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## Austism Week 2022



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CHANGE LIVES**



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# 20<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting

Virtual Meeting | February 21, 2022

Area of Focus: Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

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## Programme

### PART 1

Call to Order.....	Pres. Bernardino Amago IV
Invocation.....	Audio Visual Presentation
Philippine Anthem.....	Audio Visual Presentation
The Rotary Hymn.....	Audio Visual Presentation
Four Way Test and Objects of Rotary.....	Audio Visual Presentation
Introduction of Rotarians / Spouses	
Visiting Rotarians/Rotaractors/Guest	

### PART 2

Introduction of Guest Speaker.....	PP Maricel Amores
Guest Speaker.....	Julie C. Rendoque
	<i>Presiding Commissioner, National Labor Relations Commission 7th Division Cebu City</i>
Topic: Labor Termination in the Time of Pandemic	
Open Forum	
Presentation of Certificate / Token	

### PART 3

Secretary's Report.....	Sec. Jomar Ponce
Treasurer's Report.....	Treas. Jun Torres
Director's Report	
President's Time.....	Pres. Bernardino Amago IV
Other matters	
Adjournment.....	Pres. Bernardino Amago IV

...Fellowship Continues...

### Quote for the Week

"One small positive thought can change your whole day." - Zig Ziglar



Hosted by:

**RADY ABARINTOS**  
Past President

## INVOCATION

*Our heavenly Father, we thank you for this day and for this food. May it strengthen us for service. May we be strengthened also by your Spirit, that we may have a long view of the worth of our work in your world this day. We would also pray for height – we need altitude – to get far enough away from ourselves to take a good and honest look. Give us depth, of meaning and of understanding, and of love in our lives, that your will may be done through us this day and every day, for the good of those we know and love, and for the peace of this world. Amen.*





# President's Message



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACY



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

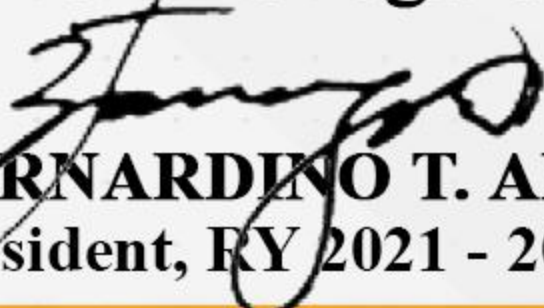
Dear RCCF Family,

February has been designated as the month for Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution. How appropriate it is that we will be tackling tonight one of the most susceptible fields of conflict, the Termination of Employment.

My gratitude to our February Hosts and Assistant Governor Maricel Amores for having invited NLRC Commission Julie Rendoque, who will ably present to us the grounds for valid termination of employment during the onset of pandemic. I trust that Com. Julie's discussion will enlighten all of us on the proper ways of managing employment while in a state of financial and/or operational crisis.

Let us accord the presentation with our utmost attention and open mindedness.

Thanks and kind regards

  
**ATTY. BERNARDINO T. AMAGO IV**  
President, RY 2021 - 2022



# From Secretary's Desk



**JOSE MARIE PONCE**  
Secretary, RY 2021 - 2022

## Attendance

ROTARY ID #	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	17th 12/11	18th 01/17	19th 02/07	20th 02/21	Perfect Attendance
6726464	Abad	Jose Alfonso	✓				
6581939	Abarintos	Conrado			✓		
8794289	Abay-Abay	Emman Reyan	✓	✓	✓		
9330462	Amago IV	Atty. Bernardino	✓	✓	✓		
6218949	Amores	Maricel	✓	✓	✓		
11227470	Amores	Atty. Ernesto Miguel	✓		✓		
3362897	Barba	Richard			✓		
6207695	Baring	Engr. Jesselito	✓	✓			
1166426	Calalang	Emmanuel	✓				
10954392	Deiparine	Atty. Sydrick Jose Andrei	✓				
11227514	Elendrino	Glenford	✓				
2036342	Espina	Arch. Joseph Michael	✓		✓		
8944393	Jang	Pouly					
3516557	Karamihan	Dave John	✓		✓		
8599266	Kaufmann	Marina	✓				
9804883	Llegunas	Kristoffer	✓	✓	✓		
8794288	Lomanta	Atty. Lolita					
10709899	Ong	Jason	✓	✓	✓		
6726443	Pasion	Ma. Consolacion	✓	✓			
10410040	Ponce	Jose Marie	✓	✓	✓		
6581937	Ramos	Geraldine					
8599268	Rimaz	Ma. Dolores	✓				
5476140	San Pedro	Luz Filipinas					
11103868	Spaller	Herminia					
8794286	Senerpida	Dr. Alain	✓		✓		
3264107	Solomon	Mary Anne	✓	✓	✓		
8543450	Sulay	Kendrick					
9330558	Tesalona	Emmanuel	✓	✓	✓		
11227493	Torres	Alfie	✓				
5176670	Torres	Arch. Manuel, Jr.	✓	✓	✓		
10713855	Uy	Stephen Henry	✓	✓	✓		
10410033	Yared	Patrick	✓	✓			
<b>TOTAL ATTENDEES IN ZOOM</b>				<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>		

### BIRTHDAYS

February 02 Sps. Ninna Sulay      February 15 Atty. Ernesto Amores  
 February 03 Sps. Paul Jason Spaller      February 17 PP Marina Kaufmann  
 February 07 Rtn. Tootsie Spaller      February 18 Sps. Tess Tesalona





GREETINGS, DEAR CHANGE-MAKERS OF ROTARY,

**A**t the start of the Rotary year, I challenged every club to plan and host at least one practical and action-oriented Rotary Day of Service. The event should address a challenge your community is facing that fits into one or more of Rotary's areas of focus and should bring together volunteers from within and outside of Rotary.

Rotary Days of Service can motivate Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs to plan innovative and impactful projects. They can showcase your work as people of action and introduce prospective members to your club.

I've been inspired by your response so far, and I want to share with you just one project that has captured my imagination.

India is home to an estimated 74 million people with diabetes, a disease that is a leading cause of death. Furthermore, about 50 percent of those people remain undiagnosed.

Rotary, together with the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India, saw the urgent need to diagnose, track, and treat people who have diabetes. Working together and with other organizations, we hosted a nationwide blood glucose testing camp on 29 September, which is World Heart Day.

The camp was spread across more than 10,000 sites in India, with more than 2,000 Rotary and Rotaract clubs participating in the effort. More than 1 million blood-sugar tests were conducted in a day, an accomplishment recognized by the Asia Book of Records. But more important than breaking a record is the fact that

tens of thousands of people learned that they may be living with diabetes. They can now be treated for the condition, and they also have been made aware that they should take extra measures to shield themselves from COVID-19 and scores of other diseases that are caused or worsened by diabetes.

This month, on 23 February, the anniversary of Rotary, let us celebrate with more service days, showcasing Rotary's work in our areas of focus. I look forward to hearing about your Rotary Days of Service. Please share your projects on Rotary Showcase, or browse that webpage to find inspiration and project partners. In particular, I encourage you to execute projects that focus on empowering girls, as they have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The Empowering Girls initiative is resonating very well with members of Rotary as well as with non-Rotarians. The governments and NGOs in various countries are appreciating this meaningful effort. Let us keep focusing on it.

I am also happy that the Each One, Bring One ethos is bringing fruitful results. Let us ensure that all club members introduce at least one person to Rotary, and that we then all work to engage new members and keep them in our clubs.

In whatever we do, remember that we must push ourselves to *grow more, do more* as we *Serve to Change Lives*.

*Shekhar Mishra*

*President, Rotary International*



## TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

### Rotary builds peace by creating the next generation of peacebuilders

I always look forward to February, the month of Rotary's anniversary, as a time to remember our history. What began as a small gathering in a Chicago office in 1905 soon transformed into a global movement — one that you and I are a part of today.

February is also Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, when we celebrate a core Rotary concept: the pursuit of global peace and understanding.

Through our global and district grants, The Rotary Foundation is a force for peace — as are all of you who use those funds for projects. A grant that promotes literacy can lead to greater understanding and economic security in that community and beyond. This lays the foundation for peace. When communities aren't fighting over scarce water resources, because they have a working pump system, they can instead pursue education. Promoting peace is interwoven in all that Rotary does.

The work of actively building peace and understanding has been a hallmark of Rotary since its earliest days. But with the creation in 1999 of the Rotary Peace Centers we began a bold new chapter in this story. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the inaugural class of peace fellows; the innovative program continues to merge a strong, academic understanding of the roots of conflict with practical tactics for solving real-world problems.

Despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rotary Peace Centers were able to adapt, ensuring minimal disruptions to the program. Now, students at our seven centers are resuming their normal activities. This includes young peacebuilders at our newest center at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, who are preparing to apply their new knowledge and skills in a region that's in need of peaceful solutions.

The peace center program keeps growing. Our search committee is researching potential locations in the Middle East or North Africa to establish our eighth center, with plans for its launch as soon as 2024. This is a significant step for Rotary's efforts in global peace education, as we lay the groundwork for the next generation of fellows to pursue peacebuilding in that region. And we aren't stopping there: Our goal is to open a Rotary Peace Center in Latin America by 2030.

In the last 117 years, Rotary has grown to become a global force for good — promoting peace and understanding in all of our endeavors. The staying power of Rotary, the Foundation, and our decades-long commitment to peace are things that are worth celebrating, supporting, and sustaining for the generations that will follow us.

**JOHN F. GERM**

*Foundation trustee chair*

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## February events

### And all that jazz

**Event:**  
An Evening of Jazz  
**Host:**  
Rotary Club of  
Hammond, Louisiana



**What it benefits:**  
The Southeastern Louisiana  
University music department and  
the club's SLU scholarship fund  
**Date:** 13 February

Looking for some romantic entertain-  
ment on Valentine's Day weekend?  
Reserve a pair of tickets, or book a  
table with friends, for an evening  
of music provided by Southeastern  
Louisiana University's jazz band. At-  
tendees may bring their own food and  
drinks, and can purchase additional  
refreshments from a cash bar. A silent  
auction offers the chance to bid on a  
gift for your valentine.

### Just wing it

**Event:**  
Florida Craft Brew & Wingfest  
**Host:**  
Rotary Club of Vero Beach Sunrise,  
Florida

**What it benefits:**  
Local and international charities  
**Date:** 19 February

After a year off, this family-friendly  
event returns in 2022 with scrump-  
tious chicken wings from some 20  
vendors — who are all vying for the  
title of best wings in Vero Beach —  
and more than 250 craft beers. Four  
bands will perform across two stages,  
and there will even be a root beer tast-  
ing competition for the kids.

### 5K on the runway

**Event:**  
Run the Runway  
**Hosts:**  
Rotary clubs of Fairfield, Frankton-  
Te Rapa, Hamilton Central, Hamilton  
East, Rototuna, and Waikato Sunrise,  
New Zealand  
**What it benefits:**  
Local and international charities  
**Date:** 20 February

In this event's second year, participants  
can choose to run, roll, or ride down  
the Hamilton Airport runway. Mobility  
scooters and wheelchairs are welcome,  
making this 5K fun run accessible for  
all. The race kicks off at 6:45 a.m., of-  
fering the opportunity to see a spec-  
tacular sunrise. With the number of  
participants capped at 600, organizers  
suggest booking early to avoid missing  
out. At the inaugural event, a marriage  
proposal took place mid-race.

### How well can you spell?

**Event:**  
Spelling Bee(r)  
**Host:**  
Rotary Club  
of Oklahoma City  
Midtown, Oklahoma  
**What it benefits:**  
Local arts initiatives  
**Date:** 25 February



This is not the spelling bee you remember  
from elementary school. While contes-  
tants engage in a war of words, local  
breweries are on hand to showcase their  
lineup of beers. The first-place speller  
wins a \$500 cash prize, while all spelling  
participants (who must be at least 21  
years old) get to take home a bag of good-  
ies from the breweries. A silent auction  
and a photo booth add to the festivities.

### Spin the wheel

**Event:**  
Casino Night  
**Host:**  
Rotary Club of San Antonio Airport,  
Texas  
**What it benefits:**  
Literacy projects  
**Date:** 26 February



Blackjack, craps, roulette, and poker are  
just a few of the games offered at the  
San Antonio Airport club's first-ever  
Casino Night. Heavy appetizers and  
soft drinks will be provided, along with  
access to a cash bar. If gambling isn't  
your thing, check out the silent auction  
and raffle. Tables with information  
about club projects will be set up for  
those looking to learn more about the  
club's activities throughout the year.

### Colorful and bright

**Event:**  
South Miami Art Festival  
**Host:**  
Rotary Club of South Miami, Florida  
**What it benefits:**  
College scholarships and local and  
international projects  
**Dates:** 26-27 February

Originating in 1984 as a small show  
with only 25 booths, this art festival  
has grown to host more than 120 art-  
ists, an expansive food court and beer  
garden, and live jazz. Artists from all  
over the United States and beyond  
come to South Miami to sell their jew-  
elry, paintings, ceramics, photography,  
mixed media, sculptures, and more.  
Admission is free, but bring your wallet,  
as there will be plenty of arts and crafts  
for purchase.



## **JULIE C. RENDOQUE**

Presiding Commissioner  
National Labor Relations Commission  
(NLRC),  
7<sup>th</sup> Division Cebu City



### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Our Resource Person is the incumbent Presiding Commissioner of the NLRC, 7<sup>th</sup> Division, Cebu City. Before he was appointed as the Head of the Division, he held several positions in the same Office, starting from a very humble beginning up to where he is now today. In other words, he rose from the ranks. He commenced working as casual laborer of the Department of Labor and Employment, then, he became Stenographer, Senior Stenographer, Stenographic Reporter, Secretary, Board Secretary, Deputy Executive Clerk, Executive Clerk of Court II and subsequently held a presidential appointment as Labor Arbiter, then, Executive Labor Arbiter, Commissioner and is currently holding the position of Presiding Commissioner after he was just appointed as such, last December 14, 2021.

He is a Law Professor, teaching the subjects, Labor Standards Law, Labor Relations Law, and Labor Law Review, in at least, two (2) Schools of Law in Cebu City, e.g., one is in University of Cebu – School of Law, and the other is in South Western University. He is also a Labor Law Reviewer.

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Our Guest Speaker is a Juris Doctor and a Master of Public Management, who graduated at the University of the Philippines – Cebu.

Likewise, he took up Master of Laws in the University of Santo Tomas, University of Southern Philippines and University of Cebu.

## **OTHER TRAINING BACKGROUND:**

### 1. MCLE Lecturer.

#### Topics:

- a) Substantive Law: Labor Relations Law and Labor Standards Law
- b) Updates of Labor Relations Law
- c) Ensuring Sustainable Communities, Economy and Environment in the Era of Global Challenges
- d) Employee's Right to Self-Organization

### 2. Speaker in Various Labor and Management For a

#### Topics:

- a) Building a High-Performance Team
- b) Management Prerogatives
- c) Rights of Employees
- d) Labor Laws
- e) Legal Implication: Relationship of Principal and Independent Contractors
- f) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- g) Others

## **RECOGNITION:**

1. Loyalty Award for dedication in the service with the NLRC for more than forty (40) years;
2. Certificate of Commendation for achieving the DOLE Project Speed by resolving labor cases within the required six-month period; and
3. Certificate of Commendation for meeting the NLRC case disposition target of achieving the Zero-Backlog in pending case from 2014 up to the 2021.

# SERVICE ABOVE SELF

## THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**First** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**Second** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**Third** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**Fourth** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

1. Is it the **truth**?
2. Is it **fair** to all concerned?
3. Will it **build goodwill** and **better friendships**?
4. Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

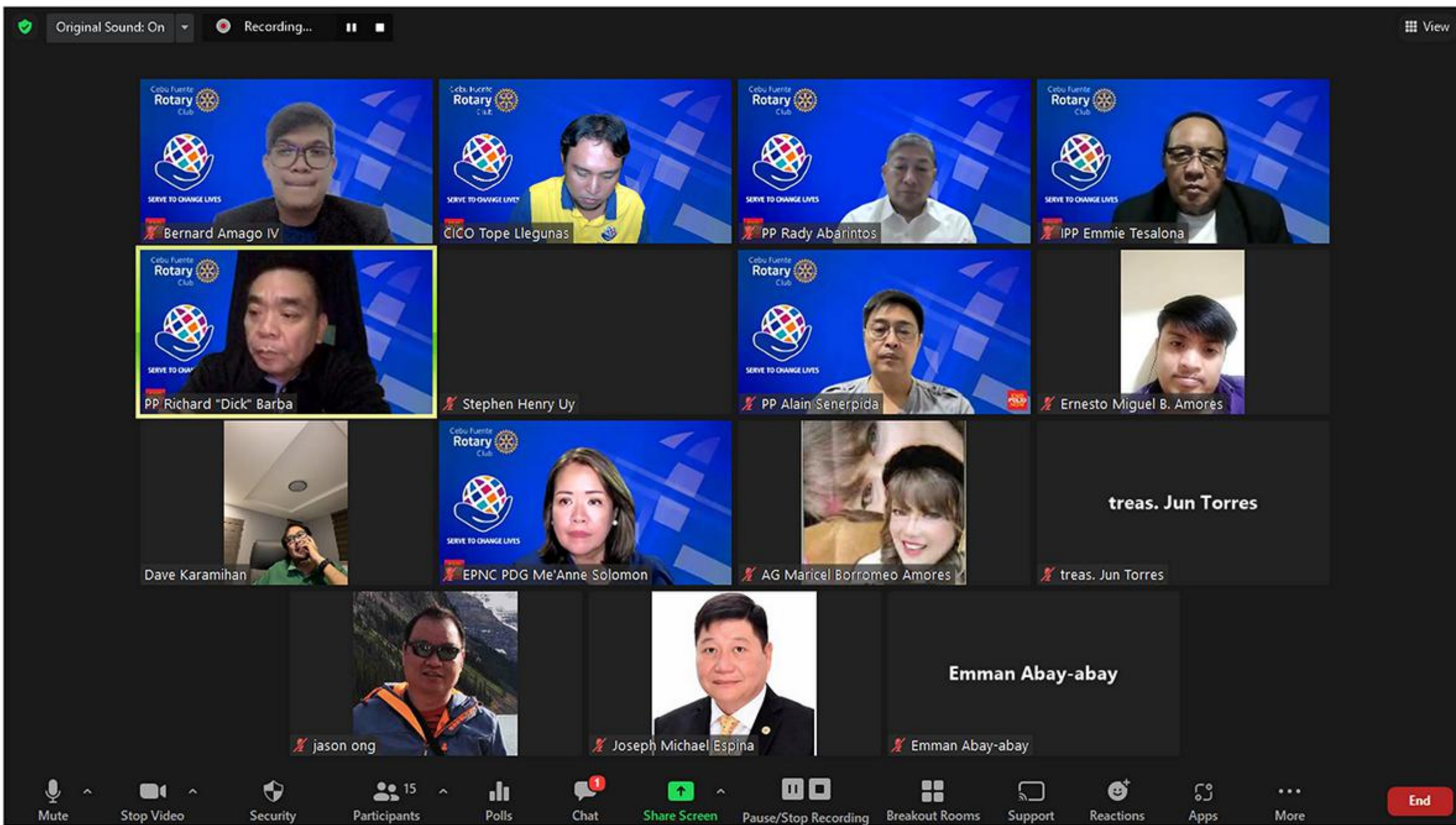
## ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

As a Rotarian, I will

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities, report any suspected harassment, and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment.

## 02-07-2022 19th RCCF GMM (Virtual) RY 2021 - 2022



February 23 marks a very special event in our calendar as we celebrate the 117th Anniversary of Rotary. That's 117 year of service and fellowship. The legacy continues as we serve to change lives.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Rotary 

117 YEARS OF  
DOING GOOD IN THE  
WORLD

**Years of Rotary**  
February 23, 2022

**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

Q: Can women who are trying to become pregnant receive COVID-19 vaccines?

A: Yes. Getting vaccinated beforehand is an important way for women to protect themselves and their future babies from COVID-19. There are no documented impacts of vaccination on fertility outcomes.



**YOU  
SHOULD GET VACCINATED  
AGAINST COVID-19  
IF YOU ARE PLANNING  
TO GET PREGNANT**

There is **no current evidence** that suggests the COVID-19 vaccines interfere with fertility.

...

**Getting vaccinated when it's your turn is the best thing you can do to protect both yourself and the future health of your baby.**

# **ORATIO IMPERATA: PRAYER AGAINST COVID-19 or 2019 CORONA VIRUS DISEASE**

**Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the COVID 19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives. We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.**

**We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission. We thank you for the vaccines developed made possible by your guiding hands.**

**Bless our efforts to use these vaccines to end the pandemic in our country.**

**We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion. strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.**

**We pray for those afflicted.**

**May they be restored to health.**

**Protect those who care for them.**

**Grant eternal rest to those who have died.**

**Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need.**

**May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.**

**Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.**

**We fly to Your protection, O Holy Mother of God.**

**Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.**

**Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for us.**

**St. Joseph, pray for us.**

**St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.**

**San Roque, pray for us.**

**San Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us**

**San Pedro Calungsod, pray for us.**







# THE SEVEN CENTERS OF PEACE

Situated in different parts of the world, the Rotary Peace Centers offer tailor-made curricula to train individuals devoted to peace-building and conflict resolution – no matter where they land

**Chulalongkorn University**

Bangkok

**University of Bradford**

Bradford, England

**University of Queensland**

Brisbane, Australia

**Uppsala University**

Uppsala, Sweden

**Duke University/  
University of North Carolina**

Durham and Chapel Hill,  
North Carolina

**International Christian  
University**

Tokyo

**Makerere University**

Kampala, Uganda

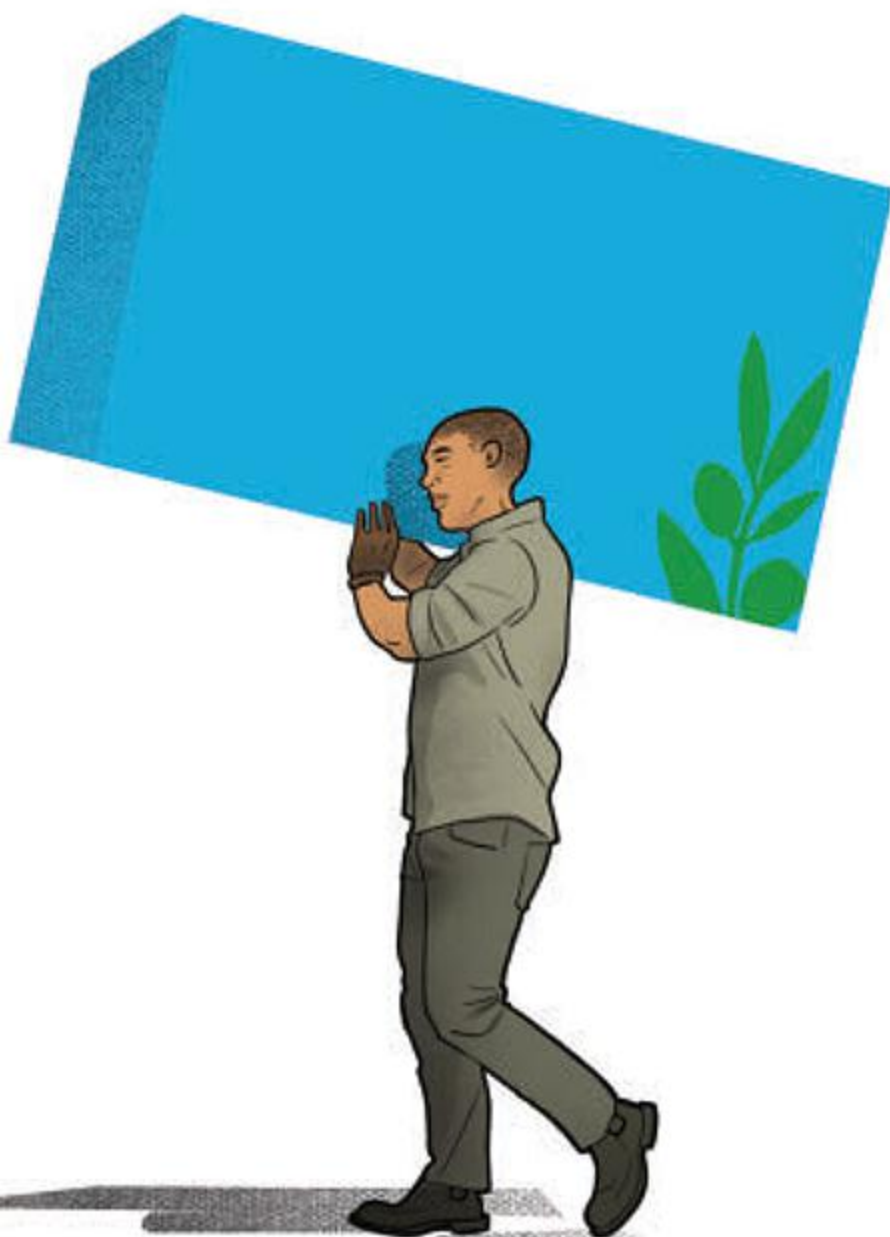
by Jeff Ruby

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**R**ita Lopidia vividly recalls her experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Bradford in England. “The classes in African

politics and UN peacekeeping were my favorite,” she says. “The politics course challenged me to dig deeper into research to understand the history of the continent, and the peacekeeping class aided my understanding of global politics. As a practitioner, that was an eye-opener to have a global view of events happening around the world.”

Lopidia’s time at the Rotary Peace Center profoundly affected her. “After graduation, I traveled back to Africa and settled in Uganda due to the ongoing conflict in South Sudan,” she explains.



“There I established the EVE Organization for Women Development and started engaging the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda and their host communities. Through my organization, we were able to mobilize South Sudanese women to participate in the South Sudan peace process promoted by eastern



Africa’s Intergovernmental Authority for Development — and that led to the signing of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan in 2018.” (You can read more about Lopidia and three other peace fellows in the following pages.)

Lopidia is just one of the 1,500-plus peace fellows from more than 115 countries who have graduated from a Rotary Peace Center since the program

was created in 1999; the first peace centers began classes three years later. Currently, Rotary has seven peace centers in various locations around the world; the newest, at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda — the first in Africa — welcomed its inaugural cohort of peace fellows in 2021. Next, Rotary plans to establish a peace center in the Middle East or North Africa, perhaps as soon as 2024, and has

The curriculum at each of the seven peace centers has been carefully crafted to address specific aspects of the peacebuilding process.

set its sights on opening one in Latin America by 2030.

As you will discover, the curriculum at each peace center has been carefully crafted to address specific aspects of the peacebuilding process — and train the next generation of global change-makers. To learn more about the Rotary Peace Centers and how to nominate a peace fellow or apply for a fellowship, go to [rotary.org/peace-fellowships](http://rotary.org/peace-fellowships).

## ROTARY PEACE CENTERS IMPACT



**ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS ARE GIVING BACK BY SUPPORTING PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CONFLICT**

### CAREER PATH



### TOP 5 SKILLS ACQUIRED

-  Research and conflict analysis
-  Conflict resolution
-  Communication and presentation skills
-  Project planning
-  Leadership

### KEY BENEFICIARIES

- Refugees and displaced persons
- Young people
- Conflict-affected areas
- Women and children
- Impoverished communities



### PROGRAM ALUMNI

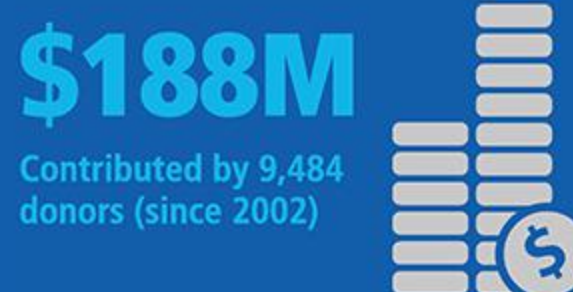


### ENGAGEMENT WITH ROTARY

**90%**  
Alumni who say they have opportunities to connect and collaborate with Rotary networks and partners



### PROGRAM DONATIONS



Sources: August 2019 Rotary Peace Fellow surveys and alumni database

## Chulalongkorn University

Bangkok

**W**hen a coup took place in Myanmar in February 2021, the peace and development studies program at Chulalongkorn University worked to recruit and support peacemakers there. Six months later, during the evacuations in Afghanistan that followed the resumption of Taliban control, the program created an entire network to get people, including more than one Chula alumnus, out of the country. “We are looking for fellows who are sitting on the front lines of conflict,” says Martine Miller, deputy director of the Rotary Peace Center at the university. Those can include a peace fellow who works with young people in prison systems in California or one focusing on at-risk youth in Kenya.

The nontraditional lecturers of the interdisciplinary one-year program have been embedded in conflict areas themselves. They include Gary Mason, a Methodist minister who has been involved in Northern Ireland’s peace process, and Jerry White, co-founder of Landmine Survivors Network, who lost part of a leg to a land mine in Israel. “It’s not the typical classroom,” says Miller. “The instructors are not professors. They’re writing articles and books. They’re out there in the field doing it. And they’re certainly not bashful.”

Since the peace center was established 17 years ago, the curriculum has evolved to include discussions of gender identity and a session on psychological well-being and trauma meant to tackle head-on the inherent stress of the conflict resolution field. Chula’s long history of innovation has paid off: Seventy-five percent of the more than 500 alumni work for United Nations and government agencies, for nongovernmental organizations, or in academia and research.

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**Salam M. Khanjar, Syria**  
CHULALONGKORN UNIVERSITY, 2021-22  
• Professional development certificate in peace and development studies, with a focus on conflict analysis, negotiation strategies, and peacebuilding

“As a Syrian refugee now living in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, everything covered during my time at the Rotary Peace Center is interesting and life touching for me. I have acquired skills that I am using in my current work to reduce gender-based violence among my Syrian refugee community and internally displaced people in Iraq. My colleagues and the lecturers at the university have expanded my knowledge with their shared experiences from different cultures and contexts. You can feel the enthusiasm they have to work on peace and save lives around the world. And it’s helpful to know that we will continue to communicate and that I can always seek support from them if I need it.”



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**Rita Martin Lopidia,**  
South Sudan

UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD, 2015-16

- Master of Arts, with a focus on international politics and security studies
- Co-founder and executive director of EVE Organization for Women Development, which focuses on women’s issues in South Sudan and Uganda, as well as peace and security issues
- Winner of the inaugural Women Building Peace Award from the U.S. Institute of Peace (2020)

“As an activist for peace and women’s rights, my experience at the Rotary Peace Center at the University of Bradford immensely improved my advocacy skills and my confidence in raising and arguing key concerns around those issues. I look at things differently, analyze nuanced issues, and back my analysis with evidence from research. Overall, my experience at the peace center contributed to my growth professionally and has motivated me to push boundaries.”

## University of Bradford

Bradford, England

**H**ome to the largest program in the world devoted to peace studies, conflict resolution, and development, this diverse public research university in northern England offers seven different master’s degrees in peace and conflict studies and has educated students from more than 50 countries. The sheer breadth of the program means Rotary Peace Fellows can focus on anything from sustainable development to contemporary security issues. “We don’t simply look at conceptual issues,” says Behrooz Morvaridi, the peace center director. “The program prepares the students to go and implement what they learn at the practical level.”

During their 15 months at Bradford, peace fellows can participate in field studies in Africa, Northern Ireland, and other locations, where they talk to political leaders and immerse themselves in the regions’ institutions and issues. The trips become real-life opportunities to see how contemporary trends involving the environment, social division, climate change, and resource scarcity can affect peace — and the ways in which communities show resilience in the face of conflict. Then there’s the trip to Oslo, Norway, to visit the Nobel Peace Center and some of the world’s preeminent peacebuilding institutions or to The Hague to learn about the International Criminal Court system in action.

The fellowship’s most popular activity, though, is the “Crisis Game,” an off-site simulated conflict management scenario of an international situation in which each student plays a role, such as ambassador, journalist, or world leader. “Students come up with great ideas to solve the problems, but [students representing] other countries come with ideas that disrupt them,” says Morvaridi. “They learn specifically what the challenges are, how politics play a role, and how difficult problems are to solve.”



## University of Queensland

Brisbane, Australia

**A**s one of Australia's largest universities, UQ has long been known as a research innovator in the social sciences, a strength reflected in the 18-month Master of Peace and Conflict Studies curriculum, which, for peace fellows, includes seminars on topics such as "embracing emotions."

Members of the school's renowned political science department focus on the role of images and emotions in shaping global politics, examining, for example, the worldwide concern for Syria's refugee crisis prompted by the heart-rending 2015 photo of a Syrian toddler washed up on the Mediterranean shore. "We all know those iconic images, and we are emotional beings," says Morgan Brigg, director of the peace center. "We can't just try to suppress that. So we embrace it."

A course in gender, peace, and security also challenges students to deconstruct "masculine" and "feminine" roles in peacemaking that traditionally equate violence with men and victimhood with women. And the program's administrators have put various systems in place to smooth each fellow's transition from their home country to life in Australia, such as a buddy system, where first-year fellows are matched with other fellows in their final semester.

The thoughtful approach to Queensland's curriculum draws a wide range of fellows — everyone from a documentary filmmaker to a former U.S. Marine — who explore and contribute to the world from a range of innovative angles, including through dance, cultural tourism, sexual education, and the prevention of online crimes. "The range of ways that fellows engage with peace and conflict is really quite diverse," says Brigg. "We want them to have the potential to be excellent professionals and innovators."

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### Emily Nabakooza, Uganda

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND, 2018-19  
• Master of Peace and Conflict Studies, with a focus on peacebuilding through education  
• Founder and executive director of the Assisi Centre for Social Justice and Peace, a youth-centered nonprofit focusing on issues related to gender inequality, social inclusion, illiteracy, and the nonviolent resolution of conflicts in Ugandan schools and communities

"My introductory course units in peace and conflict resolution confirmed to me that my professional experience could not be processed in isolation of my academic training. I understood that to make the most of my fellowship, I needed to not only unpack my personal perceptions and biases gently, but also let myself adapt, learn, and unlearn through the process. Beyond learning, my fellowship has been a steppingstone upon which I developed social and professional networks. These networks have been an excellent source of support in ways I never imagined."

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**Jamie LeSueur, Alberta**

UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, 2013-15

- Master of Social Science, with a focus on peace and conflict studies
- Head of emergency operations at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), leading humanitarian relief and disaster management efforts in disaster and conflict situations in Africa and elsewhere
- Alumnus of the Year, Uppsala University, 2020

“My Rotary Peace Fellowship provided the opportunity to learn and study in a foreign context — and the applied field experience offered me a first entry point as a delegate in the international humanitarian space. Less tangibly than the courses offered, the fellowship offered a unique exposure to a diverse cultural context that helped prepare me for international work. It's a truism that to be an effective humanitarian you must possess a strong degree of cultural awareness.”

## Uppsala University

Uppsala, Sweden

**T**he peace center at Uppsala University is known for its conflict data program, a comprehensive database of organized violence and mortality. Around the world, policymakers and practitioners from the European Union to the United Nations look to the Uppsala program as the global standard for evidence-based records — and the peace center's fellows draw upon the same scientific approach toward social issues. “There's a deep expertise here,” says Kristine Eck, the director. “Our fellows want to understand cause and effect, and that's a skill set we train them in.”

Highlights of the 20-month program include a joint trip with Bradford fellows to Oslo to visit the Nobel Peace Center; there are also extended opportunities for fellows to continue self-designed field work and research. For example, in Zambia they might focus on water and sanitation, or in Korea they could learn about nuclear nonproliferation (designed to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology while promoting nuclear disarmament and the peaceful use of nuclear energy). One student assisted in a quantitative research project that explored the relationship between a society's level of gender equality and its military effectiveness.

Sweden is proud of its history of pacifism, which enables fellows to take advantage of local events such as “Philosophy Teas,” a series of discussions about peace practitioners and philosophers led by Uppsala professor Peter Wallensteen at a century-old theater — a tradition that began as a celebration of Sweden's 200 consecutive years of peace. “There's an increased interest among our fellows in the skill set of peacebuilding,” says Eck. “A lot more people used to come to us wanting to learn about conflict.”

## Duke University and University of North Carolina Durham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**T**he Duke/UNC fellowship program is an anomaly among Rotary Peace Centers. For starters, the 21-month curriculum offers core courses in peacebuilding and brings together fellows from two college campuses 10 miles apart, which doubles students' resources and flexibility. It's also the only master's program that doesn't offer a degree in peace studies, instead focusing on international development policy at Duke and, depending on a student's interest, various academic specialties at UNC.

The holistic approach gives peace fellows the tools to enter pertinent development sectors such as public health and education, where they can prevent conflicts and promote peacebuilding through, say, improving sustainable

development and human security. The program's willingness to think outside the box leads to unusual instruction, with courses in water and sanitation and a peace- and development-related film series.

The classes offered are chosen for their direct utility in the field: Because monitoring and evaluation have become key job skills in the peacebuilding and humanitarian sectors, Duke/UNC offers a class in the evaluation of peacebuilding programs. "At the end of the day, employers don't care if you understand all the theories about diplomacy," says Susan Carroll, the center's managing director. "They want to know that you can incorporate it into projects you work on and manage projects and budgets."

## International Christian University Tokyo

**F**ounded in the wake of World War II, ICU embraces the mission of the United Nations and has a strong focus on the promise of international diplomacy. Osamu Arakaki, the program's director, was a legal officer of a UN humanitarian agency in Canberra, Australia, and associate director Herman Salton worked at the UN Headquarters in New York. The school's emphasis on intergovernmental peacekeeping organizations is underscored in classes such as "The United Nations and Sustainable Development" and "Multilateral Diplomacy."

"ICU holds a mission to foster international citizens contributing to the establishment of lasting peace," says Arakaki. "And it has formed countless UN and international organization staff members and diplomats."

The ICU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is known for its interdisciplinary program and liberal arts approach.

Fellows pursue a master's degree in peace studies within the public policy and social research program.

The 22-month peace studies program prides itself on the open dialogue between students and instructors. Classes at the graduate level are offered in English, and the student-to-faculty ratio of 18-to-1 enables ICU to realize its mission of small-group education. A field trip to Hiroshima enables students, including some who have come from war-torn countries, to hear the voices of survivors of the nuclear bomb and witness firsthand how Japan attempts to overcome genocide through reconciliation. "The horror of Hiroshima is not simply in the past," Arakaki says. "It is a real fear that the tragedy may be repeated in parts or even the whole of the globe in the future unless we make a concerted effort to avoid that situation."

## Makerere University Kampala, Uganda

**T**he newest peace center, and the first in Africa, Makerere is located in the continent's Great Lakes region, an area with a long history of conflict. This gives fellows, a large percentage of whom are from or live in Africa, a chance to interact in the direct aftermath of conflicts — or as clashes unfold in real time. But rather than pinpointing the causes of war, Makerere's curriculum teaches fellows to expand their notion of "peace" beyond a simple absence of violence and into measures of personal safety and growth.

One of the highlights of the yearlong program is an intense weeklong trip to Rwanda, where fellows see how media and ethnicity directly fed into the country's mass atrocities in 1994. To learn how spirituality influences behavior in war situations, students also visit Kibeho, a small Rwandan village where Catholic schoolgirls said they experienced apparitions

of the Virgin Mary that foretold the bloodshed. "Our fellows either interface with the people who have experienced the strife, or they are able to interact with the actual situations through our field excursions," says Helen Nambalirwa Nkabala, the peace center's director.

Makerere's curriculum, which emphasizes human rights and refugee and migration issues, encourages students to use what Nambalirwa Nkabala calls the "no-method" approach to peacebuilding — a fluid approach that, with its emphasis on indigenous participation, allows communities to engage with the peace fellows' social change initiatives rather than merely accepting predetermined solutions.

Learn more about the Rotary Peace Center in Kampala and meet six peace fellows who are members of the center's first cohort, at [rotary.org/africas-agents-change](http://rotary.org/africas-agents-change). ■



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## EPIGRAMS

When I was younger, my fetish for the unique found my way to epigrams. As they say, it is to get your points across in the form of verbal wallop.

*Epigrams are concise poems dealing pointedly and often satirically with a single thought or event and often ending with an ingenious turn of thought. - a terse, sage, or witty and often paradoxical saying.* (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/epigram>).

Let me share some of these epigrams collected through the years.

### **LEARNING FROM ADVERSITY**

Before opportunity crowns a man with great success, it usually tests him out through adversity to see what sort of mettle he is made of. If life hands you a lemon, don't complain, but convert it to lemonade and sell it to those who are thirsty from griping.

"It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness."—Eleanor Roosevelt

### **MASTERMIND**

The mind grows only through use, and declines through idleness. There is something about truth that makes it easily recognizable by all that are searching for it with open minds.

### **THE ONE LINERS FROM THE FAMOUS**

The ballot is stronger than the bullet. - Abraham Lincoln

Little sparks may ignite great Infernos. - Dante

Elevate your words, not their volume. Rain grows flowers, not thunder. - Rumi

A right delayed is a right denied. - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

If you can't be a good example, you'll just have to be a horrible warning. - Catherine the Great

▣ "So all my best is dressing old words new/Spending again what is already spent/For as the sun is daily new and old/So is my love still telling what is told" (William Shakespeare).



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