

Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of Greater New England



Newsletter #3, June 2013

Dear Alumni and friends,

Since our last newsletter, which introduced our board members, a lot has happened. We held our first board meetings online (live-streams with video), organized committees to define the Constitution of the Association, reached out to other local Alumni Associations, and started to post additional information that may not be in the monthly newsletter in our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/rotary.newengland. Moreover, we are making progress with our Association website and will make it accessible soon. These days the annual Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal takes place. We would be happy to receive a brief report about the Convention if someone of our members or a fellow Rotarian/Rotaractor /alum attended who would like to summarize his personal experience. In the Northeast USA, we had a rough winter this year and nearly skipped spring, but finally summer has arrived here. We wish you a successful start in the month of July.

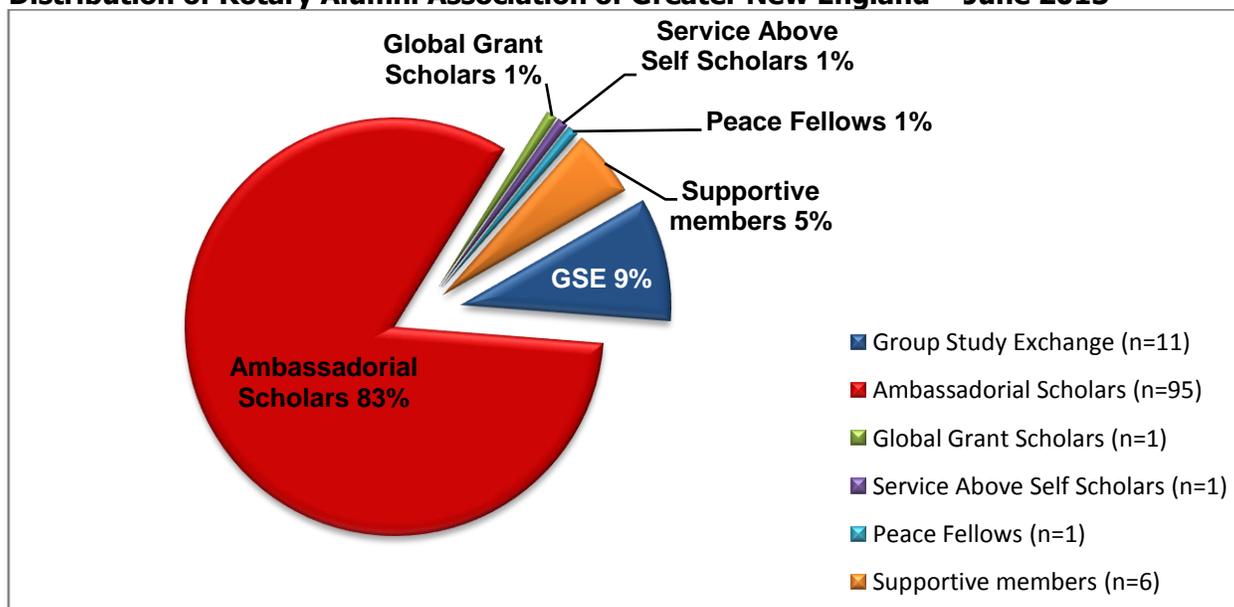
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- **Membership Update from Membership Chair Patricia Silveyra**

We currently have **114 members** from 25 countries and five Rotary Foundation programs, including Group Study Exchange (11 members), Ambassadorial Scholarships (95), Global Grants (1), Peace Fellowships (1), Service above Self Scholarships (1). Six Rotarians have joined us as supporting members. Six of our former ambassadorial scholars and five of our former GSE team members are currently Rotarians.

We are working to increase our membership. Please help us spread the word among RI alumni and Rotarians. The membership application survey is available at <http://goo.gl/tsHbW>.

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- **Report from Chair for Professional Development and Diversity Nicky Bell**

Rotary Foundation alumni have a long tradition of translating their Rotary experience into professional success. Paul Volcker's boxes of notes on the banking systems of the European countries he visited while an Ambassadorial Scholar undoubtedly influenced his tenure as U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman; Sadako Ogata began her career as UN High Commissioner for Refugees as a Rotary-sponsored student at Georgetown University; and movie critic Roger Ebert first danced to the Beatles while on scholarship in Cape Town, South Africa.

We hope that this Association will likewise prove to be a springboard for our members' professional aspirations. In addition to providing excellent networking opportunities for Rotary alumni, we are proud to announce two exciting initiatives to provide our members' with professional resources.

The first is the ***Professional Development Spotlight***, which will be featured in this spot in our monthly newsletter. Each issue will highlight an individual who has leveraged their Rotary Foundation support into career success. We encourage you to nominate yourself or someone else for the Spotlight by emailing me or filling out this short form: <http://goo.gl/LdTHq>

Second, be on the lookout for a ***Professional Development section on our Association webpage***. In addition to posting full-length Spotlight interviews, we will provide links to professional development resources, events and opportunities for member networking and career advancement, and other valuable resources.

Suggestions? Comments? Concerns? I can be reached at njbell@email.wm.edu. I look forward to working with each of you to make our Association a true professional organization!

- **Info on the Oklahoma Disaster Fund from International Service Chair Chloe Heung**

Rotary International Districts 5770 and 5750 are providing relief and recovery efforts to support those affected by the tornado that hit Moore, Oklahoma on May 20, 2013. As noted on the District 5770 website: "Many families and friends have suffered great loss. It is estimated that there were between 12,000 and 13,000 homes destroyed or damaged, in addition to businesses and schools." For more information please click on the link below:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?accountid=50022>

Event Calendar

June 23-26, 2013

Rotary International Convention; Lisbon, Portugal; lisboa2013.org

September 28, 2013

Rotary Alumni Association of Greater New England Charter Night at the Boxborough Holiday Inn, MA, USA