



## INTERNATIONAL

### Rotary International Day at the United Nations November 5, 2005



On a summer-like November morning, while thousands of joggers were lining up in front of the United Nations for a warm-up race a day before the New York Marathon, Frank C. Collins Jr., Rotary Representative to the United Nations, hosted the very inspiring and informative Annual Rotary Day at United Nations. There were more than 500 Rotarians in attendance, as well as 200 Interact high schools students. Rotary International's President, President-elect, and Foundation Director were present as were most of Rotary International's directors and senior officers.

In his opening remarks, Frank opened the meeting speaking about how Rotary has been involved with the United Nations since its creation in 1945. In fact, over forty-five of the founding delegates and several Secretary-Generals were Rotarians. He clarified, however, that while Rotary participates in the UN's humanitarian projects, we do not get involved in the political discussions at the UN.

The program was segmented into six panels:

- [Service Above Self](#)
- [Millennium Development Goals and Rotary Participation](#)
- [Hunger](#)
- [Water](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Literacy](#)



Each panel was moderated by a Rotary Representative to the United Nations. The panels consisted of one UN official to explain and clarify what the UN's goals and needs are. Two Rotarians would then outline projects that they were doing to assist in diminishing or eradicating the poverty.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead



### **Peru Trip**

There are still 4 seats available for the February trip to Peru to check out projects and scout new ones. The group is also going to do some sightseeing. Contact Rotarian Milt Camp at [Miltcamp@aol.com](mailto:Miltcamp@aol.com) for further information.

**P: Presence in the Community**

**R: Respect for one another**

**I: Involvement in International Service**

**D: Desire to make a difference through Rotary**

**E: Eradication – Global Polio Eradication Initiative**

(from President Bonnie Lindblom, Livingston Rotary)