

Rotary Club

BAKU

INTERNATIONAL

YEARBOOK

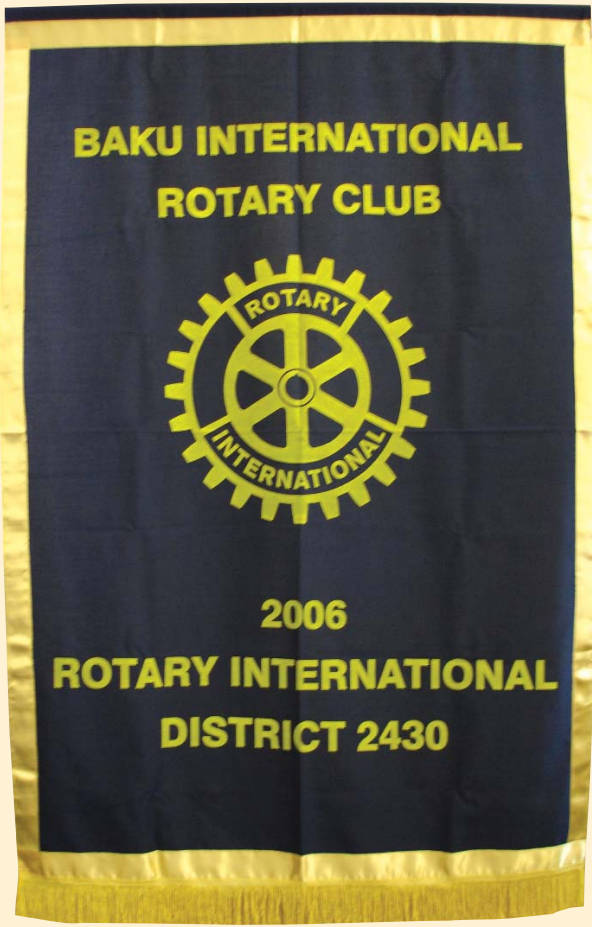
2005-2006



He profits most who serves best

The following Rotarians are officially recorded with Rotary International as being active Charter Members of the Rotary Club of Baku International, Azerbaijan, as at 7 March 2006.

- Chellamani Achutha (India)
- Alum Bati (UK)
- Bente Bimburg (Norway)
- Kaya Bulutlu (Turkey)
- Raymond Chappell (UK)
- Susan Cornell (USA)
- Jeffrey Farrow (UK)
- Bruno Ferrea (Italy)
- Güven Güven (Turkey)
- Emil Hassanov (Azerbaijan)
- Muhammad Junaid (Pakistan)
- Uwe Koehler (Germany)
- Rajani D'Mello (India)
- Ronald D' Mello (India)
- Gulyara Narimanova (Azerbaijan)
- Laura Scheibe (USA)
- Hakan Taracioglu (Turkey)
- Onder Topuz (Turkey)
- Martin Uppenbrink (Germany)
- John Verughese (India)





CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I never planned nor expected to become president of a Rotary club in Baku. Indeed, the fact that I am on the record as Charter President of this club is not only a great honor, but a huge surprise.

Some of you will know that I was asked by members to take over the presidency from my fellow Rotarian and good friend Lutful Kabir when he was unexpectedly posted to Mozambique in early 2005. There have been times, I can tell you, when I wondered why the club was placed in my hands. Not because of the work or responsibility, nor, indeed, that I did not relish the task. I was just unsure if it was really me who was destined to lead Baku International club into being. However, months passed, nothing happened to change the situation, and here I am, reporting to members of a Rotary club that has struggled for official existence for a period of over 18 months.

What have we been doing for such a long time? You may well ask. It doesn't sound too difficult to gather like-minded people together once a week for dinner, fellowship and to plan and undertake activities that benefit the community. Especially so, one might think, in such an international city as Baku, amid a sea of social and economic hardship. But it has really taken a very long time to build this club. And, on reflection, I am pleased that it has.

Rotary is not a social club. Rotary is a state of mind. As such, the people who Rotary International is seeking to join its ranks are not found in every office, nor on every street corner. They are relatively few in number and searching for them is a time consuming exercise, though very worthwhile and rewarding.

I was lucky. Along with the presidency, I inherited a small group of highly committed Rotarians, who all instinctively knew what Rotary stands for and were prepared to fight with me to ensure this club became a reality. Those people, especially Ron and Rajani D'Mello, Chellamani Achutha, Emil Hassanov, Gulyara Narimanova, Bruno Ferrea, and honorary members Roger Anstey and Daniel Gornell, are the human foundation upon which this club will forever be based. I thank them for their unfaltering support and wise counsel.

The rules state that 25 members are needed before any new club can be chartered. That is not as easy as it sounds. But the gods granted me further luck when slowly but surely others appeared with a desire to put Service Above Self. Some were Rotarians from elsewhere; others were from Baku's dynamic and cosmopolitan community and new to the goals and objectives of our service organization. A few of these newcomers turned away upon realizing what was to be expected of them.

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But, thankfully, most stayed to begin what I hope will be their long term commitment to the Rotary movement.

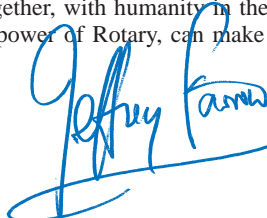
Having finally satisfied all the criteria, the Rotary Club of Baku International, Azerbaijan was chartered as club number 72195 on the 7th day of March 2006 by signature of the Governor of District 2430, Malik Aviral, and the President of Rotary International, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. The District Governor later visited Baku on 26 April to present the club with its charter certificate.

Whilst gathering new members, the club has met each week for fellowship and has also undertaken a number of modest community service projects. Prior to being chartered, the club supported and entertained needy and disadvantaged children; staged a bowling competition for teams from a dozen children homes; held a Spring Bazaar for local charity groups and artisans to sell their wares; distributed aid parcels to refugees and IDPs; and supplied refrigerators and food to a children's cardio-rheumatology sanatorium outside Baku. We also began to execute bold plans for major projects in dental care, and also to help alleviate the horrific dangers and consequences of mines and explosive remnants of war.

Regionally, the club is still finding its feet in the district, but as a step forward, we are in the process of officially twinning with the 2006-2007 District Governor's club - Rotary Club of Ankara Gaziosmanpasa. Meanwhile, internationally, we have started to develop strong connections with sister Rotary clubs in Europe, USA and elsewhere, and begun to highlight to the wider Rotary world the vast scale of social and humanitarian challenges that Azerbaijan faces, and which Rotary and Rotarians are so good at rising to.

I wish to officially welcome and thank all who have chosen to join this Rotary club during my term in office, and to express my deep gratitude to every member for his or her dedication and support.

I hand over the presidency to Dr. Rajani D'Mello with pride; humbled that chance has allowed me the honor and pleasure of having helped to charter this club. I am also thankful that such high quality individuals have chosen to join us, and pleased that the stage is set for President Rajani and members to further develop our club to be a model of how a few people working together, with humanity in their hearts, and supported by the name and power of Rotary, can make a real difference.



Jeffrey Farrow



Charter President

All humanitarian movements are born to meet a great need.

To be successful, they must have a clear sense of mission and how to accomplish it.

In the estimation of Albert Schweiter, French Nobel Peace Prize winner, physician, and Rotarian, "Voluntary movements, like Rotary International, are essential to human development and dignity.

Rotary is organized at club, district, and international levels to carry out its program of service. Rotarians are members of their clubs, and the clubs are members of the global association known as Rotary International (RI).

Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of the constitution and bylaws of RI

Clubs are grouped into 529 Rotary Districts, each led by a district governor.

Baku International club is a part of District 2430 based in Ankara, Turkey.



SERVICE Above Self

Carl-Wilhelm STENHAMMAR
RI President

Malik AVIRAL
RI District 2430. Governor
2005-2006



Carl-Wilhelm STENHAMMAR
RI President 2005-2006

Swedish, a food broker, and Rotarian with RC of Goteborg since 1974.

Malik AVIRAL
2430 District Governor 2005-2006

An electronics engineer, and member of RC of Ankara. Pictured with his wife Mehriban.



Distinguished Club Members



**Dr. Ronald
D'Mello**

**District Governor's
Special Representative 2005-2006**



Dr. Ronald D'Mello M.S., was born and brought up in Bombay, India. He received his MD (General Medicine) with honors in 1994 from the Crimean State Medical Institute. He arrived to Baku as a medical teacher in 1995 and completed his M.S. in Vascular Surgery in 2003. He is the director of Dr. Rajani's Clinic, which renders medical services in fields including Obs-Gyn, Infertility, and Vascular diseases.

Simultaneously, he is also a director of Rahul Shipping - an International Freight Forwarding Company, as well as being director of Rahul Co. - a trading enterprise.

He has been actively involved with Rotary in Azerbaijan since July 1998, and is a charter member of Baku Rotary Club (BRC), which was formed in May 1999. He has held various posts in BRC: Chairman of the Community Service Committee (1998-1999 & 1999-2000), 2nd Vice President (2000-2001), Vice President (2001-2002), and Club President (2003-2004).

He is a founder and charter member of the Rotary Club of Baku International (BIRC), and was appointed the District Governor's Special Representative in Baku (2005-2006).

Rtn. Ron is a Paul Harris Fellow (since 2004).

He is married to Dr. Rajani D'Mello and has one son, Rahul.

**Daniel
Gornell**



Honorary Charter Member

Dan Gornell has been a Rotarian since 1986 and is a member of the Colorado Springs Rotary Club. A retired US Air Force officer and banker, he has been coming to Azerbaijan since 2001 in association with a Rotary International Matching Grant to provide free dental care for needy Azerbaijani children. He has also authored and presented a series of seminars on business practice and economic theory to students of many universities in Baku.

A multiple Paul Harris Fellow and Honorary Charter Member of the Baku International club, Dan and his wife Barbara live in Baku six months of the year.

District 2430, to which Baku International club belongs, is one of the largest districts in terms of geographical coverage.

The governor is charged with overseeing 87 clubs with 2,700 members across five countries:

Turkey (Ankara), Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

District governors serve for one year and are required to make an official visit to each club in their district, preferably during the first six months of their term. The purpose is to offer wise counsel and convey goodwill. They also plan and preside over annual district conferences.

Each year the incoming RI president selects a theme and motto. In 2006-2007 the theme is 'LEAD THE WAY'.

"This is an affirmation of my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world, one positive act at a time." *Bill Boyd.*

LEAD THE WAY

2006-07

WILLIAM "BILL" BOYD
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

ALI AKINCI
2430. DISTRICT GOVERNOR



William "Bill" BOYD
RI President 2006-2007

New Zealand, retired CEO of the country's largest magazine distributor. A Rotarian since 1971.



Ali AKINCI
2430 District Governor 2006-2007

An engineer and Rotarian since 1989. Member of RC Ankara Gaziosmanpasha.

Club President for RI year 2006 - 2007

**Dr. Rajani D'Mello
M.D., Ph.D.**



Club President 2006 - 2007

Dr. Rajani D'Mello M.D., Ph.D., an Indian national, graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology from an Indian university in 1986. In 1987 she came to the erstwhile USSR to pursue her medical studies. She completed her MD (General Medicine) with honors in 1994 from the Crimean State Medical Institute in Ukraine. In 1995 she arrived to Azerbaijan as a teacher of medicine at the Khazar University School of Medicine and also worked as a Family Physician at the Western Medical Center in Baku. Thereafter in 1998 she joined The Azerbaijan Institute of Obstetrics & Gynecology as a research fellow. Most of her clinical research in female infertility was conducted from 1999 until 2003 at the hospital of the institute.

Rajani represented Azerbaijan at the World Congress in London in September 2001 where she delivered a lecture on "Ozone therapy in female infertility" and in 2005 she successfully defended her thesis in Russia and as a result was awarded a Ph.D. in Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Dr. Rajani is an Obstetrician - Gynecologist, a surgeon, a Reproductologist and an Ozone Therapy Specialist. Currently she is conducting post-doctoral clinical research in female infertility. She has been a Panel Doctor of the Indian Embassy in Azerbaijan since 2000. She is the Chief Doctor of the Dr. Rajani's Clinic in Baku, which is well equipped with a modern laboratory, ultrasound equipment and various other diagnostic and therapeutic equipments, which renders medical services in the fields of Obs-Gyn, Infertility, and Vascular diseases.

Her first experiences of Rotary were in high schooldays in India where she was an active member of the local Interact Club. She first attended Rotary in August 1998 and became a charter member of Baku Rotary Club (BRC), the first club in Azerbaijan. Since then she has been an active Rotarian, and instrumental in the execution of various projects for BRC. She served as Chairperson of the Club Service Committee of BRC in 2001-02 and again in 2003-04. She is a founder and charter member of the Rotary Club of Baku International and served as Vice President prior to the club being chartered, before being elected President Elect for 2006-2007.

Besides Rotary, her humanitarian activities in Azerbaijan are also conducted through the International Women's Club and the Indian Association of Azerbaijan.

She is married to Dr. Ronald D'Mello, who is also a Rotarian, and they have a son Rahul.



The charter members decided upon a modern, bright, and symbolic design for the club banner.

The concept behind the design of the banner is that Baku International club exists with its wide cross-section of members due to the country's rapid advancement as a modern independent state. That development is driven by its oil and gas industry, hence the off-shore drilling rig and gas flare. But at the same time, this country can trace its origins and earliest settlers back some 16,000 years, and preserving its traditions and its proud past is key. That long history and depth of culture is symbolized on our club banner by the Maiden Tower, parts of which date back over 25 centuries. The banner also depicts the Caspian Sea, a crucial element in the dynamics of modern Azerbaijan, and an especially important feature of life in Baku. Not only are the rock formations beneath it the source of most of the country's future wealth, but it holds within it some of the most ancient fish to be found on Earth, swimming far beneath the banner's symbolic waves. The Caspian Sea has also shaped, quite literally, the face of Baku. The design places the Maiden Tower as if it were in the sea. This is a reminder to us all that the waters of the Caspian dramatically rise and fall in cycles and that they used to lap at the very base of the tower. The final element in the design, apart from the emblem of Rotary International, is the display of the three colors of the nation's flag.



CHELLAMANI ACHUTHA

Charter Secretary

Born in India, Chellamani is a sales and marketing professional with broad experience of several consumer sectors ranging from food to pharmaceuticals. He is Area Manager for the Preparados Alimenticios S.A., distributing such well known international food brands as Gallina Blanca. His region includes Georgia, Turkenistan and Iran. A committed Rotarian, Chellamani has been central to the development of Rotary in Azerbaijan. He has held several Rotary positions including Secretary of the Baku International club since its inception. A founder member of the Indian Association in Azerbaijan, Chellamani and his wife Rena, a renowned dentist, have one son, Murad.

ALUM BATI

Alum is an English barrister and head of the Salans law office in Baku. He has resided in Baku since 1993, when he came to open an office for the international accounting and audit firm Ernst & Young. He is a director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan, a director of the British Business Group, a director of the Centre for Innovation in Education, and an advisory board member of the Eurasia Foundation. Alum is also honorary legal adviser to the British Ambassador to Azerbaijan. Founder of both the Baku Cricket Club and the Baku History Club, Alum joined Rotary in 2006 and is a club charter member.



RENE BIENZ

Rene-Heinrich Bienz was born in Thun, Switzerland. After a wonderful and safe childhood, he completed his education with a degree in Business Administration/Economics. Rene left Switzerland in 1996 for Prague, Czech Republic where he worked for almost eight years in several senior finance positions for two major telecoms companies. He married a lovely Czech and returned to Switzerland in 2004 to work for a another large telecom company before coming to Azerbaijan in September 2005 to be CFO of Bakcell. His family has been supporting charities and needy people for many years and, following this tradition, Rene decided to join Rotary and became a member in 2006.

BENTE BIMBERG

Born and raised in Norway, Bente was influenced from an early age by social-democratic ideas, community activities, music and literature. After high school, she went to Frankfurt am Main in Germany, graduating from the dental faculty of Johann W. Goethe University and gaining a Ph.D. in dental medicine. Although interested in the whole spectrum of dentistry, including union work, she has a preference for oral surgery.

Bente has lived in five European countries, including 16 years in Berlin running her private dental clinic, but much of her time now is focused on humanitarian activities with the Norwegian Refugee Council. She came to Azerbaijan in 2005 and joined Rotary that year.





RAYMOND CHAPPELL

Raymond, a former military engineer and a diving professional, came to Azerbaijan in 2005 to work with J Ray McDermott as Diving Manager, responsible for overseeing all sub-sea pipeline connections to drilling platforms. Originally from London, he learned to dive in the British Army where he served for a total of 14 years, specialising in diving, mine warfare and demolitions. To help satisfy his strong desires as a humanitarian, Raymond joined Rotary in 2005 in England attracted by its goals and the opportunity for active community service. Since transferring to Baku International club he has been spearheading the club's fund raising. He has three children who all live in the UK.

SUSAN B. CORNELL

A native of the USA, Susan has been living in Baku since 1992. She is an educator, teaching and inspiring youngsters at the Baku Oxford School, a private local school offering an international curriculum from Kindergarten through 11th grade, and where she is also part-time administrator. She also writes for local and international English language magazines. With her strong spirit of community, Susan was an early member of Baku Rotary Club but decided to focus on her work and her avid participation in the sports/social club Baku Hash House Harriers. However, Rotary won her back to become a charter member of the club. She is devoted to the Azerbaijani and expatriate community.



GUVEN GUVEN

Club Secretary 2006 - 2007

With 15 years experience in advertising agencies in his native Istanbul, and a similar period working in marketing for Turkey's tobacco industry, Guven is a professional in corporate outreach and development. He came to Azerbaijan in January 2004 to establish and develop Sika Azerbaijan, as general manager, being a branch of a Swiss company that is a producer, exporter and distributor of construction chemicals. Guven first made contact with Rotary here in Baku in 2005 and became a Rotarian that year. He has been elected as Club Secretary for the RI year 2006 - 2007. He is also a member of TUSIAB, the Turkish Businessman's Association in Azerbaijan.



EMIL HASSANOV

Charter Treasurer

Born in Baku, Emil has a Masters Degree in Law from Baku State University and he began his professional life in the Ministry of Justice where he focused on Human Rights, Anti-Terrorism and Gender related legislation. This led on to his current work with the Agency for Mine Action in Azerbaijan, where he is National Operations Manager. He has authored and published several papers on mine action and attends many international seminars and conferences each year, highlighting the serious issues and huge clearance task Azerbaijan faces. Emil was admitted to Baku Rotary Club as a Rotarian before deciding to help establish the second club. He is a charter member.





MUHAMMAD JUNAID

Muhammad is a professional banker and specialist in development finance. He currently heads the Azerbaijan Financial Sector Development Project funded by USAID and implemented by ACDI/VOCA. He has previously managed and advised banks and financial institutions in CIS, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Muhammad has an MBA from the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, in addition to university degrees in Public Administration and Commerce. A Rotarian since 1999, he is a former member of the Rotary Club of Lilongwe, and the Rotary Club of Bishkek. He is married to Yasmin, and they have three children.

UWE KOEHLER

President Elect 2007 - 2008

Born and raised in a small German town, he started his professional career in the hydraulics industry. In 1991 he married Rossalina and their son Colin was born that year, followed by the birth of their daughter Estelle Tiffany in 1994. Since 1995, Uwe and his family have lived abroad, firstly in Budapest until 1999. He then joined the SwissHolcim Group, working firstly in Sofia, from 1999 to 2002, before moving his family to Macedonia for 15 months while he worked in Kosovo. In March 2004 he became General Director of Garadagh Cement in Azerbaijan. He joined Rotary in 2005, became Club Vice President in early 2006 and is President Elect 2007-2008.



GULYARA NARIMANOVA

Gulyara has devoted her life to her husband, her children, and to humanitarian activities. She formed one of the country's first NGOs, Insan, and is well known in compassionate circles for her hard work with bone tuberculosis-afflicted young people, particularly at the Gintes Sanatorium in Ganjlik. She has also championed the cause of bettering the lives of those many thousands of Azerbaijanis who suffer from thalassemia and to source funding for prevenient treatment for families most at risk from the genetic disease.

Gulyara was an early recruit to Rotary, as a charter member of Baku Rotary Club. She is also a founding member of this club.

MARTIN QUIRKE

Martin transferred from the Almaty Rotary Club, Kazakhstan, in May 2006, having arrived in Baku to become CEO of Bakcell. He served as President of the Almaty Rotary Club during Rotary's Centennial year, and as President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Kazakhstan from 2002 till early 2006.

Martin is British, and has worked in the telecommunications sector since 1970, in UK and many overseas locations, including Central Asia, Russia, Asia, the Caribbean, and now here in Azerbaijan.

He has six children, who are all in the UK, and he lives with his partner Tamara, who is from Kazakhstan, and who is also a Rotarian.





HAKAN TARAKCIOĞLU

Vice President 2006 - 2007

Born in Ankara, Hakan graduated from TED Ankara College High School, and then studied at the Cerrahpasa Medical Faculty of the University of Istanbul. He became a medical doctor in 1987. He later went to the University of Marmara, Istanbul becoming an MBA in 1995. His business life began in 1993, in Turkey, and he then moved to Baku in 1997 becoming managing director of United Pharma Ltd, ITC Intech Co Ltd, West Pharma Ltd (Tbilisi) and Promotion Ltd . Hakan owns Optik Ra shop in Baku and in 2005 he became a partner in the ABU Eye Clinic. Hakan first joined Baku Rotary Club in 2000 and later rejoined this club. He is divorced and has one 10 year-old son.

AKIN ONDER TOPUZ

Onder was born in Ankara, Turkey and graduated from the Middle East Technical University as an economist in 1995. He began his professional life working for six years in the corporate credit marketing departments of two major banks. He moved to Baku in 2002 and set up his own real estate company while also managing an electro-mechanical contracting firm. In addition to his business interests, Onder is director of the Azerbaijan Turkey Businessmen Association, promoting Azerbaijan as an investment destination. He plays classical guitar and both dances and teaches Argentine tango. Onder's involvement with Rotary began in 2005 and he is a club charter member.



MARTIN UPPENBRINK

Although born in Bielefeld, Germany, Martin describes himself as a 'convinced Berliner'. He studied Law and Economics in France and became a professional in environmental issues, holding both senior administrative and academic positions. He received his Professorate for Environmental Law in Berlin and then headed the Environment Directorate of the UN in Geneva. He retired in 2000 from the position of President of the Nature Protection Agency in Bonn. Since 2002, Martin has worked in Azerbaijan representing the Michael Succow Foundation, protecting Azerbaijan's environment. He and his wife, who sadly passed away, had three wonderful daughters.



JOHN VERUGHESE

Club Treasurer 2006 - 2007

Born in southern India, John is a life-long finance professional. With vast experience gained from India and elsewhere, he came to Azerbaijan in 2001 for business related to commerce and duty free goods. John is also a life-long Rotarian, beginning his Rotary career at age 14, as an Interactor, which is the school level arm of Rotary International. While at college he progressed to become a Rotaractor and was made a Rotarian in 1984, as a charter member of Rotary Club of Coimbatore Metropolis in District 3200. He rejoined Rotary in 2005 and is a charter member of the Baku International club. A former president of the Indian Association in Azerbaijan. John is married to Latha and blessed with two daughters.





WAYNE A. WALZ

A dedicated oil sector professional, Wayne began his career in Houston before moving on to direct an 'early oil' US / Russian joint venture project in Western Siberia. He first came to Azerbaijan and the Caspian region a decade ago at the early stages of the modern oil era and became a member of the Executive Committee that conceptualized and planned the creation of AIOC, now led by BP, and fulfilment of the PSA program in Azerbaijan. He also managed the Coordinating Council of AIOC. He has since founded and managed several upstream petroleum service and supply sector companies as well as being a consultant for both foreign and local companies. Wayne joined Rotary in 2006.

Lutful Kabir (Maputo)



Bruno Ferrea (Khartoum)



Laura Scheibe



Roger Anstey (Hon.)



These good people left Baku and were tranferred to other Rotary clubs during the 2005-2006 Rotary year, or, in a very few cases, they resigned as Rotarians.

Otto Kammerer



Konstantin Balassopoulos



Michele McAloon



Kaya Bulutlu



Charter President

Jeffrey Farrow



Charter President

It says much about Azerbaijan and its people that Jeffrey has remained here for over a decade. Given a military career that pushed him on many overseas tours, followed by several busy years of professional business development for an international electronics group and two European entrepreneurs, which took him to numerous countries on assignments from micro-chip production to shipping, fashion to film sales, Jeffrey could be described as one of life's true travelers.

Born near London to a loving family, the first of four sons, Jeffrey joined the army at 18 after completing grammar school. He trained as an officer and military engineer, and was commissioned into the Corps of Royal Engineers in 1974. He later gained a First Class Honors degree in Highway and Bridge Engineering. Though set for a seemingly successful career in the British Army, he opted to resign his commission in 1985 and start the second phase of his professional life; some 10 years working in industry, commerce and the media.

Phase three began in July 1995 when Jeffrey came to Baku to form the country's first foreign capitalized insurance company, Meridian Sigorta. Non-oil sector development became his main focus, with privatization, insurance and inward investment as key areas of professional interest. He continues his work in this field through his advisory and project management company Belmont Global.

Jeffrey reintroduced the media and creativity into his life in 2000 when he formed the Caspian Business News publishing group and opened The Premier Agency. Five years later he launched Global Village, an association of non-profit clubs aimed primarily at developing the modern language skills and social intelligence of young people in Baku and to foster closer foreign-local integration and understanding.

Jeffrey joined Baku Rotary Club in 2000, soon becoming Club Treasurer and then Club Secretary before moving across as one of the founders of the Baku International club.

BAKU INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

On 30 June 2006, the Charter President gave a Special Recognition Award to the following members for their contribution to the club during the last Rotary year:

Chellamani Achutha

For his loyal service as a Rotarian, his effective and close support to members as Club Secretary, and for shouldering the burden of coordinating and implementing the time consuming administrative process of chartering the Rotary Club of Baku International.

Onder Topuz

For his enthusiasm and dedication as a new member of Rotary, his support to the board of directors, and for his one hundred percent record of attendance at club meetings.

Wayne Walz

For being a model as to how a new member can quickly integrate into a club, become active at meetings, support fellowship activities, assist with community service projects and demonstrate how to further the Object of Rotary.

Bente Bimberg and Dan Gornell

For outstanding work on community service projects related to improving dental care in Azerbaijan and for using such work as a means of developing closer ties between Baku International club and sister Rotary clubs overseas.

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR 2005 - 2006

The Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Baku International have decided the club will present an annual award to a person, or persons, in the local community, Azerbaijani or foreign, who, in the opinion of club members, has made an outstanding contribution to humanitarian action and community service in the Republic of Azerbaijan.



The 2005-2006 award as 'Humanitarian of the Year' was presented to Mrs. Quinta Woodward, for her untiring and inspirational work to better the quality of life for thousands of socially disadvantaged and medically in need Azerbaijanis, through the pro-active and highly respected organization Community Shield Azerbaijan.



“Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world”.

A wheel in various forms has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days, used because it symbolizes “Civilization and Movement”.

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary “4-Way Test”:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



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