

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL SPEAKERS BUREAU

As a way of promoting the exciting Rotary Foundation centennial year activities — focusing on education, recognition of achievement, celebration, and fundraising — The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee has lined up Rotarians from different parts of the world who can help you spread the word about our Foundation’s rich history and significant successes. When other Rotarian leaders are unavailable, these volunteers can speak to your club or district or at other Rotary events. You may need to cover their expenses. We’ll add names to the list as other Rotarians volunteer their services.

Ann-Britt Åsebol



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator

Rotary club: Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden

Languages: Swedish, English

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Ann-Britt is a member of the Swedish Parliament and has extensive experience as a teacher and trainer. She is the founder and CEO of a secondary school for students ages 16 to 19. A Rotarian for 24 years, she has served as RI director, International Assembly training leader, and regional Rotary membership coordinator. Ann-Britt is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Major Donor, multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and member of the Paul Harris Society.

Marcelina A. Aurelio



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: District Rotary Foundation chair, Foundation alumni, fundraising

Rotary club: Sampaguita-Grace Park, Kalookan, Philippines

Languages: Tagalog, English

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Lina has served as facilitator, moderator, trainer, and resource panelist at international and regional Rotary meetings, including past officers reunions, international conventions, Asia presidential conferences, governors-elect training seminars, and Asia Rotary institutes. A past governor of District 3800, she is a Level 2 Major Donor and a recipient of the Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Karen Babin



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: District Rotary Foundation coordinator, Rotary Scholars, peace programs

Rotary club: Metairie, Louisiana, USA

Languages: English

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Karen established and chaired Northeast Link, a regional orientation seminar for Ambassadorial Scholars, and has been active with Friends Forever, an initiative dedicated to promoting peace. She has served as governor of District 7930 and as a three-time president's representative. Karen is a Foundation Major Donor and charter member of the Bequest Society and the Paul Harris Society. She received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Ada Cheng



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Permanent Fund Committee member, district PolioPlus committee chair, water and sanitation

Rotary club: Wanchai, Hong Kong

Languages: English, Mandarin, Cantonese

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Ada, a chartered secretary, has served as a member of Rotary's WASH in Schools Target Challenge working group, moderator and panelist at Rotary International Conventions and Rotary institutes, and governor of District 3450. She completed two 21-kilometer walks in the Gobi Desert to raise \$310,000 for polio eradication, and volunteered on five National Immunization Days. A Rotarian since 1996, Ada is a Major Donor, Foundation Benefactor, and member of the Paul Harris Society and the Bequest Society.

Celia Cruz de Giay



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, past strategic adviser to the Annual Fund

Rotary club: Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Languages: Spanish, English

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Celia, a past RI director and vice president, is an educator and freelance journalist who served as editorial director of Vida Rotaria, the official regional Rotary magazine of Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, and Uruguay. A Rotarian since 1994, Celia has served as RI training leader, Rotary institute chair, governors-elect training seminar chair, and training leader and convener of six Rotary institutes. With her husband, Luis, she is a Benefactor and Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation, and is a recipient of its Citation for Meritorious Service and Service Above Self Award.

Shirley Ann Downie



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Rotary Foundation Fund Development Committee member, past Group Study Exchange team leader

Rotary club: E-Club of Southern Africa D9400

Languages: English

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Shirley is a qualified Accredited South African Quality Assurance Trainer who has made more than 80 presentations at Rotary training meetings and convention breakout sessions. A marketing and public relations specialist, she has also served as a Rotary public image coordinator. Shirley joined Rotary in 1993 and served as governor of District 9400 in 2007-08. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Foundation Benefactor.

David C. Forward



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Rotary Foundation history, past district PolioPlus chair, humanitarian projects

Rotary club: Medford, New Jersey, USA

Languages: English

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David is the author of 12 books, including “Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation’s First 100 Years.” His other works include “A Century of Service,” which commemorated Rotary International’s 2005 centennial, and five “Frank Talk” books written with Past RI President Frank Devlyn. As a professional speaker, he has addressed district conferences, presidents-elect training seminars, and Rotary Conventions. A past governor of District 7500, David has led service trips to the Dominican Republic and Beirut and founded an orphanage and dental and medical clinics in Romania. David received the Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service.

Abdulrahman Olatunji Funsho



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Chair of the Nigeria PolioPlus Committee, International PolioPlus Committee member, past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, Foundation grants

Rotary club: Lekki Phase 1, Lagos State, Nigeria

Languages: English

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Tunji is a consultant cardiologist who studied medicine in Nigeria, England, and the United States. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in London. A Rotarian since 1985, he has served as governor of District 9120, International Assembly training leader, district trainer, district PolioPlus chair, and Foundation grants subcommittee chair. Tunji is a Major Donor and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

Luis Vicente Giay



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past Rotary Foundation trustee and chair, Future Vision Plan Committee chair, past chair and convener of Rotary Global Peace Forums Committee, past chair of International Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign Committee, member of The Rotary Foundation Programs Committee

Rotary club: Arrecifes, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Languages: Spanish, English

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Luis served as president of Rotary International in 1996-97. Since then, he has taken on many roles, twice serving as Foundation trustee chair and senior representative for Rotary Extension in Cuba. He also was a member of the President's Advisory Committee, led an official RI delegation to Russia in 1998, and served as ambassador-at-large in Argentina. With his wife, Celia, he is a Benefactor and Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation and a recipient of its Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Mary Beth Growney Selene



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Member of The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee and the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the U.S., past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, membership attraction and engagement

Rotary club: Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA

Languages: English

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Mary Beth is a past Rotary International director who has also served as an international training leader, RI president's representative, and regional leaders training institute facilitator. A Rotarian since 1987, she is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor, Bequest Society member, and Sustaining Member.

Marcos C. Hermoso



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator

Rotary club: San Juan North, Rizal, Philippines

Languages: Tagalog, English

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Mac, a banker, has been chairman and president of several financial institutions and real estate companies. A Rotarian since 1992, he has served as governor of District 3800 and district Rotary Foundation committee chair. Marcos is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

Michael J. Johns



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Arch Klumph, co-chair of District 6630 Foundation centennial celebration committee, past Permanent Fund national adviser
Rotary club: Cleveland, Ohio, USA
Languages: English
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Mike is a past director of Rotary International who also served on the steering committee for the all-Ohio presidents-elect training seminar, as general chair for the 2000 zone institute and on institute committees for several zones. A Rotarian since 1976, Mike is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, a Level 3 Bequest Society member, and a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service.

Holger Knaack



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Member of the Alumni Relations Committee, Rotary Foundation historical milestones and their impact on lives
Rotary club: Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany
Languages: German, English
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Holger is a past RI director and treasurer who is vice chair of the 2017 Atlanta Convention Committee and chair of the New Generations Committee. He has served as a trainer for the International Assembly and the governors-elect training seminar. A Rotarian since 1991, he is a Foundation Major Donor. Holger is a managing partner in the real estate company Knaack KG and chair of the Foundation Karl Adam.

Newell Krogmann



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, past Rotary Foundation trainer for Zones 28 and 29
Rotary club: Le Sueur, Minnesota, USA
Languages: English
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Newell served as district Rotary Foundation committee chair during the Future Vision pilot and as governor of District 5960. He is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society and the Paul Harris Society who believes that Doing Good in the World isn't just a motto but is about providing opportunities that change lives.

Vinay Kulkarni



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, water and sanitation

Rotary club: Pune Parvati, Maharashtra, India

Languages: English

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Vinay has served as governor of District 3130, which contributed a total of \$9 million to the Foundation during his term. A Rotarian since 1987, he has also served as a district trainer and led Foundation sessions at the Rotary International Convention. He is a member of the Arch Klumph Society and the Bequest Society, a Level 4 Major Donor, and a Foundation Benefactor. He has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award.

Chris Offer



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Endowment/major gifts adviser, member of the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative Committee, past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator

Rotary club: Ladner, British Columbia, Canada

Languages: English

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Chris has served as governor of District 5040, International Assembly training leader, and moderator and panel member for breakout sessions at Rotary International Conventions. He has been a Rotary volunteer on many international projects, including a National Immunization Day in India. Chris received a Service Award for a Polio-Free World and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Chris and his wife, Penny, are members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Julia D. Phelps



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: District Rotary Foundation chair, chair of District 7930's Rotary Foundation centennial celebration, past trainer for Rotary's new grant model; interested in sharing the impact that Foundation alumni, Rotary Scholars, and vocational training team members have on their communities

Rotary club: Amesbury, Massachusetts, USA

Languages: English

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Julia is a past Rotary International director who has served as a trainer and speaker for various Rotary programs and as a president's representative. A Rotarian since 1997, she is a Major Donor, a member of the Paul Harris Society, and a charter member of the Bequest Society. Julia received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Christopher Nicholas Phillips



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and Group Study Exchange leader

Rotary club: Eshowe, South Africa

Languages: English

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Nick is vice chair of Rotary in Africa with considerable experience with projects such as the Soul of Africa initiative to help children infected with or at risk from HIV/AIDS. He has served as governor of District 9270, International Assembly training leader, governors-elect training seminar trainer, and president's representative. A Rotarian since 1977, Nick is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a member of the Foundation's Bequest Society.

Themístocles Américo Caldas Pinho



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator

Rotary club: Niterói-Norte, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Languages: Portuguese

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Pinho, a lawyer, is a past Rotary International director who has served as International Assembly training leader, Brazil PolioPlus Committee member, chair of the Brazilian Association of The Rotary Foundation, and RI president's representative. He is a member of the Foundation's Fund Development Committee. A recipient of the Service Above Self Award, Pinho is a Foundation Major Donor and supports the Endowment Fund.

Nicki Scott



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: International understanding and peace, PolioPlus

Rotary club: Naperville Sunrise, Illinois, USA

Languages: English

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Nicki, a professional speaker and business coach, works in the field of leadership development and aims to use those skills to help Rotary connect with the next generation. She has served as governor of District 6450 and is vice chair of the Rotary Midwest presidents-elect training seminar and a Rotary coordinator. Nicki is a founding member of the Paul Harris Society, a Major Donor, and a member of the Bequest Society.

Betty L. Screpnek



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, director of The Rotary Foundation Canada, member of Rotary's Gifts and Estate Planning Professionals group

Rotary club: Edmonton-Glenora, Alberta, Canada

Languages: English

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Betty served as governor of District 5370, raising over \$1.3 million for the polio eradication campaign and breaking district records for annual giving. She has participated in international projects and fairs in Poland and Ukraine and is working to adopt a village in Honduras. Betty is a Foundation Major Donor and Bequest Society member and a charter member of her district's Paul Harris Society.

Julio Sorjús



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past trustee

Rotary club: Barcelona, Spain

Languages: Spanish, English

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Julio is a past RI director who has served as RI president's representative, International Assembly group discussion leader, and aide to the president. He is a lawyer and former associate professor on the law faculty of the University of Barcelona. A Rotarian since 1983, Julio is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Carmen, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, and members of the Bequest Society and the Arch Klumph Society.

Stephanie Urchick



Rotary Foundation experience/interests: Past trustee, chair of The Rotary Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee, member of the Foundation Fund Development and Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative Committees, past regional Rotary Foundation coordinator

Rotary club: Canonsburg Houston Southpointe, Pennsylvania, USA

Languages: English

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Stephanie has extensive experience as a trainer, including as a training leader for the International Assembly, moderator for the regional leaders training institute, and training leader at zone meetings. A Rotarian since 1991, she has participated in National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria and service projects in Vietnam, Poland, and Dominican Republic. She is a Foundation Major Donor and Bequest Society member.

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