

Rotary Alumni Association of Greater New England

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Message from Our President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We dedicated the past few weeks to our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Baltimore on May 10. We are trying to organize a special meeting for extraordinary alumni and hope to meet your expectations. We are organizing a whole day event where we are asking for active participation in the morning for our local service project and lively discussions about the future of RAAGNE in the afternoon. Please remember that RAAGNE only meets once a year physically. So don't miss the chance to meet some awesome alumni and register today!

www.raagne.com/agm2014

You want to attend, but you are living on a shoestring and are unsure if you can afford a trip to Baltimore?! A generous Rotarian offered to cover travel expenses for a alumni from the New England area to Baltimore. If you are interested, please contact me ASAP.

This newsletter provides more details about our AGM keynote speaker Bill Boyd and a new Rotary Club in Washington DC that was founded by Rotaractors. This newsletter also introduces you to Estaban Castano, a young man from Texas whose life changed after participating in a Rotary youth exchange program.

Best regards,

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MESSAGE from PDG Klaus Hachfeld on the RAAGNE Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd will be our keynote speaker at the RAAGNE AGM!

I first met Bill Boyd and his wife some years ago in Boston when he spoke to a group of Rotary leaders at the Rotary Zone Institute. At that time he was already Rotary International's President-Elect and the main attraction addressing the Rotarians in our Zone. He served as President in Rotary year 2006-2007, and was Chairman of the Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees from 2011-2012. Consequently, he remains a popular speaker in constant demand.

Bill still lives in New Zealand, clearly likes people and has a style that endears him to his audience. Instead of formally addressing his audience from behind the speaker's podium, he often chooses to sit casually on a stool close to the audience and draw us into his thoughts on all significant matters relating to Rotary.

I'm delighted that Bill has agreed to speak with us on Saturday, May 10th, at the RAAGNE Annual General Meeting in Baltimore about the value that Rotary Foundation alumni have and how partnering with other alumni and Rotarians can improve the human condition. You can get a preview of Bill's style at <http://vimeo.com/41797996>

Join us to meet a man I admire for his vision and humanity. See <http://www.raagne.com/agm2014/> to register!



Klaus Hachfeld, PDG

New Rotary Club, Story from Service Chair Chloe Heung

A New Rotary Club with Many Former Rotaractors is Born in Washington DC

On February 21, 2014, a new Rotary Club – the Rotary Club of Federal City – held its Charter Night at the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington DC. Many of the club members are former Interactors, Rotaractors, RYLarians, and Rotary Alumni. They have all acted together to create this young, energetic and diverse club. To find out more, please visit <http://www.rotaryfedcity.com>



Congratulation to the newest Rotarians!



Club President Navin Valliappan with District
Governor Peter Kyle

Inspiring Rotary Story from RAAGNE Consultant Ron Goodenow

Supporting Rotarian Ron Goodenow had the pleasure at Northeast PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) of meeting Estaban Castano, a Dartmouth senior who, in words and video, explained to the almost 500 Rotarians in attendance, 'how Rotary has influenced my life'. As a young man in Texas he had very low expectations for his life until he participated in a Rotary youth exchange program. From there it was intense involvement in international work, Dartmouth and helping to build the fabulous Rotaract website: http://www.rotaractorwiki.org/wiki/Main_Page

Ron writes that "Estaban and his fellow Rotaractors have created a fabulous online global resource that cries out for RAAGNE attention, promotion and collaboration. We can learn about service projects, meetings and conventions and extraordinary people who are both local resources and high potential participants in RAAGNE activities, international Rotary programs, and much, much more. And, don't forget to check out NE PETS and its tremendous program...a wonderful platform for spreading the RAAGNE gospel <http://www.rotarynepets.org/>"

