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RGHF's
OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER
A Newsletter for Rotary Leaders

"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."
Arch Klumph, Founder of The Rotary Foundation

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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Recently, I was invited to a Business Networking event. As always, I was wearing my Rotary pin on my jacket and again, as always, I had a couple of participants asking me about Rotary. It was yet another opportunity to demonstrate pride at being a part of this wonderful organization and to explain how Rotary is the world's oldest and largest social organization. Every member of this organization is a professional leader, but also devotes time, money and resources for Doing Good in the World. Rotary touches every facet of life and each member is on the mission to "Create Hope in the World."



Image courtesy: Debbie Vance

On 23 February this year, our wonderful organization will be completing 119 years. A fantastic journey of service so far...but still miles to go. We are "this close" to eradicating polio, and our efforts in peace building are the most required in today's time.

On this Anniversary of Rotary, let's all recommit ourselves to the service of the community through whichever avenue that engages us the most. Rotary has something for each person's interest and passion for service.

Rotary Regards,



Jeetendra Sharma
Editor-in-Chief
RGHF's Our Foundation Newsletter

Apply to RGHF Committee

Dear Fellow Members of RGHF,

Thank you for being a valued member of our own Rotary Global History Fellowship!

The Fellowship is constantly looking at gathering interesting and relevant history pieces for the benefit of our subscribers and Rotary members at large.

We invite our fellow members to join us on this endeavor of enriching our repository and provide valuable information to Rotarians.

The following committees are being created for this purpose:

1. Content Committee – to help gather, review, edit and organize information on the RGHF website
2. Technical Committee – Website maintenance, structure, data security and privacy, etc.
3. Administration Committee – Member lists, payments, processes, documentation etc.

Request members interested in joining any of the above committees to send a note of interest to any of the below. Kindly mention the committee you would be interested in joining.

Please write to either of the following Board members:

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We look forward to your response.

Warm regards,

RGHF Board of Directors

Rotary partners with BahÅşesehir University to establish Peace Center in Turkey

New center will train regional peacebuilders through a one-year Rotary Peace Fellowship



Rotary is dedicated to building a more peaceful world, and we've taken that mission a step further with the opening of the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in Istanbul, Turkey, at BahÅşesehir University (BAU).

Rotary International and BahÅşesehir University (BAU) announce a partnership agreement to establish the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center, offering a professional development certificate program for peace and development professionals in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The center is located at the university's Future Campus outside of Istanbul, Turkey.

Realizing a vision that has been years in the making, the new peace center will equip community leaders with advanced knowledge and skills in peacebuilding that focus on pivotal issues pertinent to the MENA region. These include land and identity disputes, climate change, food insecurity, refugee integration, and community development.

With a strong focus on [Positive Peace](#) â€” as defined by attitudes, institutions and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies, students will engage in a comprehensive curriculum in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. The fellowship will include academic studies, field visits, and seminars and workshops offered by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research ([UNITAR](#)) through its local training center â€” [CIFAL Istanbul](#). Students will use their experience to implement a nine-month social change project within the region and conclude their fellowship with a capstone seminar to present the results.

Read more [here](#).

Click [here](#) to know more.

Apply for a Rotary Peace Fellowship by 15 May



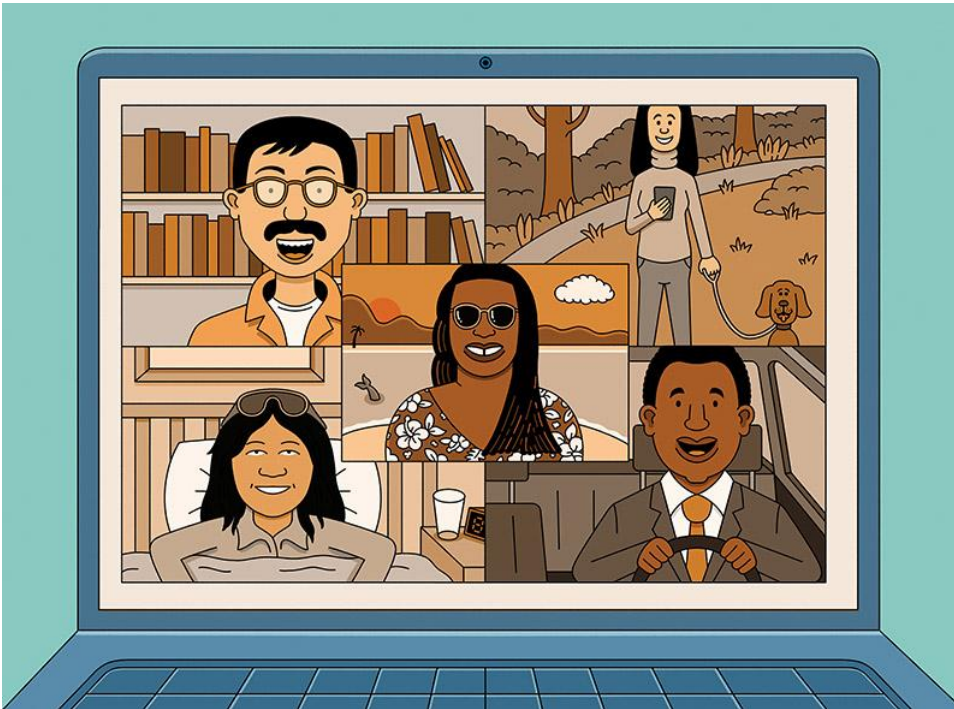
ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Full funding for a master's degree or postgraduate diploma in disciplines related to peace and development

Rotary   **APPLY NOW**

Rotary offers fully funded master's degrees and professional development certificate programs for young professionals with three to five years of experience in peace and development. They study at premier universities around the world, gaining knowledge, skills, and global networks to be effective peacebuilders. [Learn more](#) about this unique opportunity and [apply now](#) or in future years.

Global partners for peace



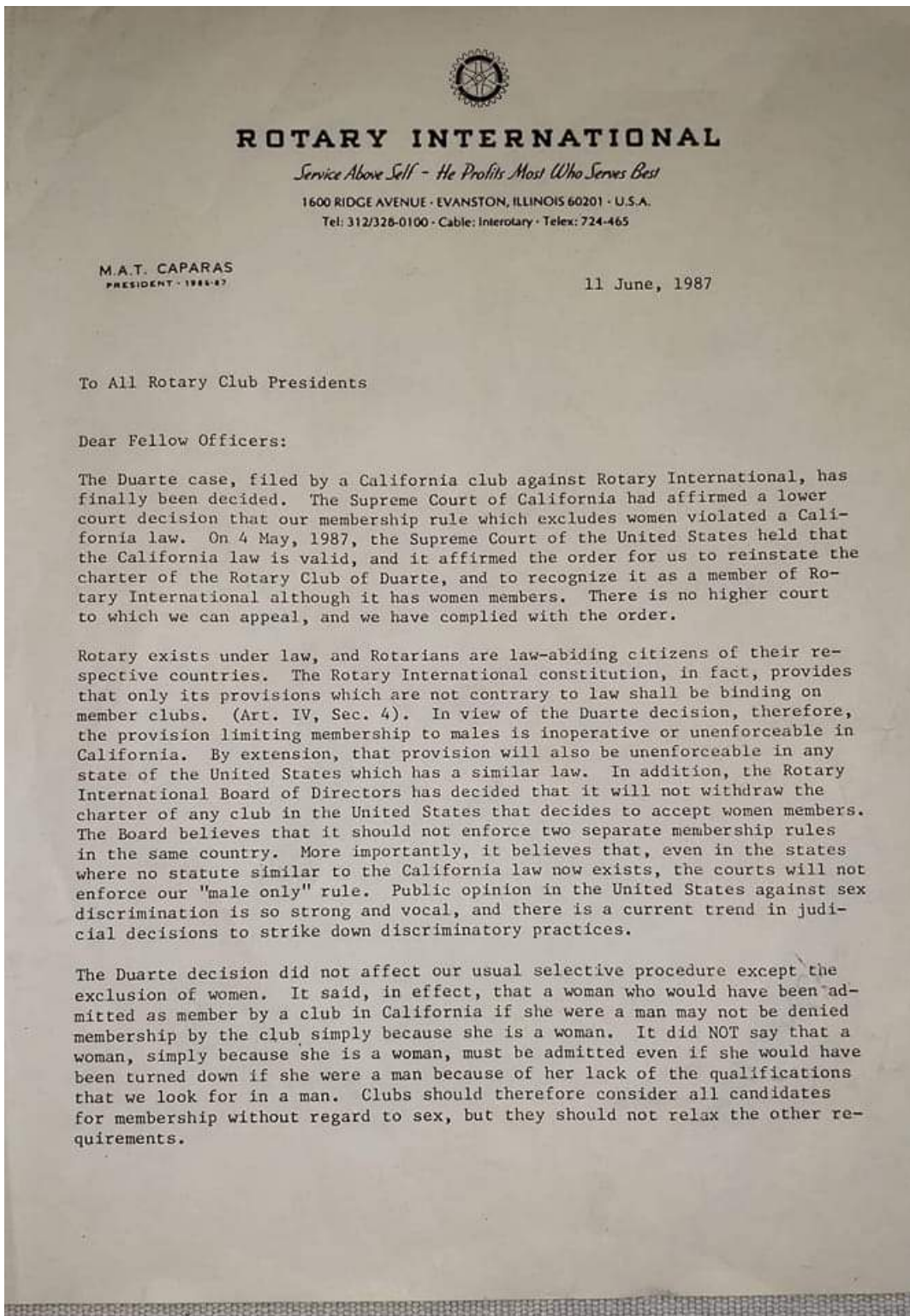
Linda Low, a graduate of the Rotary Peace Center at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill began meeting online with other Rotary Peace Fellow alumni in 2020. She was looking for connection during the isolation of the pandemic. The peace fellows discovered they shared a unique bond which allowed them to have meaningful conversations on a wide array of topics and contribute to each other's work. The resulting [Global Partners in Peace](#) is now in its third year and providing a pathway for other alumni to join Rotary.

Read the story [here](#).

History: Women in Rotary

The original letter sent to all Club Presidents worldwide in 1987 announcing that women can become Rotarians. What would we do without the great ladies that have joined and become Leaders of this great organization?

Courtesy Charles Minton



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