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2006-07 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Ambassador Philip Lader** (nominated by District 7770)



Ambassador Philip Lader was an Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg, Florida, USA, to study history at the University of Oxford in 1967-68. He served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Court of Saint James from 1997-2001, during which time he played a critical role in the Northern Ireland peace process. Ambassador Lader remained committed to humanitarian service throughout his career in government and the private sector. He was deputy chief of staff to the president of the United States and a deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. He worked closely with the vice-president of the United States on the “reinventing government” agenda. He was president of universities in South Carolina and Australia. He has served on the boards of the Red Cross, Duke University’s Public Policy Institute, and several banks, educational institutions, and children’s organizations, as well as president of the Business Executives for National Security. Ambassador Lader received a bachelor’s degree from Duke University (Phi Beta Kappa), a master’s degree from the University of Michigan, and a juris doctor degree from Harvard, with subsequent studies in law at Oxford University. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by 14 universities and colleges. He now serves as senior adviser at Morgan Stanley International, the global financial services company, and is affiliated with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, a prominent southeastern U.S. law firm.

2005-06 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

Mr. John R. Schott (nominated by District 7450)



Mr. John R. Schott is a former Ambassadorial Scholar (1957-58) sponsored by the Rotary Club of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, USA, to study at the University of Oxford. As founder and president of Schott and Associates, Mr. Schott has advised leaders of municipalities, NGOs, and nations on improvement of rural community services through cooperatives and training programs. He

has assisted several nations to establish new credit policies for farmers and small businesses and religious organizations in developing procedures and networks for humanitarian relief. He served as team leader with a staff of 20 international experts preparing a national plan to develop multipurpose cooperatives in Indonesia for the World Bank and Indonesian government. He is the author of several books on international development issues and has educated students, government leaders, and volunteers in nonprofit agencies about how to define and solve social and economic problems concerning food production and distribution, rural reform, and refugee relief.

2004-05 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

Dr. Khanh Nguyen (nominated by District 5890)



Dr. Khanh Nguyen is an internist at the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic in Houston, Texas, USA, and assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She is also the founder of the Houston Homeless Health Clinic, where she continues to volunteer. A 1987-88 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, sponsored by the Rotary Club of New Orleans,

Louisiana, USA, enabled her to study family planning at the National University of Singapore. While there, she taught English at a Vietnamese refugee camp. Dr. Nguyen earned her doctorate of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. After her residency, she volunteered with the U.S. Peace Corps in Malawi, where she treated patients for a wide range of diseases and devised an HIV/AIDS counseling program.

2003-04 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Dr. Otto Austel** (nominated by District 5240)



Dr. Otto Austel is both a former Group Study Exchange team leader who led a team from California, USA, to Brazil (1991) and a former Rotary Volunteer who has served on more than 25 humanitarian volunteer projects. He is currently a surgeon working in Simi Valley, California, USA. In the 1950s and 1960s, Dr. Austel was a missionary in the jungles of Brazil. Upon returning to the United States, he served multiple community and health care organizations, including as past director of the American Red Cross. He helped organize National Immunization Days (NIDs) and encouraged District 5240 Rotarians to personally participate in NIDs in Ghana and India. Dr. Austel has served as polio surveillance consultant in several countries and is considered a world leader in malaria prevention.

2002-03 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Mr. James A. Christianson** (nominated by District 5580)



Jim Christianson owns and operates a school bus company in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, USA. He has worked closely with families in his community, including immigrant workers, to provide information about laws regarding the education of children. Fluent in nine languages, he has traveled the world as a volunteer for Rotary and for numerous other organizations in which he remains active. A member of the Rotary Club of Pelican Rapids since 1983, his volunteer activities for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation include leading a Group Study Exchange team to Changchun, Jilin Province, China, in 1993. As District 5580 Youth Exchange chair, he assisted 25 inbound and outbound students and escorted 125 students to Brazil. He has also been a Rotary Volunteer at World Community Service projects in Peru and Senegal, and volunteered in other projects in Senegal, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique.

2001-02 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award **Dr. Cirino Fichera** (nominated by District 2110)



Professor Cirino Fichera, a cardiologist and rheumatologist, serves as head of the Physiopathology Department of the University of Catania, Italy. A Rotary Volunteer for more than a decade (1986-96), Professor Fichera has worked with 3-H and PolioPlus projects in more than 20 countries and on three continents, including India, Nigeria, Uganda, Madagascar (working with Rotary International's Expanded Program on Immunization, the Red Cross, the United Nations' UNICEF, and USAID), Cameroun, Morocco, Guinea, Tanzania, Zaire, and Albania. As a Rotarian and officer of the Italian Red Cross, Professor Fichera educated high-ranking government officials on the importance of the PolioPlus program.

1999-2000 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award **Mr. Sanford J. Ungar** (nominated by District 7410)



Mr. Sanford J. Ungar was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1966-67 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, USA. He studied government at the London School of Economics. He was Washington editor for *The Atlantic Monthly* magazine, managing director of *Foreign Policy* magazine, a correspondent for United Press International (UPI) wire service in Paris and correspondent for *Newsweek* magazine in Nairobi, Kenya, and a contributor to *The Economist* for many years. Host of several programs of the award-winning National Public Radio program *All Things Considered*, he is also a former board member of the International Human Rights Law Group, the National Immigration Forum, and the Public Diplomacy Foundation. A former dean of the School of Communications, American University, in Washington, D.C., he he was also director of the Voice of America, the international radio program that reaches some 83 million listeners worldwide. He is currently serving as president of Goucher College in Maryland, USA.

1999-2000 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award **Professor Beryl Nashar** (nominated by District 9670)



Professor Beryl Nashar was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1949-50 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mayfield, Australia. She studied geology at Cambridge University, England. Upon returning to Australia, Professor Nashar spent 25 years teaching geology and acting as an administrator at the University of Newcastle in New South Wales. In addition to her academic responsibilities, she was active in the Business and Professional Women's (BPW) Organization of Australia, encouraging young women to pursue professional careers, and the Red Cross. Professor Nashar was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1972, named "Woman of the Year" by the United Nations Association in 1975, and has received the Meritorious Service (1988) and Distinguished Service (1994) Awards from the Red Cross.

1998-99 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award **Ms. Susan Sygall** (nominated by District 5110)



Ms. Susan Sygall was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Berkeley, California, USA, and studied physical therapy for the disabled at the University of Queensland, Australia, in 1978-79. Disabled as a result of an automobile accident in 1971, she dedicated her life to helping people with disabilities. She developed and implemented various international educational programs for the disabled and led the development of several international community service and cross-cultural leadership programs. She is the co-founder of the Disabled Women's Coalition, Berkeley (California) Outreach Recreation Program as well as Mobility International USA. She won numerous awards and honors, most notably U.S. President Bill Clinton's Award for advancing employment for people with disabilities (1995).

1998-99 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award **Dr. Rei Okada** (nominated by District 2650)



Dr. Rei Okada was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nagahama, Shiga, Japan, to study speech therapy at the University of California, USA, in 1978-79. A victim of polio, Dr. Okada dedicated her life to helping others overcome their disabilities. Dr. Okada has been given several honors for her work in helping the disabled, including the Council of Social Welfare Award (Shiga Prefecture), the

Japanese Association for the Care and Training of the Mentally Retarded Award, the Governor of Shiga Prefecture Award, and the Welfare Minister Award. She is a member of many associations involved in providing service to the disabled and led a number of projects designed to improve the quality of life for severely disabled people. Dr. Okada remained active in Rotary through the District 2650 Alumni Association. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Benefactor, and a contributor to the Rotary-sponsored Yoneyama Foundation.

1997-98 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award **Dr. Joan Krueger Wadlow** (nominated by District 5010)



Dr. Joan Krueger Wadlow was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Norfolk, Nebraska, USA. She studied international relations at the Institute for International Affairs in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1956-57 as an Ambassadorial Scholar. She embarked on a career that combined international relations and higher education. She served as chancellor of the University of Alaska-Fairbanks

and on the faculty and administration of the universities of Nebraska, Wyoming, and Oklahoma. She lectured for the Taiwan Ministry of Economic Affairs on world conflict resolution. In 1991, Dr. Wadlow engineered an exchange agreement between the University of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Yakutsk State University in the former Soviet Union. She joined the first delegations to visit Vietnam after normalization of relations with the USA to establish trade and education exchange agreements.

1997-98 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

Dr. John Gilroy Thorne (nominated by District 9830)



Dr. John Gilroy Thorne was sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. He was a Rotary Teacher of the Handicapped Scholar at California State University, Northridge, USA, in 1978-79. He is the founder of a school for the deaf in his native Australia and one of the co-authors of the first Australian Dictionary of Sign Language. He has served as convener of the Australian Schools for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired and as president of the Australian Deafness Council. A Rotarian and former district governor, Dr. Thorne headed a Matching Grant project to bring young adults with various disabilities to the USA for leadership training. He also served Rotary International as director from 2000-01 to 2001-02 and has served on numerous RI committees. He also founded JobMatch — an ongoing service that helps disabled people find employment.

1996-97 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

Dr. Roberto Alvarez del Blanco (nominated by District 2210)



Dr. Roberto Alvarez del Blanco was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bolivar, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He studied marketing at the University of California, Berkeley, USA, in 1978-79 as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. Since then he has taught at universities in Argentina, Russia, and Spain. As a marketing expert he helped bring the 1992 summer Olympic games to Barcelona. Now a Rotarian, Dr. Alvarez del Blanco served as the charter president of the Rotary Club of Barcelona Condal.

1996-97 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

Mr. Byron R. Trauger (nominated by District 6780)



Mr. Byron R. Trauger was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA. He studied Latin American history and culture as an Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of San Marcos in Lima, Peru, during 1969-70. A partner in his own law firm in Nashville, Tennessee, Mr. Trauger is committed to community service, leadership development, and the promotion of international understanding through student exchanges. He helped launch an ongoing project to improve living conditions among the poor in Appalachia (in the southeastern USA). He also has founded a hospice, helped a spouse-abuse prevention program, and created a church-sponsored single-adult organization dedicated to community service. He is also active in orientation of new Foundation Scholars from Tennessee.

1995-96 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award

Dr. Donald Bobiash (nominated by District 5550)



Dr. Donald Bobiash was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Watrous, Saskatchewan, Canada. He studied public administration at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Dakar, Senegal, in 1982-83 as an Ambassadorial Scholar. Early in his career, he published a book on how developing countries help each other. As a career diplomat, he was posted to Pakistan in the early 1990s, where he worked to improve conditions for Afghan refugees and to secure emergency food aid for northern Afghanistan. From August 2004 to August 2006, Dr. Bobiash served as Canadian High Commissioner to Ghana and as Ambassador to Togo. He currently serves as Deputy Head of Mission in the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.

1995-96 Scholar Alumni Achievement Award Dr. L.M. Singhvi (nominated by District 3050)



Dr. L.M. Singhvi was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jodhpur, India. He studied law at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, as an Ambassadorial Scholar in 1953-54. An eminent jurist and constitutional expert, he is a past president of the Indian Supreme Court Bar Association and former member of the Indian Parliament. A long-time advocate for human rights, Dr. Singhvi has chaired the World Congress on Human Rights and served on the United Nations Sub-Commission on Human Rights. He has received numerous awards and recognition for his work, including the Inter-Faith Gold Medal from the International Council of Christians and Jews.



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