



Alumni Associations

A bulletin for Alumni Associations of Rotary International

Congratulations to District 3020 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association



District 3020 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association Reunion on 25 January 2014

Please join us in celebrating District 3020 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association as the winner of the 2013-14 Alumni Association of the Year Award! They were nominated by their regional Rotary Foundation coordinator for Zone 5, S. R. Yogananda. The association located in Andhra Pradesh, India, was established in 1994. With the support of their president, Soma Sundera Sai, they have been very active in the Rotary community. Members of the association regularly collaborate with Rotarians and alumni on a local and international level. They keep the Rotary community updated and engaged with their newsletter, REACH, social media, alumni reunions, and district conferences. In addition to their involvement with grant programs, they participate in National Immunization Days and other polio eradication efforts.

Rotarian Sai will accept the Alumni Association of the Year Award on behalf of his association at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney. We encourage you to join us at the [Rotary Alumni Celebration](#) on 31 May 2014 to celebrate the association's achievements.

Congratulations to Maya Ajmera

Congratulations to Maya Ajmera for winning the 2013-14 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award! She was nominated by Ron Ferrill, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator for Zone 33. She will accept her award at the [Rotary International Convention](#) in Sydney, Australia.



Ms. Ajmera was a 1989-90 Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of China Lake, California, USA, to study at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, India. She is the founder of the [Global Fund for Children](#), a non-profit organization that invests in organizations working with some of the world's most vulnerable children and youth. In addition to being an award-winning children's book co-author, she currently holds two academic appointments. She is a visiting scholar and professorial lecturer at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C. and the inaugural social entrepreneur in residence and visiting professor of the practice of public policy at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

New Alumni Association

Congratulations to District 7390 Rotary Foundation Alumni Association in Hershey, Pennsylvania, USA for their new charter! They are now a part of the 121 active alumni association in the Rotary Foundation Alumni Network. Regional Rotary Foundation coordinator of Zone 32, Toni McAndrew, will present the charter to Patricia Silveyra, alumni association president, and other members of the association during the District 7390's conference in May.

Spotlight on Global Grant Scholar



2011-12 Global Grant Scholar Liz Powers has been busy since her time at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where she pursued a masters in Interdisciplinary Creative Practices. She was recently featured in the Rotary Alumni Association of Greater New England's (RAAGNE) January newsletter as a social entrepreneur. She is the founder of [City Heart](#), established the [LIFT Bike Project](#), and is currently pursuing a social enterprise called [ArtLifting](#).

Take a look at her video from RAGNE's January newsletter: <http://www.raagne.com/elizabeth-powers/>.

Alumni Update

The alumni association in District 4855, Buenos Aires, Argentina held a Rotary Club Week where alumni were encouraged to attend a Rotary club meeting. In the spirit of alumni week, some members chose to write a testimony on their Rotary experience. Here are two excerpts:



Romina Márquez: “I knew a little about Rotary but my first direct contact with this organization started in 2009. From that moment on, my life took quite an unexpected turn. In 2010, I traveled to Germany with four other GSE members and a team leader and it was quite a positive experience, from the initial contact with the Rotary club, to my exchange abroad, and return home.” Read more [here](#).

Tamara Chomont: “Rotary selected me as a member of a GSE team that went to Venezuela, and that became a turning point in my life. In this country I was overtaken by the cordiality of Venezuelans, always positive even in adverse circumstances. Their volunteer spirit goes beyond club or district boundaries and allows them to achieve ambitious goals or take little steps to overcome difficulties, but one way or another they are always making progress.” Read more [here](#).

Join Us for the 2014-15 Alumni Awards Webinar

A webinar on alumni awards will be held on 29 April 2014. Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Ron Ferrill will be a panelist and share his experience with the nomination process. The presentation will cover both the Alumni Association of the Year Award and the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award. Here is the registration link to the upcoming webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/247935830895962114>.

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