. In addition to her academic responsibilities, she was active in the Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Organization of Australia, encouraging young women to pursue professional careers, and the Red Cross. Professor Nashar was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1972, named "Woman of the Year" by the United Nations Association in 1975, and has received the Meritorious Service (1988) and Distinguished Service (1994) Awards from the Red Cross.

## 1998-99 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Ms. Susan Sygall** (nominated by District 5110)



Ms. Susan Sygall was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Berkeley, California, USA, and studied physical therapy for the disabled at the University of Queensland, Australia, in 1978-79. Disabled as a result of an automobile accident in 1971, she dedicated her life to helping people with disabilities. She developed and implemented various international educational programs for the disabled and led the development of several international community service and cross-cultural leadership programs. She is the co-founder of the Disabled Women's Coalition, Berkeley (California) Outreach Recreation Program as well as Mobility International USA. She won numerous awards and honors, most notably U.S. President Bill Clinton's Award for advancing employment for people with disabilities (1995).

## 1998-99 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Dr. Rei Okada** (nominated by District 2650)



Dr. Rei Okada was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nagahama, Shiga, Japan, to study speech therapy at the University of California, USA, in 1978-79. A victim of polio, Dr. Okada dedicated her life to helping others overcome their disabilities. Dr. Okada has been given several honors for her work in helping the disabled, including the Council of Social Welfare Award (Shiga Prefecture), the Japanese Association for the Care and Training of the Mentally Retarded Award, the Governor of Shiga Prefecture Award, and the Welfare Minister Award. She is a member of many associations involved in providing service to the disabled and led a number of projects designed to improve the quality of life for severely disabled people. Dr. Okada remained active in Rotary through the District 2650 Alumni Association. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, and a contributor to the Rotary-sponsored Yoneyama Foundation.

## 1997-98 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Dr. Joan Krueger Wadlow** (nominated by District 5010)



Dr. Joan Krueger Wadlow was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Norfolk, Nebraska, USA. She studied international relations at the Institute for International Affairs in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1956-57 as an Ambassadorial Scholar. She embarked on a career that combined international relations and higher education. She served as chancellor of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks

and on the faculty and administration of the universities of Nebraska, Wyoming, and Oklahoma. She lectured for the Taiwan Ministry of Economic Affairs on world conflict resolution. In 1991, Dr. Wadlow engineered an exchange agreement between the University of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Yakutsk State University in the former Soviet Union. She joined the first delegations to visit Vietnam after normalization of relations with the USA to establish trade and education exchange agreements.

## 1997-98 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Dr. John Gilroy Thorne** (nominated by District 9830)



Dr. John Thorne was sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. He was a Rotary Teacher of the Handicapped Scholar at California State University, Northridge, USA, in 1978-79. He is the founder of a school for the deaf in his native Australia and one of the co-authors of the first Australian Dictionary of Sign Language. He has served as convener of the

Australian Schools for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired and as president of the Australian Deafness Council. A Rotarian and past district governor, Dr. Thorne headed a Matching Grant project to bring young adults with various disabilities to the USA for leadership training. A member of the Rotary Club of North Hobart, he also served Rotary International as director from 2000-02 and has served on numerous RI committees. He also founded JobMatch — an ongoing service that helps disabled people find employment.

## 1996-97 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Dr. Roberto Alvarez del Blanco** (nominated by District 2210)



Dr. Roberto Alvarez del Blanco was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bolivar, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He studied marketing at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, in 1978-79 as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. Since then he has taught at universities in Argentina, Russia, and Spain. As a marketing expert he helped bring the 1992 summer Olympic Games to Barcelona. Now a Rotarian, Dr. Alvarez del Blanco served as the charter president of the Rotary Club of Barcelona Condal.

## 1996-97 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Mr. Byron R. Trauger** (nominated by District 6780)



Mr. Byron R. Trauger was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA. He studied Latin American history and culture as an Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru, during 1969-70. A partner in his own law firm in Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Trauger is committed to community service, leadership development, and the promotion of international understanding through student exchanges. He helped launch an ongoing project to improve living conditions among the poor in Appalachia (in the southeastern USA). He also has founded a hospice, helped a spouse-abuse prevention program, and created a church-sponsored single-adult organization dedicated to community service. He is also active in orientation of new Foundation scholars from Tennessee. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Nashville, TN, USA.

## 1995-96 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Dr. Donald Bobiash** (nominated by District 5550)



Dr. Donald Bobiash was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Watrous, Saskatchewan, Canada. He studied public administration at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Dakar, Senegal, in 1982-83 as an Ambassadorial Scholar. Early in his career, he published a book on how developing countries help each other. As a career diplomat, he was posted to Pakistan in the early 1990s, where he worked to improve conditions for Afghan refugees and to secure emergency food aid for northern Afghanistan. From August 2004 to August 2006, Dr. Bobiash served as Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana and as Ambassador to Togo. He currently serves as Deputy Head of Mission in the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.

## 1995-96 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

**Dr. L.M. Singhvi** (nominated by District 3050)



Dr. L.M. Singhvi was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jodhpur, India. He studied law at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, as an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1953-54. An eminent jurist and constitutional expert, he was president of the Indian Supreme Court Bar Association and a member of the Indian Parliament. A long-time advocate for human rights, Dr. Singhvi chaired the World Congress on Human Rights and served on the United Nations Sub-Commission on Human Rights. He received numerous awards and recognition for his work, including the Inter-Faith Gold Medal from the International Council of Christians and Jews. He passed away in New Delhi, India, on 6 October 2007 at age 76.

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## CRITERIA

- Candidates must have provided outstanding service to mankind and must have achieved the highest degree of distinction in their profession or vocation.
- Candidates must have served as global citizens impacting the international scene. The ideal candidate's service and professional career must go beyond the local community to touch the lives of people at the national or international level.

## NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Rotary districts are eligible to nominate one candidate; the candidate can reside in, be sponsored by, or have studied or served in any Rotary district within the zone.
- Eligible nominators are past trustees, current district governors, alumni subcommittee chairs, Rotary Foundation alumni coordinators, and regional Rotary Foundation coordinators.
- All nominations must be endorsed by the current district governor.
- Nominations must include a clear description of the candidate's achievements that would qualify him or her for this award; supplementary documentation or material is highly desirable.
- A complete nomination will include the Nomination Form, a résumé or curriculum vitae, a detailed description of the individual's service achievements, and a digital or print photograph of the candidate.
- Electronic submissions are highly encouraged.

## **DEADLINE**

- Zone selection committees set their own deadlines. All district nominations within a zone should be sent to the selection committee, chaired by the regional Rotary Foundation coordinator serving the area.
- A zone may only submit one candidate.

Each zone's candidate is considered their zone winner and should be recognized at a prominent zone event, such as the zone institute.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Candidates must have fulfilled all the appropriate program requirements.
- The global winner must accept the award in person at the RI Convention; the award will not be presented posthumously.
- An individual may receive the award only once.



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