



Global Rotary Alumni Break-Out Session

Join District 7600 Rotary alumni in a panel discussion about their Rotary related international experiences in Ethiopia, Vietnam, and India and how it impacted their lives.

Located in the Short Pump Breakout room from 11:20 a.m. to 12:00 noon Saturday, October 15.

We will broadcast through Zoom with both Ross Wood former Rotary Peace Scholar graduate from Bradford University (England) and now USAID Director for Ethiopia -live from Ethiopia; and Holly Caboti Jones a former William and Mary and Rotary Exchange student -live from Vietnam where she now resides. Dinesh Nayak, President of the Western Henrico Rotary club, and his club's India Global Grant Liaison and Mike Little, District 7600 Peace Fellow Subcommittee Chair and program moderator will preside in the Short Pump room with the audience.



Ross Wood, Panelist is a recipient of the *Rotary Peace Fellowship* and holds an MA in *Conflict, Security and Development* from the University of Bradford's Peace Studies Center in England. Currently, Ross is a *Senior Humanitarian Advisor* for USAID in Ethiopia where he directs a humanitarian portfolio that, because of compounding crises throughout the country (e.g., civil war, drought, desert locusts, conflict induced displacement, etc.) grew from \$340 million in 2019 to \$447 million in 2020 to \$685 million in 2021. He is married with two children. Ross will speak to his Rotary Peace Fellow experience and current responsibilities.



Holly Caboti Jones, Panelist is a 2022 graduate of William & Mary where she received a bachelor's in science degree in Public Health. As a Rotary International Youth Ambassador during 2017 to 2018 she represented Rotary in Tangará da Serra, Mato Grosso, Brazil, where she participated with the local Rotary (District 4440). With the hopes to learn about different cultures in Asia and their diverse medical systems, Holly is currently traveling throughout Asia for a year before beginning medical school in 2023. She will discuss her International Rotary exchange experience.



Dinesh Nayak, Panelist is *President of Western Henrico Rotary Club*, Richmond VA 2022-23 with over 30 years of experience in technology management and software product development for clients across North America, Europe, and Asia. He is also a real estate investor and syndicator. His MBA is from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's in engineering (India) Dinesh's presentation will focus on the implementation of his club's Global grant project: A skin bank in KMC hospital in Manipal, India (2022-23).



Mike Little, Moderator for the panel is the *Rotary District 7600, Assistant Governor and Peace Fellow Subcommittee and Global Scholar Chair* for 2022-23. He is Past President of The Rotary Club of Richmond (2016-17) and a member of the club for the past twenty years. He is a retired VCU professor and Marketing Department Chair emeritus from the School of Business after 33 years of service and resides in the Richmond area.

