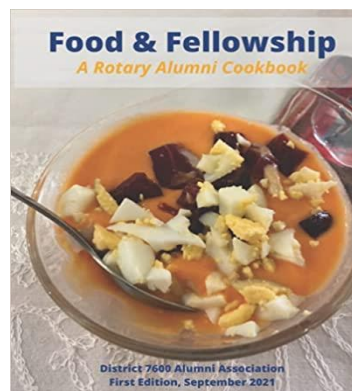


D7600 District Conference > Alumni Association Activities

We had a successful presence at the **House of Friendship** at the District Conference at the Marriott Downtown Hotel on 16 October, 2021. Thanks to several Alumni, who volunteered in shifts, we actively promoted our service projects and engaged Rotarians as to the value the Association adds to our District.



This year, we are proud to present, a first of its kind, **Alumni Cookbook** based on recipes submitted by Alumni as a result of their experience abroad. It was a novel idea for a service project that was received very well by Rotarians and guests who strolled by the Alumni display at the HOF. The cookbook makes an excellent holiday gift to someone you love. It's \$20 a copy and is available online in printed and digital formats. Proceeds go to the district for future service projects... the more cookbooks sold, the more we can do to serve our community. So... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR! See links: <https://tinyurl.com/alumnicookbook>

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The Rotary **Alumni Panel** break-out session on Saturday morning provided a lively and entertaining discussion on Rotary's impact on young people with international and youth experience. Our panel was hosted by Dr. Mike Little and included panelists: Global Scholar Jamshid Bakhtiari, from the Virginia Law Center, Group Study Exchange Member Heather Barrar, from the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River, and Rotaractor Abdulrahman Albunna, a student at JMU.



At Saturday's lunch general session, Conference Co-Chair Alumni Colleen Bonadonna presented the "2020-2021 **Alumni of the Year Award**" to past president John Miller, for his dedication and creativity to keep the Association actively engaged during the Covid pandemic. John's "Food & Culture" virtual social in February inspired us to publish our first-ever Alumni Cookbook.



In the afternoon, Alumni Ashley Olin took charge of the **District's 'Free Little Libraries' service project**. With the creative help of several Rotaractors and Rotarians, four libraries were decorated and made available to local Rotary Clubs to be distributed in their communities, and, no doubt, put to good use.

Alumni Reception and Induction Ceremony

The highlight of the day was the 8th annual Alumni Reception and Induction Ceremony attended by over 35 Alumni and guests. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to relax from a very busy day of activities and share their Rotary stories. Refreshments were plentiful thanks to six Past District Governors, who served as sponsors to the Class of 2021.



At 4:30 pm, Alumni President Adeeb Hamzey called forth the Class of 2021 and the RI President's Representative Steve Snyder who inducted eight new Alumni >

- (L to R) **Metta Alsobrook, Holly Caboti-Jones, Joe Hines, Lisa Hollier, Sam Parham, Tyler Neese, Janice Henicheck and Dinesh Nayak**

Afterwards, Alumni Advisor PDG Jim Probsdorfer recognized two Class of 2019 Alumni - Ally Fisher and Abdulrahman Albunnia - with a Certificate of Appreciation for their significant service to Rotary International and to the local community.

Needless to say, it was an eventful and successful day for the D7600 Alumni Association.

Adeeb Hamzey
Alumni Association President 2021-202