



**THE FLORIDA BAR**  
*Office of the President*  
*Scott G. Hawkins*

*Jones, Foster, Johnston & Stubbs, P.A.*  
*505 S. Flagler Dr., Suite 1100*  
*West Palm Beach, FL 33401*  
*Phone: (561) 659-3000*  
*Fax: (561) 650-0436*  
*shawkins@jones-foster.com*

October 17, 2011

Members of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale  
c/o Mr. Dan Austin

Re: The Rotary Foundation / Your Recent Invitation

Dear Members of The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale:

On Wednesday, October 12, 2011, I had the privilege to speak before your Club at the Riverside Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. As I then expressed, I appeared before you in dual capacities. First, I spoke in my capacity as a former Foundation Scholar of Rotary International. Second, I spoke to you in my capacity as President of The Florida Bar and discussed the merit retention challenge which will face Florida in November of 2012.

In follow-up to my presentation, I wanted to send a letter thanking the club for the opportunity to speak and to reiterate a few points I stressed about the importance of the Rotary Foundation's International Scholarship Program. With regard to this latter point, I wish to emphasize the following:

1. My experience as a Foundation Scholar selected by the Rotary International Foundation was truly transformative. I served as a Scholar at the University of Edinburgh in the 1984-1985 academic year during which time I earned a Master's degree in Business Administration. This experience was enriching both academically and culturally.
  - A. Academically, I studied with forty (40) young people from around the world. We spent the year studying strategy, international relations, learning to work across cultural barriers and learning to appreciate the perspectives of other cultures' orientations.
  - B. Culturally, my wife and I had an experience of a lifetime traveling extensively through the United Kingdom, Western Europe and to



the Soviet Union. These cultural experiences were illuminating and helped me to acquire a broader perspective of the world, the important and special place the United States holds in the world, and the importance of building understanding through cultural exchanges between countries.

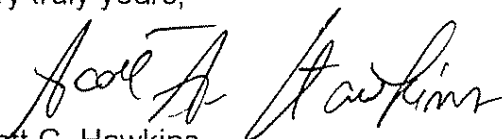
2. As I expressed last week, my experience studying abroad through the Rotary Foundation was one of the most important in my life. Undoubtedly, lessons learned through this great experience (again made possible by the Foundation Scholarship) have influenced virtually every aspect of my behavior and in my understanding of international events. When considering my own experience, however, I think it is important to be cognizant of the Foundation's broad reach. For several decades, the Foundation has sent scholars across the globe on an annual basis to study in the world's great academic institutions at the undergraduate and graduate level. In this way, Rotary International, through its Foundation, is truly investing in others and fulfilling its fourth objective

The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

I will be forever indebted to Rotary International and have the deepest respect for the ideals of Rotary International and the extraordinary work of the International Rotary Foundation. I urge each of you if given the chance to invest in the Foundation by becoming Paul Harris Fellows. Please be assured that in the process, you are directly investing in others and that your investment will yield a valuable return as you build the lives of young people across the world through this most visionary scholarship program.

Again, thank you for the privilege to address your Club.

Very truly yours,

  
Scott G. Hawkins

SGH/caa