

About Rotary

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. (www.rotary.org) Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs located in 166 countries. This makes it the largest volunteer service organization in the world. It holds the only seat at the United Nations that is not held by a country. One of its world-wide initiatives has been to eradicate Polio with the World Health Organization, contributing well over US\$500M, and many hundreds of thousands of volunteer labor hours.

Rotary and Scholarships

Another Rotary International long-time initiative has been to sponsor the largest privately-funded international scholarship programs in the world. Programs include the Group Study Exchange, Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies, Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, and Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The Rotary International Foundation deserves our support for funding these important programs.

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known scholarship program is the Ambassadorial Scholarship. Through a very competitive process, graduate students from one country are supported in their study in another. The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. While abroad, Scholars serve as ambassadors

of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, Scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries.

Since 1947 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06, each worth US\$26,000. Recipients from some 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

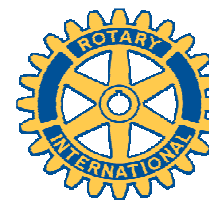
Washington, D.C. is a popular destination for these Ambassadorial Scholars and therefore the local Rotary Clubs provide counselors for these students.

The local Rotary clubs also are always looking for qualified students to use our international and local scholarships. Anyone interested should take a look at the goals and requirements for these programs at www.rotary.org/foundation/educational.

Any student that thinks they can meet the qualifications for the programs should contact a local Rotary Club which can be found at www.rotary7620.org.

Related service opportunities in Rotary District 7620

- Incoming Scholar Counselors, Conrad Fleck, cfleck11@verizon.net
- Selection of Outgoing Scholars, Robert Kalinoski, rdk@krlaw.com
- Scholar Alumni Programs, Peter Kyle, pkyle@worldbank.org
- International Night and related programs, Steve Naron, steven.naron@jhu.edu



The 27th Annual International Night

Sponsored by the Potomac-Bethesda Rotary Club

Saturday, April 14, 2006,

6:30 P.M. at

the Japanese Embassy

to

***honor the area's
Rotary Ambassadorial
Scholars from
England, Italy, Japan,
Kazakhstan, Korea***

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Host introductions

Plan of the evening -- **Steve Naron**,
Chair, International Night

Welcome from the Japanese Embassy –
Kimihiro Ishikane, Minister and Head
of Chancery

Welcome from Rotary District 7620 –
Rich Carson, incoming Governor

Welcome from the Potomac-Bethesda
Rotary Club – **Jerry Gross**, president

Dinner

Conrad Fleck, Chair Incoming
Ambassadorial Scholars Program,
District 7620



Scholar **Tomohiko Kamiya**,
Japan, Georgetown, Law,
counselor Sean McAlister



Desai, England, Johns Hopkins,
Public Health, counselor
George Brecht



Scholar **Miwa Omori**, Japan,
George Washington,
Counseling, counselor James
Collins

Peter Kyle, Chair Rotary Scholars
Alumni



Scholar **Guahar Kirneyeva**,
Kazakhstan, Georgetown
Washington U, Law, counselor
Peter Kyle



Scholar **Shinichi Tanigawa**,
Japan, University of Maryland,
Linguistics, counselor Judy
Cooper



Scholar **Yeunkum Lee**, Korea,
Georgetown University,
Pharmacology, counselor
Conrad Fleck

Desert and coffee

Sean McAlister, outgoing Scholars
program



Scholar **Kozue Tominaga**,
Japan, Georgetown Washington
University, Psychology,
counselor Mashaito Hiratake



Scholar **Maria Luisa Mimmi**,
Italy, Georgetown University,
International Relations,
Counselor Elio Grandi



Scholar **Kenji Tsushima**,
Japan, Johns Hopkins Medical
School, counselor Cheryl Lind

Mementos & Group Pictures