

HIGHLIGHTER

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day



Report from Global Scholar

Monday, January 4, 2021



Kelsea Jeon Wearing  sub fusc  on Matriculation day! Sub fusc is the traditional academic dress that students wear for important occasions such as the Matriculation, graduation, and for certain examinations.

From Kelsea: I completed my first of three terms at Oxford, where I am completing a master  s in Socio-Legal Research.

My studies focus on how nonlawyers can help litigants, unable to afford attorneys, resolve their legal matters. My research falls under Rotary  s  Peace and Conflict Resolution  area of focus. Over the term, I  ve learned about how conflicts are transformed into legal claims, the gap within the lawyer-client relationship, and about the potential of advice workers who are not lawyers to make the law more accessible for indigent litigants. I have explored these topics in Law and Society seminars about lawyers as translators and litigant experiences, learned about the breadth and depth of Socio-Legal Studies in weekly presentations by scholars in the field, and built on research ideas via discussions with my supervisors and peers.

Access to justice is an issue of utmost importance in both the US and UK, especially as litigants experience economic hardships brought by the pandemic. In January 2021, I will begin supplementing my academic understanding of the role of nonlawyers in access to justice with concrete

January 11, 2021 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The Summerlin Rotary Club's Child Sex Trafficking Awareness Campaign Committee will be producing and hosting a special one-hour Zoom Webinar on that day at 6:00 p.m. that will explore the problem in Southern California and Southern Nevada. The awareness Campaign, *NV/CA's Children are Priceless*, will launch in the fall of 2021 and we will be a pilot project that will be the *model used for spreading the awareness campaign across all of District 5300*.

According to the FBI, the average age a teen enters the sex trade in the United States is 12 to 14 years old. Many victims are runaway girls who were sexually abused as children. Human trafficking earns global profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion of which comes from commercial sexual exploitation.

Confirmed speakers are: Cozette Vegari, PDG, who established an awareness campaign in District 5280 and launched a website, Rotarians Fighting Human Trafficking; Elynne Greene, manager of the Sex Crimes Bureau for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Kimberly Mull, child sex trafficking survivor and activist.



In 2018, over half (51.6%) of the criminal human trafficking cases active in this country were sex trafficking cases involving only children. The Nevada Coalition to Prevent the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of

Children estimates 5,687 victims of child sex trafficking in Nevada. In Los Angeles, the average age of the first encounter with trafficking is 12-14 years and 11 or 13 years of age for girls and boys, respectively, and they have a 7-year life expectancy after this first encounter. And, 58% of sex trafficked girls in Los Angeles County were foster kids. These statistics are most likely lower than the actual number because it is difficult track all child sex trafficking incidents.

Registration is on the District Calendar on dacdb.

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experience as a volunteer with Citizens Advice, the largest legal advice network in the UK.

Much of my learning has also happened beyond the classroom. One of the best things about being at Oxford has been the opportunity to engage with a vast community of students from all over the world, including countries like Germany, Canada, Iceland, Turkmenistan, Taiwan, and Chile. Conversations with peers have expanded both my knowledge of different places, people, and cultures and my bucket list of places to visit.

I also spend my time attending virtual meetings with my host Rotary club of Eynsham. I have enjoyed discovering different clubs' quirks. For example, at Eynsham we begin our meetings with a toast to the Queen; at Arcadia, we begin with patriotic songs and the Pledge of Allegiance. Despite having different rituals, each club beams with their commitment to service in the community and around the world. We are in the works of organizing a joint Arcadia-Eynsham club meeting and I am thrilled about the prospect of bridging the two clubs across the pond.

In addition to participating in virtual trivia games with the Eynsham club members, I have been bonding with other Global Grant Scholars. There are dozens of us in the UK, most of which I have only been able to meet virtually, but there are a few scholars in my residential college. One of my closest friends at Oxford is a Rotary Scholar who is from Canada and is studying Environmental Change and Management.

All in all, it has been an incredible past few months. I am grateful to the Arcadia and Eynsham Rotary Clubs, District 1090 and 5300, and Rotary International for this once in a lifetime opportunity. I look forward to the amazing experiences that will follow in the coming terms!

Here is a video message from Kelsea:

[Kelsea Jeon video](#)

Two New Interact Clubs Chartered

Tuesday, January 5, 2021



Two new Interact Clubs have been chartered in District 5300 this Rotary Year.

In September, the Rotary Club of Azusa chartered the Azusa High School Interact Club. Mary Turner from the Azusa Club will be the Interact Sponsor in the inaugural year.

In December, the Rotary Club of Pico Rivera chartered the Armenian Mesrobian School Interact Club. Tamara Satamian will be the Interact Sponsor in the inaugural year for that club.

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Club membership varies greatly. Clubs can be single gender or mixed, large or small. They can draw from the student body of a single school or from two or more schools in the same community.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work

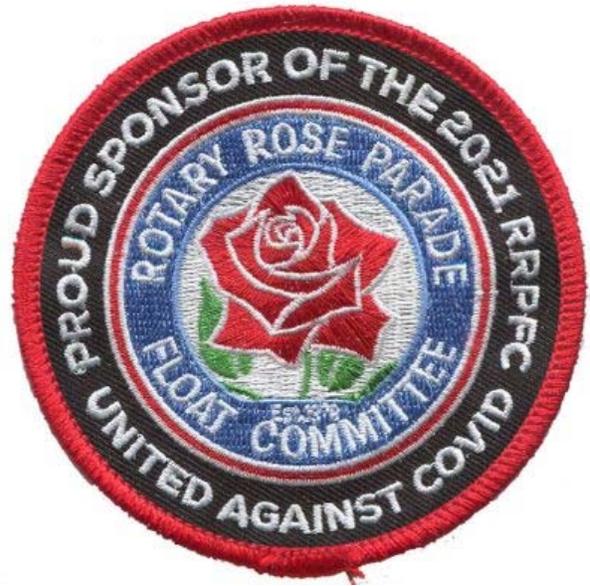
Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.

We look forward to seeing more Interact Clubs chartered in the District as we continue to serve the youth in our communities.

Support the Rotary Rose Parade Float

Friday, January 8, 2021



"The year 2020 has and will change the world. Rotary and Rotarians will also need to change but their essence and devotion to ♦Service Above Self♦ will not. And this is what we will need to remember and double our efforts to promote Rotary to the world. We must remind people that they are not alone, and they too can help by working with or joining Rotary. Since 1980, 42 continuous years, the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee has entered a Float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, Rose Parade. This is the largest Public Image project by Rotarians promoting Rotary. We hope you will support us by watching the Float in the Rose Parade and by donating what you can. Also, if you can, come help decorate the Float and ♦Experience the Magic!♦ of the entire week♦s events." - Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee Chair PDG Randy Pote

You can help support our float by purchasing the 2021 Rotary Rose Parade Committee Patch seen above. Patches cost \$50 and are a fundraiser to provide money to build the 2022 float. You can purchase yours at the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee store at this [LINK](#).

Have you joined Rotary Direct?

Sunday, September 6, 2020



A message from District 5300 District Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson

District 5300 reminds its members it will donate 250 of its Foundation Recognition Points to those who enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, "Rotary Direct," which makes contributing to "The Rotary Foundation" fast, easy and secure.

Under this program, District 5300 Rotarians can schedule monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions made in any increments, i.e. \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more, empowering them to change lives in their local community or throughout the world. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation to either its featured causes (Annual Fund, Polio Plus, World Fund or Disaster Relief) or the seven areas of focus (Peace Building and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention and Disease, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development, and Supporting the Environment) are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition, however, only those donations to the featured causes generate District Designated Funds (DDF). Enrolling in "Rotary Direct" can be accomplished through Rotary International's website or by contacting your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson.

In addition, District 5300 will match up to 500 of its Foundation Recognition Points to contributions made by or on behalf of Rotarians who have not yet reached their First Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Such contributions can be made by monetary donations or transfer of recognition points by member or club. For example, a member contributing \$500 will receive a match of 500 District matching points, resulting in him or her reaching their first Paul Harris Fellow recognition. A member contributing \$250 and receiving a 250-point match of recognition points by his or her club, will also receive 500 District matching points, again resulting in him or her reaching such distinction.

What is the Deadline? When all District Recognition Points are depleted!

Contact your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson, if interested!

