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## Past RI President James L. Lacy, an advocate for children, dies at 92



**James L Lacy**  
**Born: October 14, 1930**  
**Died: October 4, 2023**

Past RI president James L Lacy, who was passionate about improving lives of children and worked tirelessly to raise funds for Rotary's polio eradication efforts, has died at the age of 92.

Lacy, a member of Rotary Cookeville, Tennessee, USA, for 53 years, served as RI president in 1998-99. His presidential theme, *Follow Your Rotary Dream*, urged members to turn their dreams into action to address community concerns, chiefly the needs of children.

During an address at the 1999 Rotary International Convention in Singapore, he challenged Rotarians to channel their caring into the lives of society's most valuable, yet most vulnerable, members: our children.

"For me, a Rotary dream fulfilled is seeing children who were suffering become happy and healthy, their lives filled with new opportunities. I realized I could not fulfill this dream on my own, but I knew that with all of us working together - side by side, with hands and heart - we could begin to make this dream come true."

Lacy was a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives 1967-70. He served on Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States from 2000 to 2017, including serving as chair (2006-17) and vice chair (2001-06), and he was an advocate for government support for polio eradication before that. He played a critical role in securing more than \$2.6 billion in U.S. funding for polio eradication. In 1997, he participated in a National Immunization Day in India, an event that vaccinated more than 127 million children. He was honored as a PolioPlus Pioneer in 2018 for his founding role in the program and his ongoing support.

"Jim Lacy was an advocate for children," recalls John F. Germ, a fellow Tennessean who served as Rotary International president in 2016-17. "He initiated the Children's Opportunity Grants program and was extremely active in polio eradication. James was instrumental in getting the program started."

Lacy joined the Rotary Cookeville in 1964 at age 34. According to his magazine profile, he left the club because there were few members in his age group but was persuaded to return not long after. The club invited other professionals his age to join and involved them in service projects. Lacy led a Group Study Exchange trip to England in 1977-78 that "opened [his] eyes to the internationality of Rotary" and became one of his fondest memories. He also served as president of his club in 1978-79.

He credited his parents with instilling in him a love of community service. "[They] always taught me to share with those who are less fortunate," he told *The Rotarian*. "I have always felt empathy for those in need. My parents engrained in me that with opportunities, you also have obligations. I have always enjoyed volunteer work and this feeling has led to my many years of service in Rotary."

In addition to RI president, Lacy served as RI director, Rotary Foundation trustee and trustee chair, district governor, and International Assembly moderator. He received The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of educational and humanitarian programs, as well as its Distinguished Service Award and RI's Service Above Self Award. He and his spouse, Claudine, are Major Donors.

Lacy was the owner and chair of a confection company. In 1986 he bought Gilliam Candy Brands Inc. in Paducah, Kentucky. He expanded it by buying other candy manufacturing plants in Kentucky as well as Georgia, Kansas, and New York. Before that, he was president of an investment firm and a successful real estate developer. He also served in the military from 1952 to 1954.

In the community, Lacy coached children's baseball for 17 years, beginning with his son's team in 1961 but continuing long after his son outgrew the team. He believed that baseball helps youngsters build self-confidence, teamwork, and communication skills. The Lacys were also longtime members of the Presbyterian Church.

In 2005, the Rotary Club of Cookeville established the James L. & Claudine Lacy Children's Fund to enable the Putnam County school system to provide clothes, shoes, and other necessities to students in need. The club named the fund in recognition of Lacy's service as RI president and his dedication to improving the lives of children around the world.

James L. Lacy is survived by his wife of 74 years, Claudine; his son, Bill, and daughter-in-law, Susie, of Olathe, Kansas; brother, Alvin, and his wife, Barbara, of Sparta, Tennessee; and sister-in-law, Rowena Lacy, of Hickory, North Carolina.

**Arnold R. Grahl, 17-Oct-2023**

**We meet calendar months' 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at GPT Group, JC 25, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700098 at 6.00 PM**

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## Rotary History and Anecdotes

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – *across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

Rotary International is a global service organization whose stated human rights purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to *provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.*

Over last 118 years, Rotary, like other surviving institutions, has changed itself to remain inclusive and contemporary *without compromising its dynamism and relevance.*

*In this section, the editorial team of Spectrum, so far, has touched upon and shared the following anecdotes of Rotary during the current Rotary year:*

- *History of Women in Rotary in the July 7, 2023 issue*
- *History of the 4 Way test in the July 15, 2023 issue*
- *Rotary's two official mottos in the July 22, 2023 issue*
- *Rotary's Work Commemorated in Stamps in July 29, 2023 issue*
- *Rotary and the United Nations in September 9, 2023 issue*
- *Why Rotary year begins 1 July in September 16, 2023 issue*
- *Rotary & Polio – World's largest global public health initiative in the history in September 23, 2023 issue*
- *Rotary Themes in September 30, 2023 issue*
- *Rotary partners in October 7, 2023 issue*
- *Interact as Rotary's service club program*

*We appreciate and welcome opinion and views of our readers.*

## ROTARY PEACE PROGRAMS

A special program of The Rotary Foundation was originally labeled the "Rotary Peace Forum". The concept of a center or educational program to promote greater understanding and peace in the world was originally discussed in 1982 by the New Horizons Committee and the World Understanding and Peace Committee. In 1984 it was further explored by a New Programs Committee of the Rotary Foundation. The essence of the Rotary Peace Program is to utilize the non-governmental but worldwide resources of Rotary to develop educational programs around the issues that cause conflict among nations in the world as well as those influences and activities which promote peace, development and goodwill. The program includes seminars, publications or conferences as a means to initiate a global dialogue to find new approaches to peace and world understanding. Specific Rotary Peace Programs are selected annually by the trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Many peace programs are held in conjunction with presidential conferences.



Each year, Rotary awards fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,600 fellows who now work in over 140 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments; NGOs; education and research institutions; peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies; and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Our fellowships

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, The Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 40 for certificate studies at premier universities.

Choose the program that's right for you

### **Master's degree programs**

Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programs last 15 to 24 months and include a two- to three-month field study, which participants design themselves.

### **Professional development certificate program**

During the one-year blended learning program, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and regions. Fellows complete field studies and design and carry out a social change initiative. This program is intended for working professionals. Fellows earn a post-graduate diploma upon completion of the program.

fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.

## Peace Fellowships

### **Professional development certificate program**



The ideal candidate is a proven mid-career peace and development leader with at least five years of relevant work experience. Candidates need to come to the program with a social change initiative to promote peace and development within the program region. They should also have a clear vision of how the fellowship experience and network will help advance their peace work and increase their impact. This program is intended for working professionals and requires 11 weeks of on-site participation. Fellows earn a



post-graduate diploma upon completion of the program. After the program, candidates should be willing to share their own work and experience, staying in touch with peace fellows in the region and maintaining strong connections with Rotary members.

**Eligibility: Certificate candidates must also:**

- Be proficient in English
- Have a bachelor's degree
- Have at least five years of full-time relevant experience in peace or development work
- Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace as shown through professional and academic achievements and personal or community service
- Demonstrate leadership skills
- Be able to explain how their plan to promote peace aligns with Rotary's mission

Candidates for Makerere University: Either be from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent.

Candidates must have a gap of at least three years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate or graduate degree) and their intended start date for the fellowship. Candidates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program are not eligible to apply.

Rotary Peace Fellows who have completed the master's degree program, or a Global Grant Scholarship, must wait three years between the end date of that program and their intended start date for the fellowship.

We encourage people with disabilities and people from other diverse backgrounds to apply. Rotary provides reasonable accommodations as needed to people with disabilities.

You are not eligible if you are an active Rotary member or an employee of a Rotary club, Rotary International, or other Rotary entity.

**\* Rotaract club members who are not also Rotary club members are eligible to apply.**

### **Fellowship components**

#### **Preliminary online course**

Program begins: A two-week preliminary online course

#### **On-site course**

A ten-week on-site course with field studies

#### **Social change initiative**

A nine-month social change initiative with interactive online sessions

#### **Capstone seminar**

Program ends: A one-week on-site capstone seminar which overlaps with incoming cohort

### **University Partners**

#### **Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda**

The program integrates theory, research, and practice for peace and development leaders who are from Africa, have worked in Africa, or work with African communities or initiatives outside the continent. Fellows will learn how to influence policies and initiate action to transform society through positive peace.

#### **Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand**

The interdisciplinary program, a comparative global and Asia-Pacific regional focus, balances theoretical learning

with practical skill building by capitalizing on the professional experiences of expert lecturers and global field practitioners.

**\*Please note that the Rotary Peace Fellowship program at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand will conclude in August 2023 and no longer accept applications in the future.**

### **Peace Fellowships: Master's degree programs**



#### **Is the master's degree fellowship right for me?**

The ideal candidate is academically strong, has a bachelor's degree in a related field, and has work experience in peace and development. We are looking for early-career candidates who demonstrate a commitment to peace and conflict resolution, can undertake extensive reading and research, and can participate actively within a diverse cohort of students. Successful candidates have a record of prior achievements in peacebuilding as well as the potential for future growth and impact as leaders in the field resulting from their participation in the fellowship. After the program, candidates should be willing to share their own work and experience, staying in touch with peace fellows in their region and maintaining strong connections with Rotary members.

#### **Eligibility**

- Master's degree candidates must also:
- Be proficient in English
- Have a bachelor's degree
- Have a strong commitment to cross-cultural understanding and peace as shown through professional and academic achievements and personal or community service
- Have the potential for leadership
- Have at least three years of full-time relevant experience in peace or development work

Candidates must have a gap of at least three years between the completion of their most recent academic degree program (undergraduate or graduate degree) and their intended start date for the fellowship. Candidates currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program are not eligible to apply.

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#### **Fellowship components**

Academic training: Learn research-based theories and approaches to peace and development.

### ***Applied field experience***

Build practical skills through a self-designed, two- to three-month field experience.

### ***Networking***

Expand your global network of academics, peace workers, and Rotary members.

### ***Workshop series***

Develop professional skills in peacebuilding and development.

### ***Final seminar***

Present your master's research.

***Master's fellowship recipients may not study at a Rotary Peace Center in their home countries.***

### ***Master's program university partners***

***Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA***

Fellows can earn a master's degree in international development policy from Duke or a master's from various departments at the University of North Carolina. In addition, Fellows at both universities can earn a graduate certificate in international peace and conflict resolution from UNC.

### ***International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan***

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 Department of Public Policy and Social Research.

### ***University of Bradford, Bradford, England***

The Division of Peace Studies and International Development at Bradford is the largest in the world and offers several master's degrees related to peace, conflict, security, and development.

### ***University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia***

Fellows earn a master's degree in international studies and peace and conflict studies at the Graduate Centre of Governance and International Affairs.

### ***Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden***

The Department of Peace and Conflict Studies offers a master's degree in social science. It is internationally renowned for its free and globally accessible collection of data related to armed conflict and organized violence.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is awarded each year to up to 90 individuals who exhibit extraordinary leadership qualities. The 2025-26 Rotary Peace Fellowship application will be available online in February 2024.

***October is Economic & Community Development Month***

## **T A I L P I E C E**

### **Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development: A Global Community of Expertise**

*Posted on October 19, 2023 by Carl W. Treleven, Past District Governor, member of the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development and Rotary Saint Petersburg, Florida, USA*

Community Economic Development involves two key things:

- Support the create sustainable businesses locally.
- Create or enhance jobs that go with those businesses.

Sometimes these are single-employee businesses that are operated out of one's home, and in other cases, they could have hundreds, even thousands, of employees.

Rotary and Rotaract clubs focus on several different types of Community Economic Development projects. These include:

- Village savings groups (self-managed groups that meet to save their money and access loans from those savings)
- Microfinance
- Vocational training and professional development
- Graduate scholarships related to Community Economic Development
- Agricultural development/training
- Mentorship and support for business owners
- Community youth/leadership development
- Enterprise incubation/development
- Community-based basic emergency preparedness
- Community resilience and adaptation

Rotary or Rotaract club includes members with vocational expertise, who can help community with local and sustainable economic development can cast a wider net by connecting with experts from the Community Economic Development sector.

### ***Support from the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development***

The Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development can help club or district address the economic development needs of local community. Beyond that, the group can help doing the same beyond local community by supporting through meaningful and sustainable partnerships.

Everywhere I go in the world, I see incredible, innate entrepreneurial ability. Even in the poorest, remotest villages, people show an amazing capacity to create businesses that sustain their families. Rotary and Rotaract members can help unleash and empower that innate entrepreneurial ability in so many ways and make communities better.

### ***What can Rotary or Rotaract club members do?***

I suggest four things:

- Invite a speaker to talk about some aspect of community economic development.
- Get members of your club's leadership to talk with other local leaders in your community about economic development. What are the key economic development needs in your community? Does your community develop and support community-based emergency preparedness services to assist in improving economic resilience? How could your Rotary or Rotaract club play an important role in addressing those?
- Visit the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development website to learn more about what we're doing. If your Rotary or Rotaract club is particularly interested in economic development, we can help you. Likewise, if you or your fellow club members are especially interested in this subject, we welcome you to join our group.
- Encourage your fellow Rotary and Rotaract club members with expertise in economic development to get involved, sharing their expertise to make your community, and others around the world, a better place.

Rotary's commitment to community economic development is a testament to our belief that everyone deserves the opportunity to prosper. By supporting sustainable businesses and jobs, we can help to create more vibrant and equitable communities around the world.