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# Rotary International Convention Highlights

IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center)  
3–9 May 2012

Thursday, 3 May

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9–10:30 a.m.

**Rotary World Peace Symposium (3–5 May)**

Grand Diamond Ballroom

The three-day symposium brings together students and alumni of Rotary's [Peace Centers](#) program, a peace studies initiative that provides future leaders with the skills and tools needed to resolve conflicts and promote peace.

**Plenary Speaker (9 a.m.)**

[Emmanuel Jal](#)

Peace activist and former Sudanese child soldier.

Friday, 4 May

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9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

**Rotaract Preconvention Meeting**

Phoenix Rooms 1-4

Rotaract is organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults ages 18-30. There are more than 8,000 clubs in 167 countries.

**Keynote Address (9:30 a.m.)**

**Oliver Segovia**

Filipino Rotarian, co-author of the book "Passion and Purpose: Stories from the Best and Brightest Young Business Leaders".

**Plenary Session (4–5 p.m.)**

Keynote address by Rotary International President [Kalyan Banerjee](#).

Remarks by Rotary International CEO [John Hewko](#).

9–10 a.m.

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**Plenary Speaker (9 a.m.)**

[Sakuji Tanaka](#), Rotary International President-elect

Polio eradication and world peace will be Sakuji Tanaka's top priorities as Rotary's 102nd president 2012-13. Tanaka will hold peace forums in Berlin, Honolulu and Hiroshima during his one-year term.

2:30–4 p.m.

**Rotary World Peace Symposium**

Grand Diamond Ballroom

**Plenary Speaker (3:30 p.m.)**

**Angélique Kidjo**

Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and peace advocate. She also is a Rotary celebrity ambassador for polio eradication.

Saturday, 5 May

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- 9:25 a.m. **Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting**  
Sapphire 101-104  
**Special Recognition: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rotary Youth Exchange in Japan**  
Plaque presentation to Rotary International President-elect Sakuji Tanaka from Australian Rotary members commemorating 50 years of Rotary [Youth Exchange](#) in Japan. A 1962 youth exchange between Japan and Australia helped ease post-war tensions.
- 10:30–11:15 a.m. **House of Friendship Exhibition Grand Opening Ceremony**  
Challenger 3 (Hall)  
Welcome and opening remarks:
  - Noraseth Pathmanand – Chair, Host Organization Committee
  - Kalyan Banerjee – President, Rotary InternationalEntertainment:
  - International Drum Performance & Blessing Dance by Ongsasilpa
  - “Veerachai Monkey,” Monkey Mask Dance (Khon, Thai Classical Dance) by Fine Arts Department, Banditpatanasilpa Institute
  - Sawasdee Dance by Srinakarinwirot University
  - Flower PresentationHundreds of successful projects undertaken by Rotary members worldwide to address such issues as polio eradication, malaria, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, pollution and the global water shortage will be on display 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. from 5 to 9 May.
- 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. **Rotary World Peace Symposium Closing Plenary Session**  
Grand Diamond Ballroom  
The three-day symposium brings together students and alumni of Rotary’s [Peace Centers](#) program, a peace studies initiative that provides future leaders with the skills and tools needed to resolve conflicts and promote peace.  
**Keynote Address** (12 noon)  
**Leymah Gbowee**  
Liberian Peace Activist, [2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate](#).

Sunday, 6 May

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- 9 a.m.–5 p.m. **House of Friendship exhibits**  
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- 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. **Rotary International Convention Grand Opening Ceremony**  
Challenger 1 and 2 (Halls)  
**Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Walailak Akra Rajakumari will represent His Majesty the King** at the convention opening ceremony. Dramatic ceremony features a flag presentation of the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs serve their communities, followed by a keynote address by Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee. Pop star **Tata Young** will sing the National Anthem of Thailand.

Monday, 7 May

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- 9 a.m.–6 p.m. **House of Friendship exhibits**  
Challenger 3  
Hundreds of successful projects undertaken by Rotary members worldwide to address such issues as polio eradication, malaria, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, pollution and the global water shortage will be on display from 5 to 9 May.

9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. **Plenary Session**  
Challenger 1 and 2 (Halls)  
**Hugh Evans** (9:30 a.m.)  
Co-founder and CEO, [Global Poverty Project](#).  
**Angélique Kidjo** (10 a.m.)  
Grammy Award–winning singer-songwriter, peace advocate, and [Rotary Ambassador](#) for polio eradication.  
**Gillian Sorensen** (11 a.m.)  
Senior Advisor/National Advocate, [United Nations Foundation](#).  
**Dr. Muhammad Yunus** (11:30 a.m.)  
[2006 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate](#); Founder, [Grameen Bank](#).

2–4 p.m. **Thailand’s Biggest Smile**  
IMPACT Arena  
2,012 Rotary members will gather to participate in the world’s biggest smile as judged by “Ripley’s Believe it or Not”. The number of participants is a reflection of the convention year, and the year Rotary reached its US\$200 million (6.1 billion baht) fundraising challenge for polio eradication.

Tuesday, 8 May

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9 a.m.–6 p.m. **House of Friendship exhibits**  
Challenger 3  
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9:15–11:45 a.m. **Plenary Session**  
Challenger 1 and 2 (Halls)  
**Amanda Martin** (9:30 a.m.)  
2011 Alumna, [Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University](#) in Bangkok.  
Amanda Martin currently works as Displaced Persons Public Health Curriculum development coordinator in the Global Health Access Program at [Community Partners International](#).  
**Dr. Bruce Aylward** (11 a.m.)  
Assistant Director-General for Polio, Emergencies and Country Collaboration for the World Health Organization.  
[Dr. Bruce Aylward](#) will give an update on the status of polio eradication – Rotary’s top priority. Rotary launched its polio eradication program in 1985, and in 1988 helped launch the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). Since then, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from more than 350,000 cases a year to fewer than 700 in 2011.

#### **Laser Show – Rotary celebrates**

Rotary members to date have contributed more than \$1 billion (30.7 billion baht) in support of polio eradication. Rotary members will celebrate their success in raising more than \$200 million (6.1 billion baht) in new funding for polio eradication in response to a \$355 million (10.9 billion baht) challenge grant from the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#).

2:30–4 p.m. **PolioPlus Advocacy Workshop**  
Sapphire 4  
Rotary leaders will discuss strategies to help engage the [G8](#) countries and other donor governments to ramp up their funding support for polio eradication at this critical time. An intensive workshop will include representatives and panelists, including Robert Pennicott, a Rotary member who circumnavigated Australia to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication.

Wednesday, 9 May

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**Plenary Session**

Challenger 1 and 2 (Halls)

**His Excellency Dr. José Ramos-Horta** (11 a.m.)

President of the Republic of Timor Leste and 1996 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

# Keynote Speaker Profiles

## HUGH EVANS

Co-founder and CEO, Global Poverty Project



Hugh Evans, co-founder and CEO of the [Global Poverty Project](#) (GPP), is an Australian humanitarian and an internationally renowned development advocate.

In October 2011, GPP held an End of Polio concert to coincide with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, Australia, in which Australia committed \$50 million to the polio eradication effort. GPP has raised a total of US\$110 million in its grassroots The End of Polio campaign.

Evans was also the leader of the successful Make Poverty History campaign, which included illuminating the sails of Sydney's famous Opera House with faces of poverty and a globally broadcast concert involving humanitarian/international pop star Bono of the band U2. The shared outcome was a change in government policy, resulting in an additional \$4.3 billion per annum for the world's poorest.

In 2002, Evans set up the [Oak Tree Foundation](#), Australia's first youth run aid organization whose mission is, "Young people working together to end global poverty." He was named Young Australian of the Year in 2004.

## ANGÉLIQUE KIDJO

Singer-songwriter, Activist



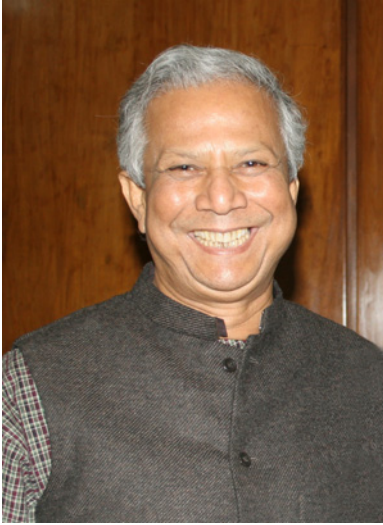
Angélique Kidjo is a Grammy Award–winning singer-songwriter and activist who was named as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador in 2002. She has since joined about two dozen celebrities and public figures in support of Rotary's ["This Close"](#) polio eradication awareness campaign. In addition, Kidjo has partnered with many groups, including Oxfam, International Federation of Human Rights, and Amnesty International, in campaigns centered on peace, clean water, AIDS/HIV awareness and human rights.

In 2006, Kidjo founded Batonga Foundation, which provides girls throughout Africa with secondary school and higher education opportunities. Batonga Foundation is working in five African nations: Benin, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Mali and Sierra Leone. The foundation grants scholarships, builds secondary schools, increases student enrollment, improves teaching standards, provides school supplies, supports mentor programs, explores alternative education models, and advocates to raise community awareness about the value of education for girls.

In December 2011, she performed her composition "Malaika" at the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony.

## DR. MUHAMMAD YUNUS

Founder, Grameen Bank



Dr. Muhammad Yunus is a Nobel Peace Prize winning economist and founder of the [Grameen Bank](#) (Village Bank) in Bangladesh, which he started in 1983, specializing in small loans to the poor. He and the bank received the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to foster economic and social development. With 2,554 branches, Grameen Bank serves 84,237 villages, more than 97 percent of the total villages in Bangladesh. The bank has lent over \$7 billion to poor people with near 100 percent repayment rate, since its inception.

Yunus also established a number of companies in Bangladesh to reduce poverty and spur development, focusing on such issues as technology, textile production, education, and healthcare services. He is also founder of Grameen Trust, which extends the Grameen microcredit system all over the world.

Yunus received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in economics from Dhaka University in Bangladesh and a Ph.D. in economics from Vanderbilt University in the United States. He is a past recipient of the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace.

## EMMANUEL JAL

Former Sudanese child soldier, social justice advocate, entertainer



A former child soldier on the front lines of combat in war-torn Sudan, Emmanuel Jal has turned his life around and is now hailed as the “rising star of African hip hop.” “WARchild,” his third album and international solo debut, launched Jal into the spotlight for its profound, empowering messages of peace and reconciliation. As the central figure of the internationally acclaimed [WarChild](#) documentary, Jal has quickly become an international icon representing social justice and human rights.

Jal played alongside Moby at The Concert to End Slavery and performed at Nelson Mandela’s 90th Birthday Celebration. He makes his acting debut in the upcoming motion picture, “Africa United,” which depicts an Africa few people see. Jal’s first book, “War Child: A Child Soldier’s Story,” was released in 2009 to rave reviews.

Jal is a spokesperson for Amnesty International and Oxfam and has done work for Save the Children, UNICEF, World Food Programme, and Christian Aid. Jal is also the founder of GUA Africa, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and ensuring sustainable development of local communities in Sub Saharan Africa.

## LEYMAH GBOWEE

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, peace activist



Leymah Gbowee is a Liberian peace activist responsible for leading a women's peace movement that brought an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003. This led to the election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as Liberia's president, female elected head-of-state in Africa president. She, Sirleaf, and Tawakkul Karman, received the [2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate](#) "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

## AMANDA MARTIN

Alumna, Chulalongkorn University Rotary Peace Center



Amanda Martin is a 2011 alumna of the [Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University](#) in Bangkok. She currently works as Displaced Persons Public Health Curriculum development coordinator in the Global Health Access Program at [Community Partners International](#).

Martin's career focus is the protection of human rights in developing countries. Prior to taking her position with Community Partners International, she supported human rights in Burma for ALTSEAN-Burma, a network of organizations and individuals based in the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian nations. She has also worked as director of the Guatemala Human Rights Commission.

## GILLIAN SORENSEN

Senior Advisor/National Advocate, United Nations Foundation



Gillian Sorensen is the senior advisor/national advocate at the [United Nations Foundation](#), an organization launched in 1998 by Ted Turner's historic billion dollar gift to help further the goals of the United Nations.

Sorensen has had a long career working with and for the UN, serving in a variety of capacities including assistant secretary-general for external relations on appointment by then-Secretary-General Kofi Annan, special adviser for public policy on appointment by then-Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and the New York City commissioner for the United Nations.

Sorensen is a graduate of Smith College and studied at the Sorbonne. She has been a fellow at the Kennedy School of Government (Institute of Politics) at Harvard University. She is a frequent speaker on United Nations issues and the US-UN relationship. She is a member of the

Council on Foreign Relations and the Women's Foreign Policy Group. In addition to her public service, she has been a delegate to three U.S. Presidential conventions.

## DR. JOSÉ RAMOS-HORTA

President, East Timor



Dr. José Ramos-Horta, president of East Timor, is a political activist who, along with Bishop [Carlos F.X. Belo](#), received the 1996 [Nobel Peace Prize](#) for their efforts to bring peace and independence to [East Timor](#). Ramos-Horta became prime minister of East Timor in 2006 and was elected president in 2007.

After studying law in the United States, Ramos-Horta returned to East Timor to participate in the independence movement. He eventually was exiled and settled in Sydney, Australia, where he joined the faculty of the University of New South Wales. He became one of the primary voices for East Timor in the international arena, speaking out against human rights violations and promoting a peace plan to end the violence in his country. After receiving the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1996, he gave the award and prize money to a program called Microcredit for the

Poor. Ramos-Horta returned to East Timor in 1999, and the following year was appointed foreign minister. His term as president will end on 19 May.

# Rotary Leaders

**KALYAN BANERJEE** – Rotary International President (*July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012*)



Kalyan Banerjee is chair of United Phosphorus, Bangladesh, and a director of United Phosphorus Ltd., one of the largest manufacturers of agrochemicals in India, and Uniphos Agro Industries Ltd. He is a resident of Vapi, Gujarat, where he has contributed significantly to its development as one of the largest industrial estates in India, helping to provide infrastructure for health care and education.

Banerjee earned a degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi since 1972. He rose through the leadership ranks of the local, regional, and international levels of Rotary, culminating in his current one-year term as president, which began July 1, 2011.

Banerjee is also active in many other organizations, including the American Chemical Society, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, and the Senate of the Vishva-Bharati University. He has served twice as president of Vapi Industries Association and is a past chair of the Gujarat Council of the Confederation of Indian Industry. In addition, he is a trustee for the Jai Research Foundation.

**SAKUJI TANAKA** – Rotary International President-elect (*July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013*)



Sakuji Tanaka was chairman of the Daika Company and president of the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan. He and his wife Kyoko live in Yashio, Saitama, Japan, where Tanaka has also served as the vice president of Yashio City Chamber of Commerce.

A member of the Rotary Club of Yashio since its charter in 1975, Tanaka will begin his one-year term as Rotary International's next President begins on July 1, 2012.

Tanaka is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award. In addition, he established the Endowed World Peace Fellowship for the Rotary Foundation.

**WILLIAM B. BOYD** – Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2011-2012



William B. Boyd is a retired general manager of Gordon & Gotch Magazines, Ltd., from Howick, Auckland, New Zealand, where he lives with his wife, Lorna.

A Rotary member since 1971, Boyd is a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga. He is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award. He has also received a Meritorious Service Award from Rotary Down Under.

Boyd is a current Trustee of New Zealand's Trees for Survival Trust and the June Gray Trust. He was awarded the Queen's Service Order for community service in the 2007 New Zealand Honours List.

# Rotary brings the world to Bangkok

*Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn will represent His Majesty the King at the Rotary convention opening ceremony*

**BANGKOK (20 April 2012)** – The “Land of a thousand smiles” will host Rotary’s annual international convention on 6-9 May, attracting more than 35,000 member registrants from over 160 countries.

Often described as a “mini-United Nations” because of its global scope and cultural diversity, the humanitarian service organization’s always colorful convention is expected to inject more than US\$100 million (3 billion baht) into the local economy during its run at [IMPACT Muang Thong Thani](#) (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center).

**Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Walailak Akra Rajakumari will represent His Majesty the King** at the convention opening ceremony (10:30 a.m. Sunday, 6 May) in *Challenger 1 and 2 (halls)*. Flags of the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs serve their communities will be presented on stage, followed by a performance of the National Anthem of Thailand by pop star **Tata Young**. A plenary address by Rotary International president [Kalyan Banerjee](#), will follow at 12 Noon.

The convention gives members of the volunteer service group the opportunity to share success stories, exchange ideas, and renew acquaintances. The IMPACT Center will be transformed into a kaleidoscope of energy, color and excitement as Rotary members participate in a broad agenda of plenary sessions, workshops and other activities focused on how Rotary clubs help improve communities worldwide through volunteer service. Displays showcasing hundreds of Rotary’s humanitarian and education projects and programs will be open daily to convention registrants at the aptly named ‘House of Friendship’ exhibition area from 5-9 May in *Challenger 3 (Hall)*.

Rotary’s top priority is the global eradication of polio, a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in portions of Africa and Asia. The fight against polio is particularly important to the convention leader, Rotary International President [Kalyan Banerjee](#), of Gujarat, India. In January, his

homeland, once an epicenter of the disease, reached a historic milestone by going an entire year without recording a single new polio case, followed by its removal in February from the World Health Organization’s list of polio-endemic countries.

Rotary launched its polio eradication program in 1985, and in 1988 helped launch the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion (30.7 billion baht) and countless volunteer hours to the effort.

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Anna Holmbraker of Key Largo, Fla., traveled to India with a group of over 40 Rotary members from around the globe to personally immunize children against polio. *Jean-Marc Giboux*

eradication. The fundraising milestone was reached in response to a \$355 million (10.9 billion baht) challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All funds are earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where this vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

[Dr. Bruce Aylward](#), assistant director-general for Polio, Emergencies, and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization, will give an update on the status of polio eradication (11 a.m. Tuesday, 8 May) in *Challenger 1 and 2 (Halls)*.

Other highlights include keynote speakers [Dr. Muhammad Yunus](#) (11:30 a.m. Monday, 7 May), 2006 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, an honor he shared with [Grameen Bank](#); Hugh Evans (9:30 a.m. Monday, 7 May), co-founder and CEO of the [Global Poverty Project](#); Angelique Kidjo (10 a.m. Monday, 7 May), Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and peace advocate; Amanda Martin (9:30 a.m. Tuesday, 8 May), 2011 alumna of the [Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University](#) in Bangkok now with the Global Health Access Program; and Dr. José Ramos-Horta (11 a.m. Wednesday, 9 May), President of the Republic of Timor Leste and 1996 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.

Preceding the convention will be the Rotary World Peace Symposium, a three-day conference that will bring together more than 150 students and alumni of Rotary's [Peace Centers Program](#), a peace studies initiative that provides future leaders with the skills and tools needed to resolve conflicts and promote peace. Also in attendance will be approximately 250 Rotary members and other supporters of Rotary's peace efforts from around the world.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate [Leymah Gbowee](#) (12 Noon, Saturday, 5 May) will deliver the keynote address at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, where students and alumni of Rotary's [Peace Centers Program](#) that will take part in a dialogue on peace-building 3-5 May at the *Grand Diamond Ballroom at the IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center)*.

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# 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee to speak at Rotary World Peace Symposium

*Chulalongkorn University one of six Rotary Peace Centers*

**BANGKOK (3-5 May, 2012)** – Nobel Peace Prize laureate Leymah Gbowee will deliver the keynote address at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, where students and alumni of Rotary's [Peace Centers Program](#) will take part in a dialogue on peace-building 3-5 May at the *Grand Diamond Ballroom, IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center)*.

Gbowee, who will speak at 12 noon on Saturday, 5 May, led the women's peace movement that brought an end to the Second Liberian Civil War in 2003, leading to the election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as Liberia's president, Africa's first female elected head-of-state. Gbowee Sirleaf and Tawakkul Karman received the [2011 Nobel Peace Prize](#) "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and for women's rights to full participation in peace-building work."

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An international organization of volunteer service clubs, [Rotary](#) each year since 2002 sponsors up to 60 scholars who embark on one to two years of study to earn master's-level degrees in peace and conflict resolution at Rotary Centers for International Studies at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Sweden, and the United States.

- Uppsala University, Sweden
- University of Bradford, UK
- University of Queensland, Australia
- International Christian University, Japan
- Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA

The [Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University](#) in Bangkok, established in 2004, offers a three-month professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies each year to 50 mid-level professionals working in related fields, such as public health, education, international law, economic development, journalism, and social justice.

Since the program's inception, nearly 650 alumni of Rotary's Peace Centers from 97 countries have assumed key decision-making positions in governments and organizations around the world.

Amanda Martin, a 2011 alumna of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University, will speak at the Rotary International Convention (9:30 a.m. Tuesday, 8 May - *Challenger 1 and 2*), which will immediately follow the Rotary World Peace Symposium.

Martin currently works as Displaced Persons Public Health Curriculum development coordinator in the Global Health Access Program at [Community Partners International](#). Her career focus is the protection of human rights in developing countries. Prior to her current position, she supported human rights in

Burma for the organization ALTSEAN-Burma, a network of organizations and individuals based in the member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Since 1905, Rotary clubs have embraced the call for peace at the grass-roots level by addressing the underlying causes of conflict and violence such as hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

“Rotary clubs work locally and internationally to make the world a better and more peaceful place one person, one family, and one community at a time,” said William B. Boyd, chair of The Rotary Foundation, the charity arm of Rotary International.

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# With India's success, Southeast Asia now approaches polio-free certification

**BANGKOK (8 May 2012)** – As more than 35,000 Rotary members from 160 countries gather in Bangkok for the international humanitarian organization's annual convention, a major topic will be the recent success of the polio eradication effort in Asia.

In February, India, once the world's largest global exporter of polio cases, became the last country in Southeast Asia (as defined by the World Health Organization) to be removed from the polio-endemic list. If it remains polio-free for three years, the region, which includes Thailand, could be certified polio-free.

Thailand has been polio-free since 2001. In the early 1980s, there were approximately 300 cases reported in Thailand every year, with a sharp decline by 1990, two years after Rotary helped launch the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), along with spearheading partners the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Since then, polio cases have plunged 99 percent worldwide, from 350,000 cases a year to fewer than 700 in 2011. Only three countries remain polio-endemic: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. However, other nations remain at risk for infections "imported" from the endemic countries. To date, Rotary clubs worldwide have contributed more than US\$1 billion (30.7 billion baht) to the effort.

The Rotary convention will focus on polio eradication on Tuesday, 8 May:

- [Dr. Bruce Aylward](#), WHO assistant director-general for polio, emergencies, and Country Collaboration, will give an update on the status of polio eradication (11 a.m., Tuesday, 8 May) in *Challenger 1 and 2 (Halls)*, [IMPACT Muang Thong Thani](#) (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center).
- A laser show will immediately follow in the plenary hall as Rotary members celebrate their success in raising more than \$200 million (6.1 billion baht) in new funding for polio eradication. The fundraising milestone was reached in response to a \$355 million (10.9 billion baht) challenge grant from the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). All funds are earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where this vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.
- That same day, Rotary leaders will discuss strategies to help engage the [G8](#) and other donor governments to contribute the funds that are critically-needed to achieve success (2:30- 4 p.m., Tuesday, 8 May) *Jupiter Hall 6 IMPACT Muang Thong Thani* (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center). An intensive workshop will include representatives and panelists including, Aziz Memon, Rotary's National PolioPlus chair for Pakistan; Simon Moss, co-chair of the Global Poverty Project; Robert Pennicott, a Rotary member who circumnavigated Australia to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication; and Ezra Teshome, a TIME Magazine Global Health Hero and Rotary member who lead teams of volunteers on immunization missions over a decade.

[Rotary](#) is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary's global membership is approximately 1.2 million men and women who belong to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's top priority is the global eradication of polio.

To access broadcast quality video footage and still photos of Rotary members immunizing children against polio available go to: [Media Center](#).

# 2012 Project Exhibition Highlights

On display at Rotary's "House of Friendship" at the IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center), Challenger 3 (Hall) will be hundreds of successful humanitarian service projects undertaken by Rotary members worldwide to address such issues as polio eradication, malaria, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, pollution and the global water shortage. Exhibit highlights include:

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## PolioPlus — Eradicating the crippling disease poliomyelitis

Do you know what an iron lung is? See one in person at the Rotary convention. Many people today have never heard of the artificial breathing machine that thousands of polio victims once relied on for their very lives. That's because Rotary and its partners -- the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF -- have almost succeeded in their 24-year effort to eradicate this crippling childhood disease. But children in parts of Africa and Asia remain at risk even today. Learn about the final push to achieve a polio-free world and how Rotary has teamed up with the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) to provide \$605 million (18.6 billion baht) to help [end polio](#).

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## Rotary Peace Centers

In an effort to educate tomorrow's peacemakers and diplomats, up to 110 [Rotary Peace Center](#) fellows are sponsored each year to study in areas related to peace and conflict resolution at one of seven partner universities around the world. Since 2002, nearly 650 fellows from over 97 countries have participated in the program. Alumni are currently working in grassroots and local nongovernmental organizations, national governments, the military, law enforcement, and bilateral and international organizations such as the United Nations, World Bank, International Organization for Migration, and Organization of American States. Come meet some of the alumni in the Peace Centers booth.

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## Rotarians Against Malaria

Every 30 seconds a child dies from malaria, a disease spread through mosquito bites that kill up to three million children in Africa annually. According to the World Health Organization, insecticide-treated bed nets are the most cost effective way to prevent malaria. The Rotary Club of Cataraqui Kingston, Canada, [Buy-A-Net](#) has partnered with the Kololo Rotary Club in Kampala, Uganda, to provide 10,500 bed nets for an estimated 42,000 people in the District of Kawempe, Uganda. Along with helping to prevent malaria, the provision of bed nets serves as a catalyst for better health and community wellness practices.

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## Artificial Limbs Project of the Rotary Club of Karachi

Rotary clubs have held more than 50 "limb camps" throughout India and Pakistan to fit amputees and polio victims in remote areas with effective, inexpensive prostheses called [Jaipur Limbs](#). This project uses a more durable, longer wearing prosthesis that is vastly less expensive to manufacture and fit than the typical prosthesis used in developed countries. An artificial limb can be made and fitted for as little as \$38 (1,169 baht). Each temporary camp provides free treatment to about 3,000 patients over a two-week period.

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## Maternal and child health in Nigeria

Rotary club members in Nigeria, with support from Rotary clubs in Germany and Austria, launched a pilot project to prevent and treat obstetric fistula - a life-threatening condition that can have dire consequences for new mothers and their babies. Obstetric fistula impacts an estimated two million women often resulting in stillbirth and chronic injury. About half the victims reside in Nigeria. The \$1.2 million (36 million baht) project includes a public awareness campaign on fistula prevention, production of an educational radio drama, special training for health professionals, and a patient rehabilitation program.

## Congo Water Project

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Nearly three out of four rural Congolese do not have access to safe clean drinking water. Community health leaders say, "Access to clean water is our number one need." The village water wells provided by this project will improve health, increase food production, promote a higher standard of living, and enhance education. The Congo Water project is a partnership of the Rotary Clubs of Indianapolis Northeast (Indiana, USA) along with four other clubs. The goal is to develop a Congolese water well drilling company. Upon arrival of the equipment in Congo, a US team will travel to Kananga and the drill initial wells while training Congolese nationals. Continued joint US-Congolese teams will be used to drill additional water wells.

## Adopt a Village

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Founded in 2006 by volunteers Frank and Kathie Mayhew of the Rotary club of Sebastopol, Calif., USA, the Adopt a Village project is now supported by over 50 clubs in the western United States and Canada. An additional 25 clubs also contribute funds. A Rotary club adopts a village in a developing country, initially providing necessities such as clean water, mosquito nets, agricultural assistance and educational support. As the village improves, more advanced economic development and quality-of-life projects follow. Adopt a Village projects are currently underway in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

## ShelterBox

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Every year, thousands of families across the world lose everything when disasters strike. Now an official "project partner" of Rotary International, [ShelterBox](#) was founded by UK Rotarian Tom Henderson in 2000 as a way to help victims of these disasters survive the immediate aftermath by providing aid in the form of food and medicine. Adopted by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, UK, as its millennium project, ShelterBox has since become an internationally recognized disaster relief charity with a network of international affiliates. Since its inception, volunteers have responded to all types of disasters and conflicts, delivering emergency humanitarian aid to families worldwide, from the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami to the 2010 Haiti earthquake to the recent floods in Thailand.



After the 2011 floods in Thailand, many were left homeless. ShelterBox, now Rotary's official disaster relief partner, distributed 448 boxes, 1,000 tents, 3,500 mosquito nets, and eight boxes of school supplies to the affected communities.

## Unite to Light

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[Unite to Light](#) provides low-cost lighting to those without electricity, while eliminating the health and environmental issues associated with common non-electric light sources, such as kerosene. Unite to Light fosters education and improvement in the quality of life in developing countries by providing safe, efficient, and inexpensive solar-powered LED. Over 10,000 lights have been sent to 24 countries on four continents. Several Rotary clubs are involved in Unite to Light, bringing light to Costa Rica, South Sudan, Ghana and Niger. The Rotary Club of Carpinteria Morning, in California, USA, recently implemented a grant for 1,800 Unite to Light lights for an orphanage and school supported by the Mahuva Riverside Rotary Club in India.

## Project Peanut Butter

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Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) kills more than 3.5 million children worldwide each year—more than HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria combined. Founded in 2004 by Dr. Mark Manary, [Project Peanut Butter](#) works with local farmers in Africa to produce a high-calorie, fortified peanut butter-like paste, called Chiponde. Project Peanut Butter annually manufactures between 1,000 and 1,250 tons of Chiponde in its own facilities in Malawi, Sierra Leone and Mali. In the last six years many Rotary

members have contributed to the project, helping to alleviate hunger in Haiti, Somalia, and the other countries in the Horn of Africa.

#### Thailand Safe Water Project

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Developed in 2006, the Northeast Thailand Safe Water Project has eliminated the risk of waterborne diseases for more than 30,000 Thai villagers. The project is a model of sustainability, having enabled dozens of communities to produce and consume safe, filtered, sanitized water on a daily basis. By purifying the water, the project is limiting the number of waterborne diseases which in turn allows families to live healthier, more productive lives, and has had a significant financial impact on each community.

#### Kids Around the World Playgrounds

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[Kids Around the World](#) was founded in 1994 to provide safe playground facilities for children in resource-strapped communities with limited recreational opportunities. In 2003, Minnesota (USA) Rotary members built Bangkok's largest playground in Lumpini Park and are building two more during the 2012 Convention, one in Her Majesty the Queen's 60th Birthday Park in Bangkok (a partnership between the Rotary Club of St. Louis Park, Minn., and the Rotary Club of Bangrak) and the other in Korat.

# Rotary Fact Sheet

## Rotary

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[Rotary](#) is a global service organization on the forefront of tackling major humanitarian challenges facing the world today including maternal and child health, clean water and sanitation and disease prevention and treatment. Rotary's 1.2 million members are business and professional leaders who volunteer their expertise, compassion and power to improve communities at home and abroad in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's 34,000 clubs offer resources and local expertise to develop and implement effective, sustainable projects that address critical issues such as hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

## Polio Eradication

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Rotary's top goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. Since launching its [PolioPlus](#) program in 1985, and helping to establish the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) in 1988, Rotary and its partners are close to eliminating the second human disease in history after smallpox. The incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent, from more than 350,000 cases in 1988, to fewer than 700 in 2011. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion (30.7 billion baht) and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. This year, Rotary raised more than \$200 million (6.1 billion baht) in new money for polio eradication in response to a \$355 million (10.9 billion baht) challenge grant from the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$8 billion to the effort.



Since Rotary launched its polio eradication program in 1985, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent thanks to Rotary volunteers who help immunize children. *Jean-Marc Giboux*

## Peace and Conflict Resolution

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Rotary strives to promote peace through education. Each year, up to 100 scholars are sponsored to study at one of the six [Rotary Peace Centers](#) for a master's level degree or professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Sweden, Thailand and the United States. Since the program's inception in 2002, nearly 650 alumni of Rotary's Peace Centers from 97 countries are in key decision-making positions in governments and organizations around the world.

## Education and Literacy

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Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international [scholarships](#), with thousands of young men and women studying abroad each year. Since 1947, The Rotary Foundation has sponsored more than 41,000 scholars from over 130 countries at a cost of \$532 million (16.3 billion baht). Rotary clubs also coordinate a high school-age student exchange program that sends approximately 8,500 students abroad each year.

Rotary clubs work to improve literacy rates worldwide. A unique, Rotary-pioneered approach called the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) has proven very effective in resource-strapped developing countries. It was so successful in Thailand, that the Thai government adopted the program nationwide.

## Maternal and Child Health

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Rotary partnered with [Aga Khan University](#) to improve maternal and child health in East Africa by enhancing the training of nurses and midwives.

## Water and Sanitation

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A group of boys fill up their cans at a borehole donated by the Rotary Club of Muyenga, Uganda, as part of the fight against malaria, poverty, hunger and illiteracy.

A centerpiece of Rotary's emphasis on water and sanitation issues is the [International H2O Collaboration](#), an alliance between Rotary International and U.S. Agency for International Development. Launched in 2009, it works to implement long-term, sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world. In 2011, Rotary established a partnership with [UNESCO-IHE](#), a United Nations institute in The Netherlands that is the world's largest postgraduate water education facility. Rotary clubs will select and sponsor eight students each year for scholarships leading to master's degrees in specified program areas.

## Economic and Community Development

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Rotary invests in people to generate sustainable economic growth. Rotary supports grassroots entrepreneurs in disadvantaged communities, and helps prepare young people and women for meaningful work. Rotary forged a partnership with [Oikocredit](#) to develop successful entrepreneurs in developing countries with microcredit loans.

## Disease Prevention and Treatment

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Rotary launched a partnership with Mercy Ships to improve the delivery of vital health care services in West Africa. Through the partnership, Rotary clubs and districts will assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals to work with [Mercy Ships](#) medical staff to perform or assist in life-changing surgeries. The Rotary volunteers also will share their expertise through training programs aimed at enhancing the skills of local health care professionals.

## Rotary and New Generations

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Volunteerism is of great interest to young people today. Rotary has two robust adjunct organizations that cater to youth while promoting volunteer service, leadership and professional development. [Interact](#) is a service organization sponsored by Rotary clubs for youth ages 12-18. It has more than 12,300 clubs in 133 countries. [Rotaract](#) is organized by Rotary clubs to promote leadership, professional development, and service among young adults ages 18-30. There are more than 8,000 clubs in 167 countries.

# Rotary and Polio

## Polio

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Poliomyelitis (polio) is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system, and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age, but mainly affects children under five years of age.

## PolioPlus

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In 1985, Rotary International created PolioPlus – a program to immunize all the world's children against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion (30.7 billion baht) and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. This year, Rotary raised more than \$200 million (6.1 billion baht) in new money for polio eradication in response to a \$355 million (10.9 billion baht) challenge grant from the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#). These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$8 billion (245.9 billion baht) to the effort.

## Polio Today

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Today, endemic wild poliovirus has been eliminated from all but three countries in the world (Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan), and fewer than 700 cases were reported worldwide in 2011. Though great progress has been made, challenges remain. Overall, the quality of immunization campaigns must be improved, and more funding is critically needed. In response, governments, donors and international agencies have endorsed a plan with clear milestones to tackle these and other challenges to a polio-free world.

## Global Polio Eradication Initiative

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With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of a global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Since its launch in 1988, the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) - spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF, along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. At the time, more than 125 countries were polio-endemic, and more than 350,000 children were paralysed by the disease each year.

## Rotarians in Action

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Besides raising funds, over one million men and women of Rotary have donated their time and personal resources to help immunize nearly two billion children during mass immunization campaigns. Rotarians prepare and distribute mass communication tools to get the message to those isolated by conflict, geography or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, administer the vaccine to children and provide other logistical support.

## Lasting Legacy

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The savings of polio eradication are estimated at \$40-50 billion (1.2-1.5 trillion baht) - funds that could be used to address other public health priorities. The savings in human suffering will be immeasurable.

# Rotary in Thailand

Rotary reached Thailand in 1930, when His Royal Highness Prince Purachatra founded the Rotary Club of Bangkok after learning about Rotary from James W. Davidson, Rotary International general commissioner for the formation of Rotary clubs in Asia. Thailand's first Rotary club was an English speaking club with 69 founding members from 15 countries.

The Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Thailand's second club, was chartered in June, 1958, followed by the Rotary Club of Bangkok South in 1961. Other clubs followed in rapid succession, until today there are more than 280 clubs in Thailand with a total of more than 7,000 members.

In 2002-03, Bhichai Rattakul became the first Thai to serve as president of Rotary International. Other Rotary leaders from Thailand include Noraseth Pathmanand, who chairs the Host Organization Committee for the Bangkok convention, and Rotarian Saowalak Rattanavich, who helped bring the concentrated language encounter (CLE) literacy method to more than 30 countries, using Thai universities as a training base.

The [Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University](#) in Bangkok is one of six Rotary [Peace Centers](#) that sponsor up to 100 scholars each year to pursue a master's level degree or professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution. Other Rotary Peace Centers are located at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Sweden and the United States. Since the program's inception in 2002, more than 600 alumni of Rotary's Peace Centers are in key decision-making positions in governments and organizations around the world.

Rotary has contributed more than US\$14 million (430.3 million baht) since 1965 to help local clubs in Thailand implement and execute more than 1,000 humanitarian service projects, such as HIV/AIDS education and prevention, clean drinking water systems in 17 provincial schools, and CLE adult literacy for women.

After the 2004 earthquake and resulting tsunami affected Thailand and other countries in Southeast Asia, Rotary clubs around the world raised more than \$6 million (184.4 million baht), of which more than \$550,000 (16 million baht) was used to support long-term recovery projects in Thailand.

In response to the 2011 flooding in Thailand, The Rotary Foundation

established the Rotary Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund, which supports relief and recovery projects in the affected areas.

Even as they coped with their own personal and professional losses and pitched in to rebuild their communities, Bangkok area Rotary club members remained determined that the humanitarian organization's most important annual meeting would be held in their city. Their dream will be realized May 5-9, 2012, when more than 35,000 Rotary members from around the world will meet at the IMPACT Muang Thong Thani (Arena, Exhibition and Convention Center). The convention's economic impact is estimated at \$100 million (3 billion baht).



A woman, widowed by the 2004 tsunami, receives help from volunteers to rebuild her home on the island of Koh Kho Khao, Thailand. Thai Rotarians coordinated a national relief effort, and Rotary established a fund to support long-term recovery efforts in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

# At-a-Glance

## The Rotary International Convention

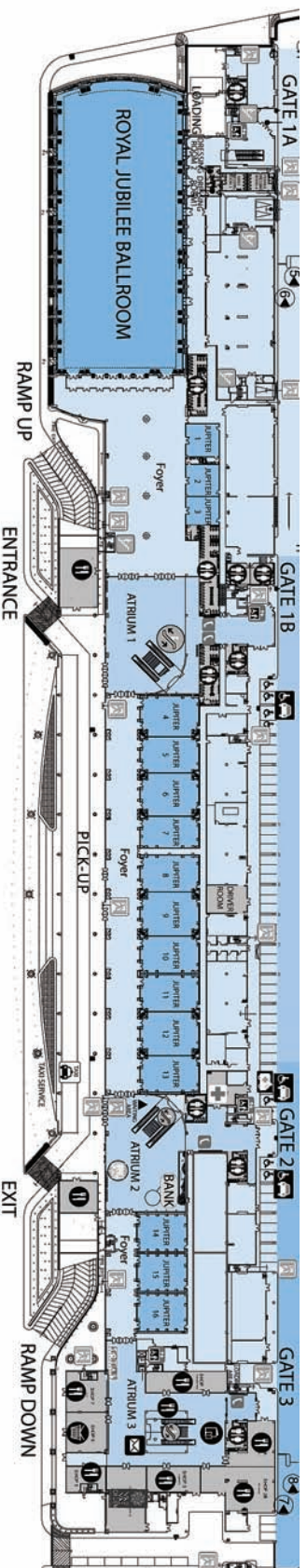
- The 103rd annual Rotary International Convention will be held in Bangkok 6-9 May. Rotary was founded in 1905 and held its first annual convention in 1910.
- More than 35,000 Rotary members from around the world are expected to attend, injecting an estimated US\$100 million into the local economy.
- The Rotary International Convention is often described as a “mini-United Nations” because of its internationality. Rotary has about 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographic regions.
- Many convention-goers wear traditional attire from their homelands, and enjoy sharing their cultures with fellow Rotary members from around the world, as well as the people of the host city.
- The Rotary Club of Bangkok was chartered in 1930. Today, Thailand is home to 280 clubs totaling more than 7,000 members.
- In 2002-03, Bhichai Rattakul served as president of Rotary International, the first Thai to hold the position. Other Rotary leaders from Thailand include Past Rotary International Director Noraseth Pathmanand, who chairs the Host Organization Committee for the 2012 convention.
- The 2013 convention will be in Lisbon, Portugal.



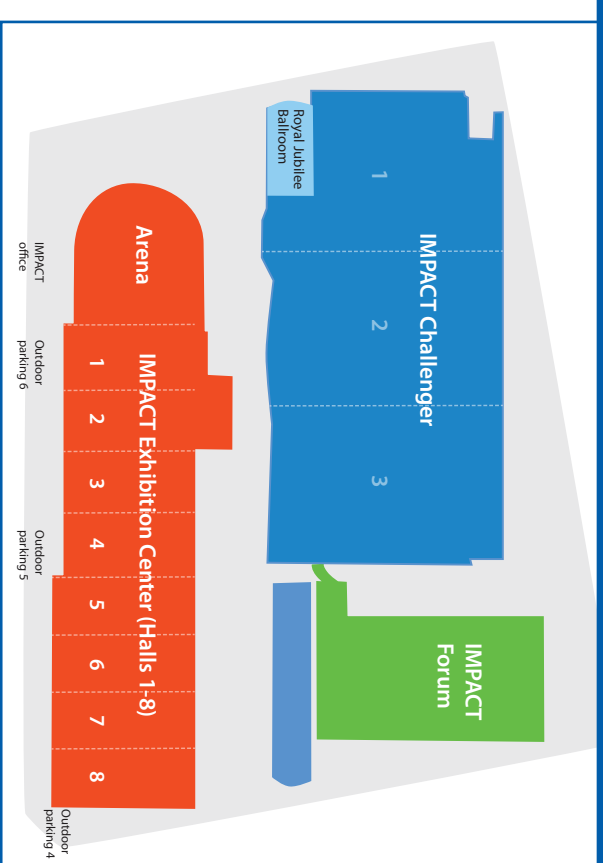
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## Muang Thong Thani Map

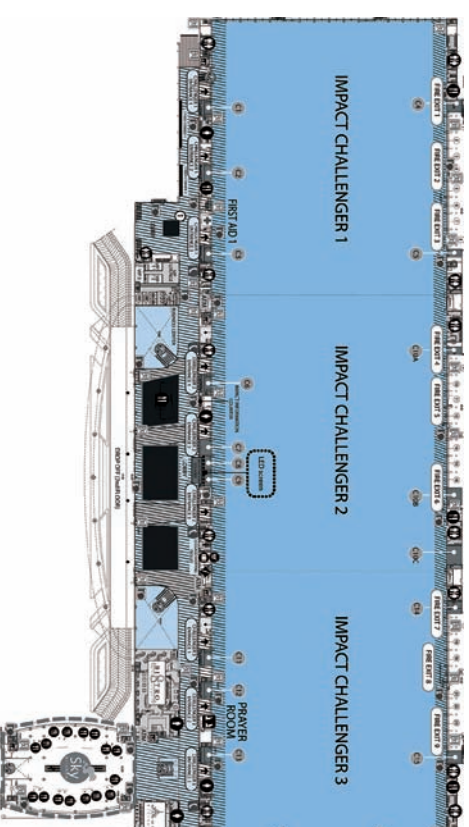
## IMPACT Challenger, Ground Floor



- Breakout Sessions**  
Jupiter 4-6
- Convention Registration/ RI Ticket Sales**  
Foyer (8-9 May)
- International Institute**  
Royal Jubilee Ballroom
- Interpretation Radio Distribution**  
Foyer
- Medical Service Office**  
Atrium 2
- Mobility Assistance**  
Foyer
- Offices**  
Convention Office  
Jupiter 14
- Rotary Sergeants-at-Arms**  
Jupiter 15
- Host Organization Committee**  
Jupiter 16
- RI Shuttle Bus Pick-up/ Drop-off**  
Outside Halls 1-3
- RI-Ticketed Events**  
Royal Jubilee Ballroom



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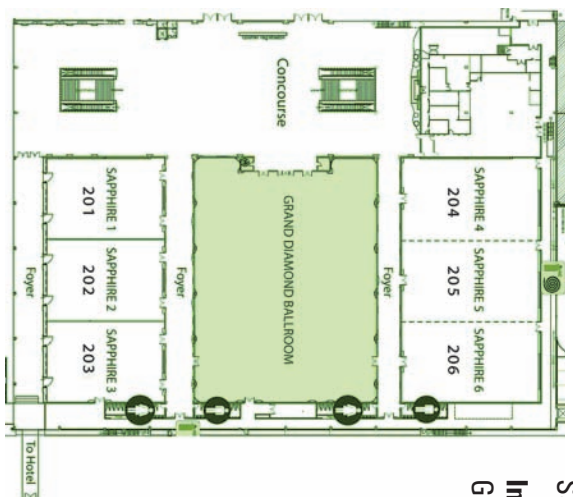
- House of Friendship**  
Hall 3
- Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees**  
Halls 1 & 2
- Plenary Sessions**  
Halls 1 & 2
- RI Shuttle Bus Pick-up/ Drop-off**  
Outside Halls 1-3
- Transportation Information Booth**  
Foyer

# IMPACT Forum, Level 1



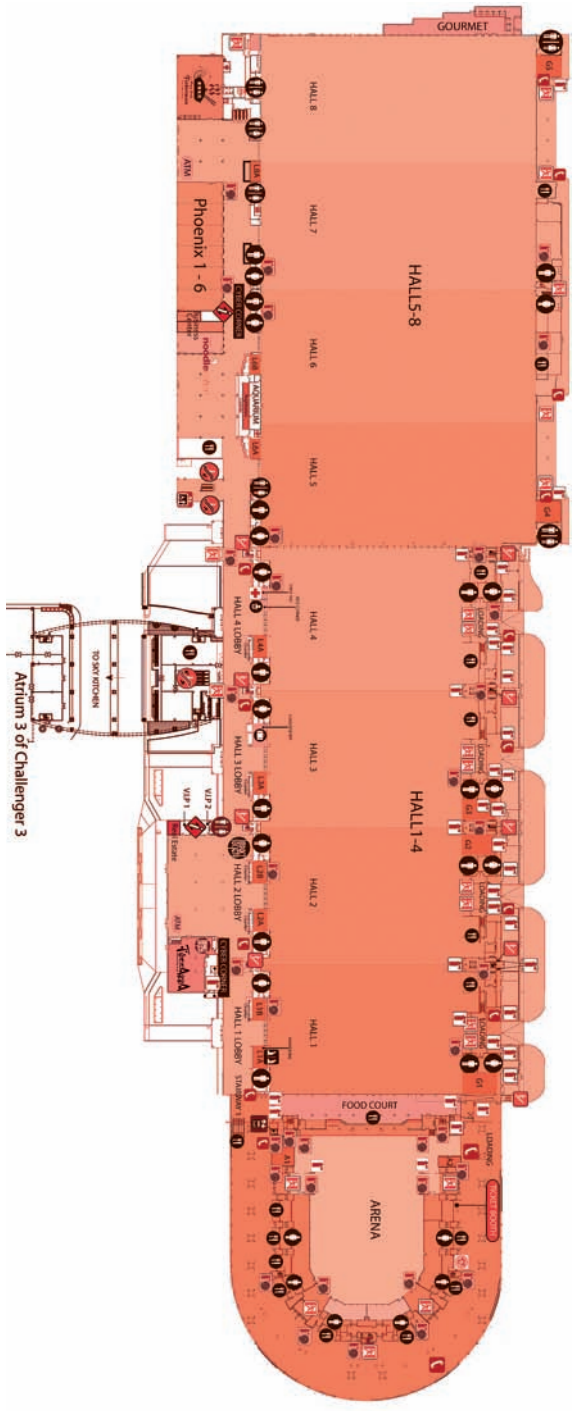
- Breakout Sessions**  
Sapphire 101-109
- Global Networking Group Meetings**  
Sapphire 111-112
- Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting**  
Sapphire 101-104

# IMPACT Forum, Level 2



- Breakout Sessions**  
Grand Diamond Ballroom  
Sapphire 201-206
- Interfaith Service**  
Grand Diamond Ballroom

# IMPACT Exhibition Center



- Breakout Sessions**  
Phoenix 1-6
- Convention Registration/RI Ticket Sales**  
Halls 5 & 6 (4-7 May)
- Rotaract Preconvention Meeting**  
Phoenix Ballroom
- Taxi Drop-off/ Pick-up**  
Outside Hall 4