

## Top Rotary Leaders in Hershey for the September 2006 Zone Institute GETS



**RI President Bill Boyd and Rotary Foundation Chairman Luis Vicente Giay will be joining us in Hershey PA this September. Accompanied by Lorna Boyd and PDG Celia Giay, out top Rotary leaders will be keynoting sessions, participating in panels and will be sharing fellowship with us throughout the weekend. One special panel will be an “Ask the Presidents” breakout where the President and the Chairman will also be joined by Past RI President Chuck Keller, whose home state is Pennsylvania.**

**It is believed that this is the first time in many years that both the RI President and the Trustee Chairman have attended a zone institute in our area. In addition to welcoming comments on Thursday at the opening plenary, The RI President will be keynoting the banquet on Saturday evening. Chairman Luis will be the keynote speaker during the Rotary Foundation Seminar on Saturday morning.**

### [R. I. President Boyd’s Message: 1 August 2006](#)

Looking back on my first month as the Rotary International president, I realized the reason I feel so lucky to hold this position is because of all the wonderful people I will meet and all the amazing projects I will see.

I spent the first week in my home country of New Zealand, where I attended one district and two club changeover ceremonies. I gave interviews for newspapers, television, and radio and spoke to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants. After spending time with the prime minister of New Zealand, I had a brief opportunity to catch up with my family and friends.

RI headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, was next on the agenda. I spent two weeks in the office catching up on administrative details and making plans for the weeks ahead.

After that, I went to France for a very special visit. First, I went to Lille, where we met many Rotarians and had the chance to see an excellent Rotary club project that supplies textbooks to around 105,000 children at about a third of their retail price. This is a project of such merit that it is surely going to expand.

Next, I visited the town of Arras, is an important part of New Zealand’s history. During the WWI, New Zealand tunnelers connected a series of ancient quarries, which provided an underground network for bringing British troops behind enemy lines. It is amazing to see what was achieved in a comparatively short time.

I then went to Le Havre and met more Rotarians. Next, we traveled to Caen, where we spent time in the memorial museum, which is partly dedicated to World War II history. Behind the museum, the Rotary Club of Caen has erected a monument to peace, and the mayor and I had the opportunity to unveil it. Standing where it does, directly behind the museum, it’s in a very appropriate place.

After this, I moved on to Paris, where we were briefed on the activities of a number of the French districts. We also had the chance to meet with UNESCO representatives to hear ideas about developing a Rotary project that would involve Rotarians from Germany.

I met a considerable number of Rotarians in France and enjoyed their company. And of course, we were so well looked after, we were able to visit many places in seven very busy days.

If the remainder of our year continues at the pace set in France, I will end the Rotary year knowing many of you, having visited many exciting places, and holding many happy memories.

## Chairman Giay's Message: August 2006

Friends of the Foundation:

During the 2006 RI Convention in Malmö-Copenhagen, The Rotary Foundation Trustees announced a US\$120 million Annual Programs Fund goal for 2006-07, based on projected estimates from more than 12,000 clubs. The Foundation will do its utmost to reach this goal. Knowing that leadership by example is the most effective incentive, at the beginning of this Rotary year all of the trustees affirmed their personal commitment by each contributing between \$100 and \$10,000 to the Foundation.



Luis Vicente Giay

Is \$120 million an overly ambitious goal? No, because it's in line with the normal growth rate that we have seen during the last few years. Moreover, in reaching it, we will be very near to making Every Rotarian, Every Year a reality. Increasingly, every day, The Rotary Foundation needs Rotarians. It needs you! The world's problems are on the rise, and the number of projects proportionately increases. The demands that will come our way will pose greater challenges.

An obvious example is the PolioPlus Partners program, which covers a portion of the social mobilization expenses associated with the National Immunization Days held in those countries in which it is still necessary to vaccinate children against polio. Here is where districts can really help by donating a part of their District Designated Fund, and clubs can choose among their options and participate in funding the expenses essential to the success of the program. It's estimated that there will be a shortfall this year of about \$3 million, so by supporting PolioPlus Partners, we make it possible for Rotarian and non-Rotarian volunteers to help.

In order to expedite the work that lies ahead, we have chosen seven goals that will guide us and enable us to *Lead the Way* in 2006-07. During 2006-07, The Rotary Foundation will:

1. Focus on the eradication of polio
2. Heighten its profile on the world stage in the field of peace and conflict resolution through its unique partnerships with premier institutions
3. Achieve a worldwide per capita of US\$100 in giving to the Annual Programs Fund while establishing a new record for major gifts to the Permanent Fund
4. Collaborate with Rotary International to enhance Rotary's public image
5. Improve grassroots-level training to increase awareness of the Foundation's mission
6. Articulate and implement the future vision of The Rotary Foundation for Rotary's second century of service
7. Strive to administer its programs with speed and simplicity

Our goals for 2006-07 are important and realistic. On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, I urge you to help through your Foundation contributions. Please continue to increase your level of support to the Foundation. It needs each one of you to take action so that its good works may reach every corner of the globe. Many are waiting for us to reach out.

Cordially, Luis Vicente Giay, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, 2006-07