



ROTARY DISTRICT
7600 ALUMNI
PANEL

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ZOE ROMANO - GLOBAL SCHOLAR

Zoë Romano is a teacher and writer in Portland, ME. As a Rotary Global Scholar from 2016-18, she traveled to Argentina for two semesters of service, teaching while she completed an MFA in Creative Writing. Romano is an established ultrarunner, using running as a platform for engaging youth and supporting youth-centered non-profits. She has run across the US in support of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Tour de France in support of World Pediatric Project. Romano first got involved in Rotary through the latter, when she worked closely with the South Richmond club and District 7600 to raise funds for World Pediatric. Romano is now an academic coach at an independent school in Maine, where she teaches Spanish, writing, and tools for autonomy to high schoolers. She helps develop Maine's annual TEDx conference, is a facilitator for Senator Olympia Snowe's Women's Leadership Institute, and a running coach. She attended the University of Richmond in RVA, where she lived for ten years. She currently lives with her husband in Portland, Maine, where she is at work on her first book.



AMY KAY - PEACE SCHOLAR

Amy Kay is a Senior Health Advisor for USAID's Middle East Bureau. Amy has 20 years of experience focused on the Middle East/North Africa working in complex regional, country and community-based contexts. She previously worked with the Centre for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA), Futures Group, and various UN agencies and missions in conflict and conflict-impacted countries. In her current position, Amy is based in USAID's Middle East Bureau and provides leadership and support for country level missions, with a focus on non-presence countries and the spectrum of humanitarian, stabilization and development programming in the region. She also focuses on the intersection of rights and health, contributing to the establishment of the first NGOs and networks registered, funded and led by and for People Living with HIV including the first network of Women Living with HIV. Amy continues to focus on the intersection of health, rights and health access in the region for vulnerable populations.



CHRISTIE DOUGLAS - RYLA

Christie Douglas is a senior at Longwood University majoring in Education and minoring in Children's Literature, English, and History. After graduation in May of 2021, she hopes to join the Peace Corp to serve internationally as a teacher or a community volunteer. Christie was a member of the Prince George High School Interact Club until she graduated in 2017. She attended the 2017 RYLA as a member of the Prince George Rotary sponsored Interact Club. She has continued her commitment to service through her involvement as the Service chair and Student President of the Wesley Foundation group in Farmville. She has involved this campus-based youth ministry in Habitat for Humanity's project, student support projects, and other community efforts. Christie is the daughter of Chris and Shel Douglas. She has participated in Rotary projects for many years alongside her mother. Her mother is a member of the Prince George Rotary Club and a D7600 Alumni.



COLLEEN BONADONNA – NID / GSE /GLOBAL GRANT

Colleen Bonadonna is the current District 7600 Polio Plus Chair. She has led and / or participated in Rotary service projects across the globe and in her local community. In Nigeria and India, she led or participated in 12 National Immunization Days (NID). In the latter, she participated in projects for maternal and child's health, education, economic development, and water & sanitation. In Honduras, she supported work at both an ophthalmic clinic (2015) and as part of a maternal health project (2017). In Kenya, she worked with the Cheery Education Center (2019). In Ghana, she participated in water and sanitation projects funded by a Rotary Global Grant. As the Chair of the Polio Plus Program, she visited 200 clubs in 200 days to promote the 200 Million Dollar Gates Foundation challenge to eradicate Polio. Her commitment to eradicating polio can be visibly seen on her person as she carries with her a purple pinkie, the symbol for a completed vaccination, and a tattoo of two drops, the recognized symbol for the two-dose vaccine series. Recently, she served as the host and moderator of the 2020 World Polio Day Telethon. As a leading Rotarian, she is the recipient of the Rotary International's Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World, The Rotary Foundation District Service Award, Club Builder Award (7610), and Innovation Award (7600).
