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SCHWEIDENBACK WINS ROLEX AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE

David Schweidenback - founder, president and guiding force behind Pedals for Progress - is honored as one of five winners of the prestigious 2000 Rolex Awards for Enterprise. Selected from more than 2,000 candidates worldwide, the five 2000 Rolex Awards for Enterprise Laureates, as they are known, each receive a \$75,000 gift and immense worldwide exposure, both intended to enhance and sustain their award-winning projects.



David Schweidenback

admirable undertaking are truly in the spirit of the Rolex Awards for Enterprise."

A second member of the Selection Committee, Mr. Gilbert M. Grosvenor of the USA and the National Geographic Society, said of David, "With skills learned from his Peace Corps experiences. David Schweidenback combined entrepreneurship and philosophy to dramatically broaden transportation in the developing world. He has single-handedly improved the quality of life for many thousands of people."

Another Selection Committee member, Mr. Michel Peissel of France, comments, "Nearly every country has its surplus that could find a market in other, less favored lands. The high visibility of this project (Pedals for Progress) will, I trust, help spawn other similar projects recycling computers, X-ray equipment, trucks and other items."

The Selection Committee for the 2000 Rolex Awards for Enterprise is composed of men and women of unique accomplishment from diverse points on the globe-Australia, Italy, France, Chile, the USA, Canada, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland.

Clearly, sterling past performance is essential in gaining the Selection Committee's attention, yet it is what the judges envision for the future that matters most in the selection process. In the words of Mr. Patrick Heiniger, Chairman of the 2000 Selection Committee and Chief Executive Officer of Montres Rolex, S.A., "None of these endeavors has brought its author the slightest personal gain. On the contrary, in most cases it has brought sacrifice and hardship. And so we honor them...not in recognition of past accomplishment, but in the prospect of benefits to come."

Mr. John Stoneman of Canada, one of the ten distinguished Selection Committee members, said, "David Schweidenback is an extraordinary individual with a vision to help the less fortunate of the world with a simple, yet very effective and worthy strategy. His hard work and dedication to this

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PFP WORLD UNION 2001 Pfp's first family gathering!

You'd think that a Rolex Award would be enough. But the reality is, winning the award puts Pfp in the position to do more! In our new position as a high-visibility group we'll have more diverse opportunities for improving our programs and strengthening our existing partnerships this year.

September 2001 marks the 10th year of international service for Pedals for Progress. To celebrate the occasion we've asked our sponsors to join us in bringing together everyone in the Pedals for Progress family. For the first time ever, representatives from each Pfp overseas program will be able to meet with program sponsors, business leaders and each other, under one roof. Our hope for World Union is to link faces to the telephone voices and the email messages we have come to rely on to keep Pedals for Progress vital and growing.

In September 2001 we all will meet for the first time. In a future World Union, we can all meet again as old friends - to talk, to catch up on old business, to brag about our families, to play golf, to see how we're all getting along.

Pfp began life as one working member with a very big idea. Now it is bigger than all of us. World Union 2001 is the "Millennium Step" to bringing all of us closer as we look ahead to 2002 and beyond.

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President's Message

I need to give great thanks to Montres Rolex, Mr. Patrick Heiniger, and the Rolex Selection Committee for naming me a Rolex Laureate for the year 2000. This is a tremendous honor personally and a great impetus to the growth of Pedals for Progress.

Getting to meet the other 4 Laureates who have done such outstanding work was really humbling.

I accepted the Rolex Award on behalf of Pedals for Progress and my whole family. My family has made great sacrifices for PfP over the years. Occasionally they were drafted to help load containers when no other help was available. Through all the years with little or no pay, and all the weekends holding collections, my family has consistently supported me in my efforts to create PfP.

Institutionally, this award goes a long way in legitimizing PfP. The honor of receiving this international award has raised PfP to new heights. With all of the publicity from winning the award, PfP is more stable, better known, and the PfP volunteers and workers more enthused than ever to go out and help create positive change.

With the financial support of the Rolex Award, I am actively seeking a NJ Production Coordinator to relieve me of many of the collection and warehousing responsibilities, so as to enable me to concentrate on expanding PfP's geographical collection area. It was easy in 1994 to collect and ship 2500 bikes singlehanded. Collecting 11,000 bikes in 2001 is impossible without help.

The great burdens in expanding domestically have been my having enough free time to oversee the new areas and the money to pay staff. Paid staff is mandatory at some responsibility levels. I am pleased to announce that Eric Schenk will be joining PfP this spring as a paid staff member becoming the area coordinator of the south NJ/Philadelphia area. By September I hope to be able to hire Mitch Sibley-Jett as the Connecticut Area Coordinator.

In closing, I would like to thank Rolex for this great honor. Thanks also to the volunteers who consistently help collect, process and ship bikes. To my indispensable Vice President Keith Oberg and graphic artist Will Morneau who have done so much to help win this award, a sincere thank you. I also need to mention the outstanding program managers overseas who have repaired and distributed our bicycles, especially Wilfredo Santana from Rivas Nicaragua. Lastly, thank you to the donors who had faith that we would do great things with their money and bicycles. I believe we have.

Dave Schweidenback



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The Rolex Awards for Enterprise

Begun a quarter century ago, 2000 marks the ninth occasion of the granting of Rolex Awards for Enterprise. Commenting upon the establishment of these awards, the late Andre J. Heiniger, founder of the Rolex Awards for Enterprise, said, "We initiated the Rolex Awards in 1976 out of a conviction that we had a responsibility to take an active interest in improving life on our planet and in the desire to foster values we cherish, quality, ingenuity, determination and, above all, a spirit of enterprise."

Joining our David Schweidenback and Pedals for Progress as 2000 Laureates are:

Maria Elize Manteca Onate who works to recover threatened forests and to establish proven soil conservation practices in her native Andean highlands of Ecuador.

Mohammed Bah Abba, who developed and promotes the use of an ingenious process for preserving essential food in Nigeria's northern desert using an ancient process involving pottery.

Laurent Pordie, a young French doctor who works to revive traditional medicine practices among the people of an isolated, remote Himalayan region in India where modern medicine practices are largely unavailable and unaffordable.

Elizabeth Nicholls, a Canadian-American paleontologist, who leads a project to excavate, preserve, document, and display an unprecedented 200 million year old 23 meter-long fossil of a gigantic marine reptile found in British Colombia.

Commenting on the significance of this award to Pedals for Progress, David Schweidenback recently remarked, "This award has validated Pedals for Progress and it's mission, seeking solutions for humanity by recycling items from the United States for the underdeveloped nation's of the world. Reduce for Reuse."

As David Schweidenback's dream of shipping recycled bicycles to the developing world is fulfilled, thousands and thousands of others in the USA and around the world learn of his dream and choose to become a part of it. The multitude of new "dreamers" includes those who donate a bicycle and \$10 toward its shipment, those who collect and prepare bicycles for shipment or provide financial support, those who receive bicycles in a faraway land, reassemble and distribute them, and, of course, the recipients themselves, those who make an investment in their own future by purchasing a Pedals for Progress bicycle. The multitude grows and grows. No longer is it measured by the thousands, but now by the tens of thousands.

Montres Rolex, S.A. and the 2000 Rolex Awards for Enterprise Selection Committee saw David's dream and chose to adopt it as their own. What a wonderful way to begin the new century, this new millennium. David's dream is growing. With growth at 20% and higher for the past five years and the recently achieved milestone of forty thousand bicycles shipped, Pedals for Progress is positioned to grow even larger and more diversified, providing valuable tools to those who can find significant value in what others take for granted, don't really want any more, even throw away.

Bicycles are the beginning and surely bicycles will remain the focus for Pedals for Progress, yet recent success with baseball equipment and soccer shoes suggest other possibilities, the idea Mr. Peissel so aptly expressed.

It is likely you are a Pedals for Progress enthusiast and share David's vision yourself. Let's try to remember always the challenge Mr. Heiniger presents us, "And so we honor them...not in recognition of past accomplishment, but in the prospect of benefits to come."

— article by Les Young

PEDALS FOR PROGRESS

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision

Pedals for Progress envisions a day when:

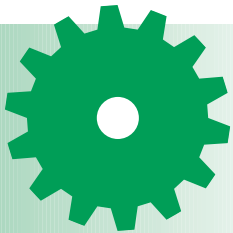
1. North America recycles over half of the five million used bicycles discarded each year, as well as unused parts and accessories for reuse overseas;
2. Poor people in developing countries have bicycles to get to work, obtain services and meet other needs;
3. The bicycle is an effective tool for self help in all developing countries;
4. Trade regulations enhance international commerce in bicycles and parts;
5. Policy makers in developing countries respect and support non-motorized transportation.

Mission

Our objectives are:

1. To enhance the productivity of low-income workers overseas where reliable, environmentally sound transportation is scarce, by supplying reconditioned bikes at low cost;
2. To promote in recipient communities the establishment of self-sustaining bicycle repair facilities, employing local people;
3. To provide leadership and innovation throughout North America for the recycling of bicycles, parts, and accessories;
4. To reduce dramatically the volume of bicycles, parts, and accessories flowing to landfills;
5. To foster environmentally sound transportation policies that encourage widespread use of bicycles worldwide;
6. To foster in the North American public an understanding of and a channel for responding to the transportation needs of the poor in developing countries.

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PFP PARTNERSHIPS AS OF 01/01/01

Country, Partner Name, Type of Program	#Bikes Shipped	Years
BARBADOS Bridgetown, Pinelands Creative Workshop <i>Youth development/small enterprise</i>	4,129	1995-2000
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Monte Cristi Rotary (District 4060 of Rotary International) <i>Transport/small business/community development</i>	1,610	1997-99
Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicano (MUDE) <i>Transport/small business/community development</i>	465	1999
Centro de Trabajo Popular (CTP) <i>Transport/small business/community development</i>	478	1999
EL SALVADOR San Salvador, Centro Salvadoreño de Tecnología Apropiaada (CESTA) <i>Transport/small business/community development</i>	3,664	1995-2000
GHANA Bawku, Community Welfare Foundation (Comwelf) <i>Rural development/appropriate technology</i>	451	2000
Ada, NekoTech <i>Rural development/appropriate technology</i>	427	2000
GUATEMALA Chimaltenango, Fundacion Integral de Desarrollo Sostenible y Medio Ambiente (FIDESMA), <i>Small business promotion, agricultural extension work</i>	951	1999-2000
HAITI Saint Marc, Service de Prochains Haitiens Interdenominational (SPHI) <i>Rural transportation</i>	436	2000
HONDURAS El Progreso, Yoro, Ecología, Economía, Vivienda y Desarrollo (EcoViDe) <i>Rural development/appropriate technology</i>	3,169	1997-2000
Choluteca, Ecología, Economía, Vivienda y Desarrollo (EcoViDe) <i>Rural development/appropriate technology</i>	489	2000
San Pedro Sula, Instituto Hondureño de Educación Radial (IHER), <i>Literacy/small business development</i>	1,867	1997-2000
MADAGASCAR Port Dauphine, Action Sante Organization Secours (ASOS) <i>Rural health care delivery</i>	60	1996-99
NAMIBIA Otjiwarango, Clay House Project <i>Rural development/appropriate technology</i>	824	1997-2000
NICARAGUA Rivas, Asociación para el Desarrollo Comunitario (ADC) <i>Community development</i>	4,140	1992-99
Jinotepe, Ecotecnología (Ecotec) <i>Community development</i>	2,711	1997-2000
PANAMA Asociación Panamena de Industrias de Buena Voluntad (IBV) & Panama City Rotary <i>Transport/small business/community development</i>	948	2000
SENEGAL, DAKAR, Association des Bacheliers pour L'Emploi et le Developpement (ABACED) <i>Community development</i>	890	1999-2000
SOUTH AFRICA, JOHANNESBURG Afribike <i>Community development, health care delivery</i>	444	2000

Other shipments between 1991 and 2000 have gone to non-profit agencies in Appalachia, Colombia, Ecuador, Eritrea, Fiji, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, New Guinea, Peru, the Solomon Islands, and Venezuela as well as other unlisted groups in Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Haiti and Honduras.

1997 total: 5,468, 1998 total: 6,287 1999 total: 7,001 2000 total: 8,983

TOTAL BIKES SHIPPED: 41,281



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2001

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Arrival at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort • Registration: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Hotel Lobby
Cocktail Reception: 8:00PM to 10:00PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM • Meeting: 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM • Concurrent Workshops:
10:15AM to 12:30PM • Strategic Centers Exhibition: 10:00 PM to 6:00 PM • Lunch: 12:30 PM to
1:30 PM • Meetings and Concurrent Workshops: 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM • Dinner to 6:00PM
Entertainment to 9:00PM to Midnight

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM • Meeting: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM • Box Lunch for Recreational
Activities • Strategic Centers Exhibition: 10:00 PM to 6:00 PM • Recreational Time: 12:00 PM to
5:00PM • Reception, Dinner and Award Presentation: 6:30PM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Breakfast Buffet: 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM • Bicycle Collection with Stroudsburg Rotary
Check-out from Inn by Noon.

Registration/Reservation Form

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SPOUSE/GUEST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY ACCOMMODATIONS

TOTAL \$ _____

Includes Reception on Wednesday, Full Breakfast Buffet on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Lunch
Thursday and Friday, Dinner on Friday and 10th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, all workshops and coffee
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(Inclusive) for Double Occupancy.

AWARDS BANQUET AND FRIDAY NIGHT STAY

TOTAL \$ _____

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Payment can be made by enclosing a check or by credit card by calling reservations
at 1-800 SHAWNEE. If you pay by credit card this form must still be returned to the
Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

This form can also be faxed in to 1-570-424-9168. In making reservations by phone,
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For more information on the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort, please visit their
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Continued from our Summer 2000 InGear, this is the final segment of Eric's journey.



WORLD TOUR 2000

From the inspiring Pedals for Progress partner sites of Central America, I continued the P4P/World Tour 2000 bike expedition across four continents. Gaining strength and confidence, I pedaled on through lush mountain passes and soaking lowland jungles in Ecuador, met howling winds among mountainous coastal dunes in Peru and endured endless days of rain in the slim center of Chile. Along the way, I trekked rocky trails shared by Army troops, kindly camposinos and goat herds and entered the fabled ruins of Machu Pichu one foggy morning at dawn. The mysterious Nasca lines came into focus from a tiny, battered airplane and human bones appeared in shifting sand as I wandered into one of the earth's driest deserts.

When I needed help, people came to my aid because I was a stranger. They never requested or expected anything in return. Before I left America, people asked if I was taking a gun. That question was made more ridiculous on the road, by squealing children running from their huts and waving until acknowledged, drivers tooting an encouraging horn or small groups gathering to admire my bike. In a brief moment of inattention at an Argentine airport, the cameras that served as my life link went to professional but humane thieves, who took only the sellable electronics and left 50 rolls of exposed film and 30 computer disks in my discarded backpack. Namibian days were spent in a frustrating, first-world insurance paper chase. Night skies shimmered with unfamiliar stars as I lay in my sleeping bag and gazed at a different side of the moon. From the vast expanse of the Etosha game reserve, I skimmed the edges of South Africa to the wind scoured Cape of Good Hope and the southern hemisphere spun forth in a collage of Malaysian humidity, natural Kiwi spectacles and Aussie charm. Fijian partners provided generous hospitality while they weathered hard political and economic times. Near the end, a 14 state dash across America through 116 degree heat, scorched mountains, Cajun fiddle jams, and southern hospitality led to the open arms of my devoted wife Rita, close friends and family on our front steps in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.



The bike I used on the road was my mobile home and it transformed me. My body adapted over time to its shape and soon felt like part of the frame. The bike became a passport to challenge and growth in infinite ways. Natural elements always played a role in the test and days of tailwinds and long gradual descents were rare. Beyond an endurance test, the bike provided an entrance into the lives of fascinating people. Folks seem to trust a cyclist more than they do a traveler arriving in other ways and the bike and my apparent isolation thrust me into so many warm, enthusiastic invitations from local people, that I soon got over my lingering shyness. There were other benefits as well. Qualities of patience, empathy, discipline, and fortitude are by-products of riding a bike around the globe that emerge gradually. I highly recommend it.

Of course, much credit goes to the shocking, although delayed realization that the world is huge! The only way around the planet was to form a daily plan, ride in all conditions, remain on schedule and focus on the goal. These factors helped create a deeply affecting personal transformation that manifested in surprising ways. First of all, you see the benefits of your efforts immediately. Needs get sifted out from wants very quickly. You learn a great deal, often too much, about yourself and the workings of the world. You see life from the viewpoint of the outsider. The joy of discovery and autonomy are sweetened by the satisfaction of accomplishing successively more difficult feats. I felt transformed from soft, suburban dilettante to pilgrim adventurer.

Of course, very personal transformations are a privilege enjoyed primarily by westerners. We spend a great deal of time in pursuit of improvement.... because we can and should. It's what moves our society ahead. However, keeping perspective about it amid the rush of our modern life is the hard part. Some Americans have marveled

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at my expedition solely for its tremendous weight-loss benefits. Yet, for many of the people I encountered along the way, a transformation from their roofless hut of four wobbly, woven walls to a real home might be enough for awhile. The chance to earn a modest living and gather the essentials for life with less effort would be an improvement for millions. Seeing a doctor for the first time about the mysterious disease that's killing all the neighbors would really make a difference. Learning skills and having the tools to pass on your experience to even needier folks might improve life for the next generation.

Pedals for Progress has the ability to create life enhancing transformations. And, although there is so much more to do, we are accomplishing that in many places. In Central America our bikes are reviving whole communities. I know, I've seen it. In Africa, we may be helping to transform a whole society. Before departing on the WT2000 expedition, I made a proposal to Ken Weg, the chairman of Bristol Myers Squibb to include our bikes in their efforts distributing medicine, care and vital information among the AIDS ravaged people of Southern Africa. It's happening; bike shipments are arriving in Namibia and South Africa. We are playing an expanding role in that project; saving lives and hopefully stopping a holocaust. These are just a few examples of those grand scale humanitarian efforts that make you glad to be part of a noble organization like P4P.

There are individual examples of our concept in action that are just as inspiring. Percy Navalo, a Commonwealth Games cycling champion, is a bright, energetic overseas partner working with at-risk youth in impoverished Nadi, Fiji. He puts his credibility as a sports role model and skills as a mechanic to use helping kids in his community learn job skills. I met Percy as I passed through the troubled island of Fiji. A recent coup had chased away most tourists and the economic picture wasn't looking good. Although Percy's family income had plummeted from \$400 per month to about \$40, he managed to keep his promise to several local kids involved in his mechanic's apprenticeship program. In cooperation with Frank Hartman, owner of the Nadi Hotel, Percy runs a bike rental business that, in stable times, generates a decent income and repair skills training opportunities for local teens. He starts them out on bikes and moves them into auto and truck repair where they can find full employment.



unfunded, as a handful of Fijian athletes went to the games. A wall of medals and trophies testify to his commitment and talent. His modesty and devotion to duty verify his stature as a person. At thirty years of age, it would be his last shot. I know it hurt, but he was upbeat. He simply looked forward to resumed tourism in Fiji and opportunities for his family, his village and the boys he teaches. I'd cycled across whole continents and felt humbled in his presence.

Maybe he would have taken a medal. It's hard to say. It's certain that he is making a difference in the lives of young people who respect and admire him whether he rides in the Olympics or not. After all, their lives have been transformed by people using our bikes in creative ways. And that is the impression of the P4P concept-in-action I'm left with. That the simple bikes we provide; slow but long lasting, reliable and clean, spawn quickly evolving innovation and actually change lives. And the form that the transformation assumes is as varied as the world we live in.

— article by Eric Schenk



Biembo Olivé is a twenty-five-year-old Haitian immigrant who works as a day laborer on local rice plantations. He lives in the part of Boca de Mao called El Batey; the name comes from the time when it housed the Haitian workers who cut sugar cane in the state-owned plantations. Rice, bananas, yuccas and plantains have replaced sugar in this region of the Dominican Republic, but immigrants like Biembo still supply much of the labor.



As a day laborer harvesting rice, Biembo usually earns 100 pesos (\$6 US) a day. Paying car fare out of that would cost him 20 pesos daily, and given that option before having the bike, he usually walked.

He came to the Dominican Republic from Cape Haitian, his birthplace, two years ago. He came "Buscando la vida" as the expression here goes, "Looking for a living". What money he can save from his earnings, he sends to his family in Haiti, toward the construction of a better house there.

Rosa Pye is a twenty-two year-old Haitian immigrant who works washing clothes by hand, and also as a field laborer on local rice or tobacco farms. Her husband is twenty-one, Haitian, and works as a day laborer as well.



"I use the bicycle to take meals to my husband in the fields and also for me to get to work", she says. The trip to the rice fields takes from 30 minutes to an hour on foot. Riding the bike, she arrives in 10 to 20 minutes. Before owning the bike, on days when she didn't walk to the fields, she paid 20 pesos for car fare. A day in the fields has recently been netting them 80 pesos daily.

Rosa comes from a family of eight children in a small town in northern Haiti near the Haitian-Dominican border. She has been traveling to and from the Dominican Republic to work for the past five years. She met her husband in the D.R. on one of her first trips when she came to work bundling tobacco and picking tomatoes. She says that life here is a little easier.

"They have nothing in Haiti. Here at least one can work and earn a hundred pesos by Saturday to buy food". - Rosa Pye

Centro de Trabajo Popular (CTP) trains Dominican and Haitian youth in bicycle mechanics and small business skills while supplying affordable transportation to farm workers, industrial laborers, and tradespeople in and around Boca de Mao, north-central Dominican Republic.



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