



2023-24 Presidential Theme



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*RI PRESIDENT
Gordon R. McNally*

Rotary International President for 2023-24, Gordon McNally, plans to make **mental health** a focus, and emphasized continuity in advancing the goals of previous leaders, including empowering girls and eradicating polio.

He urges members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.



Click [this link](#) to hear RI President McNally's speech at the 2023 Melbourne Convention.

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¹ Editor Kitty Buesko

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

MARCH 2024 MESSAGE

Think like a Rotary Peace Fellow

There are many pathways to peace, and in Rotary, we are fortunate to have Rotary Peace Fellows who demonstrate this truth time and again.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development, and what these peace fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution and promote Positive Peace. Here are a few examples of the creative ways Peace Fellows advance peace:



Promoting sustainability

Alejandra Rueda-Zarate combined her Rotary Peace Fellowship in peace and conflict resolution with her master's degree in energy and resources to support her dream of protecting the Colombian countryside.

She founded the organization NES Naturaleza in 2011 to help farmers in Colombia and across rural Latin America gain access to knowledge and training to uphold sustainable farming standards. That support has improved the lives of nearly 4,500 farmers, inspiring many of them to become entrepreneurs. And it's helped promote both natural and social sustainability throughout Latin America.

Ending racism

Peace fellows Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty have applied their fellowships in peace and development studies toward co-founding the Racial Equity Project, a subcommittee of Rotary Positive Peace Activators in North America committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through anti-racism efforts.

The Racial Equity Project takes a deep look into how the eight Pillars of Positive Peace could support efforts to address racism, and it works to spread this message to communities across North America. The organization initially grew from Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank dedicated to promoting Positive Peace.

Managing disasters using data

Through a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Jamie LeSueur earned a master's degree in social science within peace and conflict research. He now leads emergency operations for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, setting a management and operational framework for agency collaboration in emergency response situations.

Jamie has found that research data is a powerful tool to bring calm to the complex world of disaster response. No matter what an organization's protocol might entail, letting research be the foundation for decision making helps clarify even the most complicated emergencies.

These stories – and hundreds like them – show how Rotary is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries.

May the continuing work of peace fellows and the Rotary members who support them inspire you to continue to *Create Hope in the World* through service, fundraising, and creative thinking.

R. Gordon R. McNally
President, Rotary International

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR

MARCH 2024 - MESSAGE

More than a basic necessity



Rotary's focus turns to two themes this month. March is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month, and we celebrate World Rotaract Week 11-17 March. Both WASH and Rotaract are near and dear to me.

Clean water, basic sanitation, and proper hygiene are fundamental human rights, yet a staggering 2.2 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water.

We're taking action. Over the past decade, your Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$180 million in over 2,500 water and sanitation projects worldwide. Rotary is on the ground making a difference through global grant-supported projects funded by your contributions to the Foundation.



But Rotary can't do it alone. We have partnered with organizations like USAID to deliver large-scale solutions. The Rotary-USAID Partnership has helped thousands access water and sanitation services in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Our Foundation is the connector for other water partnerships, too. This was the case when I worked with leaders from Rotary District 7020 to set up the Haiti National Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Initiative, known as HANWASH. Foundation grants continue to play a critical role in our strategy of working with nongovernmental organizations, municipalities, and government agencies in communities throughout Haiti.

Rotary efforts to connect people with clean water go beyond providing a basic necessity. We are paving the way for healthier communities and brighter futures, and doing so in a sustainable manner. With access to water, communities enhance education levels, improve health, and further development.

When we talk about partnerships, we can't forget our closest ally, right here in the family of Rotary: Rotaract. The engagement, energy, and ideas of Rotaract complement the experience of Rotary clubs and increase our collective impact.

Yet many Rotary members still do not know that, as of 2022, Rotaract club activities can be included in district grants, and they are eligible for global grants, expanding avenues for collaboration.

I encourage all Rotary and Rotaract clubs to foster closer collaboration and engagement in our Foundation, whether it's rolling up their sleeves on a project or giving.

We all know that in Rotary, great opportunities are always around the corner. When you combine water and sanitation projects, Rotaract, and the Foundation, all will become a big part of your life, as they have in mine – and not just this month, but forever.

BARRY RASSIN
Foundation Trustee Chair

1 minute to discover an aspect of Rotary

The origins of the Rotary wheel

The first Rotary Club in Chicago began by using a cart wheel that symbolized civilization and movement.

Shortly thereafter, the words "Rotary Club" were added above it.

Each new Club created chose this emblem, often supplemented by the name of its city.

In 1910, the Philadelphia Rotary Club proposed the cogwheel, illustrating the joint work to achieve a goal.

In 1912, the Association of Rotary Clubs validated this wheel, adding "Rotary International"

For several years, the number and shape of teeth varied, until the adoption of a new wheel at the Dallas Convention in 1929, which is still in use today.

It includes:

1. 6 spokes
2. 24 teeth symbolizing the spirit of service at any hour of the day
3. As well as a keying groove to lock the wheel on its axis and makes it functional



The Rotary Minute is a creation of District 1700, France. Please send any comments or suggestions to laminute1700@gmail.com

CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION MONTH OF MARCH

Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.



HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

[Click here to watch a short video](#) about Rotary's focus on Water and Sanitation.



through our groundbreaking work in clean water, sanitation and hygiene.



and fulfill the promise of a peaceful, healthy tomorrow.

Are you aware of WASHRAG – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group?



WASH Rotary Action Group supports and ensures sustainable long-lasting clean water, sanitation, and hygiene programs to communities in need.

WASH Rotary Action Group and World Water Summit
gratefully acknowledges the support of our sponsors:



The WASH Rotary Action Group was formed in 2007 by a group of Rotarians, recognized by Rotary International, and focused on WASH projects. Since then, it has facilitated many hundreds of projects – helping clubs find partners, ensuring sustainability, stressing the importance of a needs-driven approach, and developing best practices.

We encourage a holistic, integrated approach in which water is not the end in itself but is rather the means to a better life and livelihood in the community.

Most importantly, WASH Rotary Action Group links water and sanitation to improved hygiene, better health, and empowerment of the community – especially women, irrigation and agriculture, education and literacy and, ultimately, child mortality.



This year's WASH-RAG Summit Keynote Speaker:

Jack Sim Founder and Director, World Toilet Organization

Virtual attendance is being offered so we have to watch for it!



Jack Sim is globally renowned as ***Mr Toilet***.

Jack Sim grew up in a slum in Singapore, and although he did not have a university degree, this did not stop him from starting a series of profitable businesses. He retired from his businesses at the age of forty to dedicate himself to humanitarian causes. When he saw 2.6 billion people without proper sanitation, he founded the World Toilet Organization in 2001 and transformed the taboo of Toilets and Sanitation into a media darling, mobilizing politicians, governments, celebrities and funds to give Sanitation its own agenda on the global stage.

Jack graduated at the age of fifty-six with a Masters in Public Policy in Singapore and later from Singularity University in the United States of America. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Fellow at Singapore University of Social Science.

Increase your knowledge, take action!

[Click here to view a most interesting presentation by Jack Sim.](#)

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Creating a culture of care

Schools get help with clean water and hygiene

An estimated 2.5 billion people lack access to improved sanitation facilities that hygienically separate human excreta from human contact. Rotarian Alfredo Pérez knows the schools in Guatemala and neighboring countries can use all the help available in this area.

The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools Target Challenge focuses on providing clean water and sanitation systems, and equipping teachers to educate students on better hygiene practices.

So, when Carlos Flores, then governor of District 4250 (Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras), asked Pérez in 2016 to get involved with the [Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene \(WASH\) in Schools Target Challenge](#), he quickly accepted. As the name suggests, the pilot program focuses on providing clean water and sanitation systems, and equipping teachers to educate students on better hygiene practices.



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“The objective of the project is to develop good hygiene habits in children,” Pérez says. “By reducing absenteeism due to diseases that are acquired due to lack of water, sanitation, and hygiene in schools, we can increase their academic development. Training teachers to help children develop good hygiene habits is key.”

Indeed, more than a year after the effort began, the Rotary Club of Valle de Guatemala, where Pérez is a member, has improved conditions for as many as 1,793 children from 10 schools in the town of Escuintla, about 40 miles south of Guatemala City, the capital.

Corporación Energías de Guatemala, an energy company, backed the project with a \$62,000 grant. Pérez’s club and the Rotary Club of Escuintla worked with local public health officials and urban and rural planners. The project provided toilets, washing stations, and water tanks, and also supported training for teachers so that the facilities would be put to good use.

This year, members of Pérez’s club have a budget of \$30,000 for work at five more schools.

Pérez is giving talks around his country in hopes of recruiting more clubs to take up the challenge in their communities, and he’s seeking international partners to help expand the program.

Educators tell Rotarians that fewer students now miss school because of gastrointestinal and respiratory illnesses, which sometimes spread by poor hand washing or lack of safe water.

—Jenny Espino

[Click here to read more.](#)

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Kigogo Village, Tanzania Water Project

The Kigogo Village, Tanzania Water and Sanitation project is complete. The infrastructure has been installed and water is flowing to collection points within the village. Steve Jones traveled to Kigogo Village to celebrate the transfer of ownership of the water system to the village. And what a celebration it was!

The second global grant project for Masandare Village has been authorized by district officials in Tanzania and Iowa, and is currently being reviewed by The Rotary Foundation. It is hoped that TRF will approve the global grant by February so the project may begin in March.

The Rotary Club of Same has identified six villages within the District of Same, Tanzania which are in greatest need for clean water and sanitation. A third global grant project is being reviewed by the world service committee now, with a village to be identified soon. The Rotary Club of Same, Tanzania serves as the host club, while the Rotary Club of Ames is the international club. Both clubs, along with many other Rotary clubs and Rotary Districts partner to secure the funds needed to complete each grant, provide the expertise to design and install the system, and train village members on how to operate and maintain the system for years to come.

If you are interested in learning more about these global grants or possibility of traveling to Tanzania, please contact Gerald Klonglan at geraldk@isunet.net



[Click here to read and learn more.](#)



HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

From “over there” to “over here” – access to toilets changes lives

Posted on *March 13, 2017* by *rotaryservice*

By Clem van den Bersselaar, member of Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay (Philippines)

If you ask a Filipino living in a rural area of the Philippines where they go to the toilet, they will turn their head towards a non-specific direction and say, “over there.” This means that they use any location that gives them some sort of privacy to do their needs. Women generally have to go longer distances to avoid prying eyes and avoid assaults. In fact, when one talks to local community health workers about the risks of open defecation,

they tell you about parasitic and bacterial infections while also emphasizing the high percentage of women being molested or harassed.

In November 2013, part of the Leyte province in the Philippines was hit by the devastating typhoon Haiyan, the country’s worst typhoon affecting 25 million people and claiming nearly 6000 lives while leaving tremendous damage throughout the island.

Immediately after the typhoon, Rotary clubs from various countries came to the rescue.



Local clubs responded with food supplies and worked with NGOs to begin rebuilding homes. Once immediate relief was provided, the focus shifted to meet sanitary requirements in restoring water supply and the construction of toilet facilities.

The Rotary Club of Ormoc Bay identified the WAND Foundation (Water, Agro-forestry, Nutrition and Development) as having the expertise to construct 20,000 latrines together with various NGO’s immediately after the typhoon in the province of Samar in the Philippines. WAND Foundation’s previous contacts with the Malmö (Sweden) International Rotary Club, provided a natural connection to propose this project at the 8th Multi Club Workshop (MCW) held in Ischia, Italy.

The project was accepted by the MCW, and the partners applied for a global grant, which was approved in February 2016. Seven Rotary clubs and three districts from Italy, the Philippines and Sweden contributed to the US \$52,000 project.

[Click here to read and learn more – and to finish the article.](#)



HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

[Click here to view a short video on how Rotary helps.](#)

Our partnership with Rotary in Morocco

by John Cleverley, Rotary Marketing Officer 15/01/2024

On 8 September 2023, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck Morocco, southwest of Marrakech. According to the Red Cross, more than 3,000 people were killed, and thousands more injured.

Villages high in the Atlas Mountains were the worst hit. More than 50,000 homes are reported to have been destroyed.

Responding to the earthquake in Morocco was challenging. The country has not seen a disaster of this size in a long time, and the damage was widespread. Working with Rotary helped us bring emergency shelter to the people who needed it.

In this blog learn more about our work in Morocco, and working with Rotary, local people and other partners.

Overview of our response in Morocco



At left, Hassan on the remains of his destroyed home in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco. He was able to escape from the rubble with his wife.

ShelterBox responded in Morocco in partnership with Association Le Grand Atlas and Rotary International. Communication with Rotary partners began the day of the earthquake.

During disasters, ShelterBox seeks to partner with Rotary on the ground where appropriate. Our response in Morocco was no different.

We gained immediate help from the Rotary District Governor of 9010, Saadia Aglif; and Moroccan Rotary member, Mo Sbai (Rotary Club of Salt Lake City). They both helped to speed up the process of getting aid into the country. They also made crucial introductions to Moroccan contacts.

Our response provided temporary emergency shelter for around 4,400 people. We focused our response on remote villages spread far out across the Atlas Mountains. These communities had been left with very little after the earthquake. Many people had been sleeping out in the open since losing their homes. Others were afraid about buildings collapsing from continuing aftershocks.

The household package we provided gave people with shelter, warmth and light. It included solar lights and thermal blankets, suited to the cold temperatures of high-altitude villages. There was also a kitchen set containing everything needed to cook and prepare food. The ShelterBox team worked closely with village communities. They helped with assessments, preparing and setting up tent sites, and distributing aid.

[Click here to read more.](#)

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The Rotary Foundation



"Do all the good you can,
for all the people you can,
in all the ways you can,
just as long as ever you can."

While we don't know its exact origin, the above widely quoted saying summarizes what Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are all about:

*We do quite a lot of good, serving people around the world in myriad ways,
and we are in it for the long haul.*

How many other charities
do so much good - in so many ways - for so many
as The Rotary Foundation?



DISTRICT 6330 GRANT INFORMATION 2024/2025

It is time to start thinking about your club's District Grant Project for the next Rotary Year. District Grants can provide up to \$3000 USD and can support projects such as:



- Local or international service projects
- Scholarships for any educational level
- Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA, Rotary Friendship Exchange, Rotaract, Interact, and New Generations Service Exchange programs
- Microcredit activities when working with a registered microfinance institution that has operated for at least three years to administer loan programs.

YES! You can apply for a District Grant to help fund your club's participation in Youth Exchange.

- **OR** you can apply for a District Grant to provide some leadership training to your Interactors.
- **OR** you can apply for a District Grant to help support students graduating from high school and entering a post-secondary program.

In fact, you could combine all three activities and do a District Grant Application to support youth in your community.

If your club is qualified and your District Grant Application is approved, you could receive \$3000 back in grant funds on a \$9000 USD project!

Pool resources. You can work together with other Rotary Clubs in District 6330 and pool your resources to complete larger scale projects.

- If you are submitting a grant request on behalf of multiple clubs, you only need to submit the application form once, and there must be one main sponsoring club.
- The main sponsoring club must be qualified to complete the application.
- Each participating Rotary Club is eligible for the \$3 000 USD grant on a \$9 000 USD project.
- So, if 5 clubs work together, you could complete a \$45 000 project at a cost of only \$6 000 to each club.

Get ideas! Start talking! So, start some conversations with your club members. Get ideas! What do YOU want to do this coming Rotary year in your local or international community?

- At least 2 club members must be qualified before a District Grant application can be submitted.
- To qualify they must complete a course and successfully pass a short quiz.
- **Get full details here:**
[https://rotary6330.org/page/district-grant-management-course-\(2024-2025\)](https://rotary6330.org/page/district-grant-management-course-(2024-2025))
- Full Applications must be submitted by May 30, 2024.

If you have any questions please contact:

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LET'S REMEMBER THE ANNUAL FUND

But let's remember The Rotary Foundation all year long!

Incredible impact. It's a time to reflect on the incredible impact we have made and to renew our commitment to service. Think of the transformative impact The Rotary Foundation has on communities worldwide. Please support the Rotary Annual Fund.

Annual Fund. The Rotary Annual Fund is the driving force behind our ability to serve and uplift communities. It allows us to implement projects and programs that address critical needs, empower individuals, and create sustainable change. By giving freely to the Rotary Annual Fund, we can collectively make a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Here are some compelling reasons to contribute:

Amplify Your Impact. Each donation to the Rotary Annual Fund, regardless of its size, has the power to create meaningful change. By leveraging the strength of our Rotary network, we can pool our resources and multiply the impact of our individual contributions. Together, we can support larger-scale projects, tackle global challenges, and reach more communities in need.

Harness the Power of Email Donations.

Support Rotary's Areas of Focus. The Rotary Annual Fund plays a pivotal role in advancing our seven areas of focus:

- (1) peace building and conflict resolution
- (2) disease prevention and treatment
- (3) clean water and sanitation
- (4) maternal and child health
- (5) basic education and literacy
- (6) economic and community development
- (7) our environment.



By supporting the fund, you directly contribute to projects and initiatives that address these critical issues, fostering positive change in the world.

Your contributions, no matter the amount, have the power to create a better tomorrow.

Rotary International offers Rotary Direct—a secure and convenient method for making automatic monthly, quarterly, or yearly donations to the Rotary Annual Fund.

By enrolling in Rotary Direct, we eliminate the need for manual payments and paperwork, ensuring a seamless and consistent flow of support. It not only simplifies the process but also enables us to plan our giving effectively, thereby maximizing our contributions' impact. *(See the next page.)*

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DO GOOD
IN THE WORLD**

Thank you to everyone in D6330 who has given to the Foundation, who has participated in a Foundation project, or has helped spread the word about the Foundation. **Thank you!**

[Click here to view a short video](#) about your contributions to TRF and the good that you do! We're changing lives through our vision and unwavering commitment, bringing hope to those who need it most.

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

What's the Paul Harris Society?

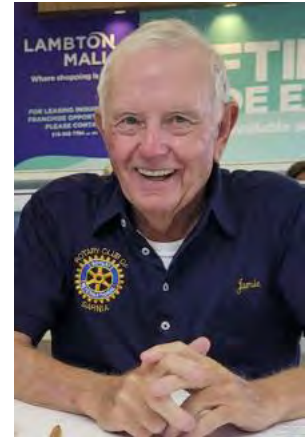
Not to be confused with a Paul Harris Fellow (which means a life-time gift of \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation's annual fund), the Paul Harris Society is the name given to those Rotarians who pledge a \$1000 gift annually – every year.

You may know these committed individuals -- they wear a "flag" below their Rotary pin that reads "PHS."

One easy way to give at the \$1000 level is through Rotary Direct -- sign up and an amount of money you designate is automatically deducted from your account each month. Learn more at www.rotary.org.

Members of the Paul Harris Society know that the need never ends -- and neither should the giving.

D6330 Long-time Paul Harris Society Chair is Rotarian Jamie Pole.



Rotarian Jamie Pole

What your giving supports

Paul Harris Society gifts have helped provide:

- Vocational training for teachers establishing an early childhood education center in South Africa
- Water filters, toilets, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis, diarrhea, and other diseases in India
- A scholarship for a medical professional in Italy to research treatments that minimize mortality rates among premature babies
- Peace-building seminars for 200 teachers and 1,300 students in Uganda
- Treated mosquito nets and medical services that prevent malaria in Mali



In District 6330 we are proud to have over 116 members in our Paul Harris Society.

We have over 32 of our clubs that now have members in the Paul Harris Society.

Calendar of Events



United Nations

Friday March 1

[World Seagrass Day](#)

Sunday, March 3

[World Wildlife Day](#)

Friday, March 8

[International Women's Day](#)

Friday, March 15

[International Day to combat Islamophobia](#)

March 11 to 17, 2024

[World Rotaract Week](#)

Wednesday, March 20

[International Day of Happiness](#)

Week of March 21 to 27

[Week of Solidarity with the Peoples struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination](#)

Thursday, March 21

[International Day for the elimination of racial discrimination](#)

[World Poetry Day](#)

Friday, March 22

[World Water Day](#)

Sunday, March 24

[World Tuberculosis Day](#)

Monday, March 25

[International Day for Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Drive](#)

Saturday, March 31

[International Day of Zero Waste](#)

ROTARACT CLUBS CONNECT

There are 26 multidistrict information organizations, or MDIOs, that operate within Rotaract. They come in different sizes with different focuses but are integral to the organization.

What is an MDIO? Perhaps the best description comes from the Rocky Mountain Rotaract MDIO, which covers territory from the southern tip of Texas to the mountains of Montana:

“[An MDIO] is, in essence, the Rotaract equivalent of a Rotary zone: it supports Rotaract districts and clubs within the MDIO by providing Rotaract-focused training, resources, guidance, and networking opportunities to Rotaractors and Rotarians.”

Some MDIOs cover huge swaths of territory. Others are smaller and more focused. “The German MDIO is more into district training,” says Doris Grimm, “while the European MDIO celebrates the spirit of Europe and open borders and overcoming prejudices.”

MDIOs form a crucial link between the Rotary districts and Rotaractors, and they provide leadership training and online resources, organize MDIO-wide service projects, and host an annual conference.

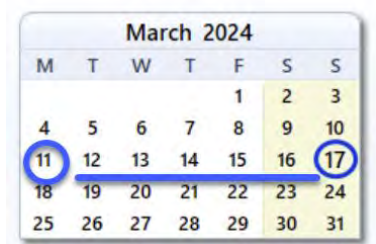


Rotaractors can now stay in their clubs past age 30, which will provide greater stability and institutional memory. And the enhanced sense of belonging may mean more young people join Rotary clubs as they move on in their careers and lives. Either way, Rotaract will be viewed differently than in the past. “I think Rotary sees that we can do big things,” Gómez says. “And this is the real support that we needed.”

“For Rotarians, I think there’s a learning curve,” says Grimm. “How do they handle their Rotaractors now? It’s not like they’re children who we’re going to teach something to. We’re talking about equal partners. And finding out what that equality is, that’s still a journey we’re on. But I think they will be amazed at the potential in Rotary with having those Rotaractors, especially those who will apply for a global grant.”

“Some say Rotary is very elite, and Rotaract is very free and open,” says Grosse-Vollmer. But to her, they don’t seem so different. “Rotaract is a nice way to enter the Rotary family,” she says.

Show the world how Rotaract is making a difference during
World Rotaract Week, 11-17 March.



MAKING ROTARY “SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE”

By Tom Gump, Aide to the 2024-25 Rotary International President

Posted on **January 16, 2024**



Since the 2024 Rotary International Assembly in early January, participants at Rotary’s annual learning event for incoming leaders have been talking a lot about making our Rotary clubs “simply irresistible.”

This term was used as the title of a 1988 song and a 1999 movie. In terms of Rotary, it was first used by Past District Governor Louisa Horn and recently championed by Stephanie Urchick, 2024-25 Rotary International president.

So, what does “*simply irresistible*” mean in terms of an organization? According to Deloitte’s description of “[The Simply Irresistible Organization](#),”TM an irresistible organization has five elements:

- (i) Meaningful work
- (ii) Supportive management
- (iii) A positive work environment
- (iv) Growth opportunities, and
- (v) Trust in leadership

I truly believe that, together, we can make Rotary an irresistible organization if our clubs provide these elements to our members.

Meaningful Work – No one joins a club to do nothing. Our members join for various reasons, but they all join to do something meaningful. This is true whether it be a traditional or virtual club and whether it focuses on local and/or international projects. We need to give our members purposeful opportunities, and we should change up these opportunities somewhat regularly so our members don’t get bored doing the same thing. How do you know which opportunities to provide? Give your members what **they** want by conducting a [member satisfaction survey](#).

Supportive Management – Rotary International is improving in this area, with the Board of Directors just recently implementing three-year goals for its various paired zones. Goal setting and accountability are also happening at the district and club levels.

Rotary also invests in its leaders through various learning opportunities. Our zone coordinators receive these opportunities at the Global Support/Global Philanthropy Seminars. District governors-elect receive them at the International Assembly. Club presidents-elect receive them at Presidents-elect Training Seminars. Members receive them at district seminars and in Rotary’s [Learning Center](#).

Positive Work Environment – Our organization’s [Vision Statement](#) starts with the words “Together, we.” Most people want to serve, but they want to serve with like-minded people with the same values. Of course, we have to ensure our members feel that they belong and that their opinions matter to other club members and

leadership. Again, surveys would help here. If you implement some of the suggestions your surveys generate, people will feel that they're being heard.

Rotary International does a good job of [recognizing its members](#) and other participants with awards of many types. But recognition also needs to happen at the club level. This recognition should not only be for financial giving, but also for things such as being a new member sponsor.

Growth Opportunities – Our members want to be part of something that allows them to grow. Rotary's Vision Statement reads:

“Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

These last three words are important. People want to be part of something that fosters self-improvement. Working with others to serve makes this happen, and studies show that the act of serving others makes us happy. Why? Because when we focus on others, we aren't thinking about ourselves.

To quote Louisa Horne: “It's not about me, it's about M.E. – the Membership Experience.” [Read more about Horne's Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour, Nova Scotia](#)

Trust in Leadership – I've spent the last decade getting to know our organization's leaders from the club level (serving on the Presidents-elect Training Seminar Alliance) up to our International Presidents' level (through serving as a president's aide, learning facilitator, and president's representative). These roles have taught me that our Rotary leaders are purpose-driven and inspiring – not only through their words, but also (and more importantly) through their actions. If we continue to have strong leaders, we will have strong clubs and a strong Rotary.

If we focus on helping our clubs improve these five areas, Rotary will become “simply irresistible!”

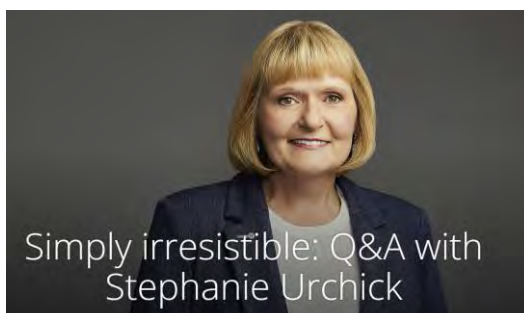


President-elect Stephanie A. Urchick talks to [Rotary magazine about making Rotary Simply Irresistible](#).

[Click here or the photo below to read the Q&A.](#)

Interview by **Diana Schoberg**

PRESIDENT-ELECT SEES ROTARY'S ACTION PLAN AS KEY TO A VIBRANT FUTURE



PROJECT FAIRS – A CHANCE TO CONNECT GLOBALLY

Rotary's project fairs connect clubs that are seeking international service projects with those that are interested in collaborating with global partners. Project fairs typically last two to three days and may include visits to service projects or opportunities to experience the local culture.

Who can attend?

Any club representative or Rotary member who is interested in supporting an international service project can attend a project fair.

Project fairs around the world

Click here to find more information about upcoming project fairs.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/a8e5334922114f0aa7bb14d7f6b7488f>

Here's one in mid-March in Peru – a virtual event!

District 4465 Project Fair (Peru)

15-16 March 2024 - Virtual event

Website: <https://www.projectsfair.rotary4465.org/>

Email: juansimon551@gmail.com



DEAR ROTARY FAMILY

On March 15, 2024, the First Virtual Project Fair will be held, organized by District 4465 of Peru.

It is a wonderful opportunity for Rotary and Rotaractor clubs to present their global grant projects that need to be funded by our Rotary Foundation and that are looking for a sponsor from abroad.



Rotarians from all over the world, interested in supporting our projects, will be present, and through the fair's website they will be able to finance their projects.

Rotarians and Rotaractors, do not miss this opportunity to create ties of friendship, trust, to make alliances and twinning with clubs around the world, register your projects and take advantage of this I PERU 2024 PROJECT FAIR.

Remember that our responsibility is to CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD.

Rotarily,

HUGO JAVIER YOVERA HUIMAN

Governor 2023 – 2024

District 4465 RI



Potable water supply



We support local initiatives through which more people have access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene. Our purpose is not simply to build wells but to share our experiences with community leaders and teachers so that our projects are sustainable.

Disease prevention and treatment



We raise awareness and equip communities to contain the spread of deadly diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS and malaria. Our goal is to improve and expand access to free or low-cost health care in developing regions.

Peace promotion



Rotary encourages dialogue to promote international understanding among peoples and cultures. We help train adult and youth leaders to be actors in conflict prevention and mediation and provide support to refugees fleeing dangerous situations.

Rotary focuses on causes to strengthen international relations, improve lives, and create a better world to advance our peace initiatives and our campaign to eradicate polio.

Polio this week

as of 21 February 2024



Summary of new polioviruses this week, cases and positive environmental isolates:

- Pakistan: two WPV1-positive environmental samples
- DR Congo: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Egypt: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample
- Guinea: four cVDPV2 cases and three positive environmental samples

Until the last child is immunized,
Polio is just a plane ride away
From me, my friends and my family.



[For more information, click here - http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/](http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/)

[Click here to learn the difference](#) between Wild Polio Virus (WPV) and Vaccine-derived Polio Virus. (VDPV)

POLIO RESOURCES STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS ***through integration***

To help end all polio transmission and meet the broader health needs of communities now, the GPEI works with a range of partners to integrate polio services with other health programs.

Integration involves using polio tools, staff, expertise, and other resources to deliver important health interventions alongside polio vaccines – from measles vaccines and other essential immunizations to birth registration, counselling on breastfeeding, hand soap and more. It also includes incorporating polio vaccines into other planned health interventions when possible, delivering more services with fewer resources.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to integration. From the remaining endemic countries to countries affected by variant poliovirus outbreaks, activities must be country-driven and adapted to fit the unique challenges and needs of different communities.

Humanitarian engagement in Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, supplementary immunization activities are essential to vaccinating children. However, in the context of an unprecedented humanitarian crisis and extremely fragile health system, integrating polio efforts with other health services has helped the program reach even more children.

Endemic transmission of WPV1 in Afghanistan has been restricted to the east region. Remaining pockets of inaccessible, unvaccinated children amid a broader humanitarian crisis pose challenges to stopping the virus for good.

Today, more than two-thirds of the country's population is in serious need of food, clean water, functioning sanitation facilities, and basic health services.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Read more about the polio program's latest integration efforts [here](#).



SUSTAINING POLIO INVESTMENTS OFFERS A HIGH RETURN

14 February 2024 –

A new investment case shows that successful polio transition in the 8 priority countries of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region will have a very high return on investment.

Economic and social benefits totalling an estimated US\$ 289.2 billion arise from sustaining polio assets and integrating them into expanded immunization, surveillance and emergency response programmes in 8 countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, the study reveals. As the present cost of this work is US\$ 7.5 billion, this means that for every dollar spent, the return on investment is nearly US\$ 39.

WHO commissioned the Victoria Institute of Strategic Economic Studies, Australia, to conduct the study, which is the first of its kind. It covers 8 polio transition priority countries in the Region:

Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. Many of these countries are fragile, with challenges ranging from weak health systems and low routine vaccination coverage to political instability.



A child receives routine immunizations in Mogadishu, Somalia, August 2023. Photo credit: WHO/I. Taxta

For years, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has provided substantial technical and financial support in these settings. As we get closer to eradication, it is vital to secure long-term investments to ensure that countries sustain and further strengthen their immunization, disease surveillance and outbreak response capacities. These capacities are necessary to sustain a polio-free world, and at the same time build resilience and deliver improved health outcomes.

As Dr Rana Hajjeh, Director of Programme Management at the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, highlighted: “We at WHO emphasize the importance of strengthening essential programmes, like the national routine immunization programme, and also strengthening emergency response to take advantage of all the polio assets, and building health systems.”

The Victoria Institute of Strategic Economic Studies study employs projections of ongoing costs and estimates of lives saved through the Region’s essential immunization, surveillance and emergency response programmes. It uses these to develop benefit–cost ratios that show the value of continuing to invest in these programmes.

Given limitations, including availability of data at the country level, a very conservative approach was used for this investment case, focusing mainly on surveillance and emergency response for outbreaks caused by vaccine-preventable diseases. Hence the actual return on investment is much higher.

The study results show a high return on investment, making a strong case for national governments, partners and stakeholders to continue to sustain these public health functions.

Key findings of the study -

- A US\$ 38.70 return for every dollar spent on expanding national immunization programmes to achieve the Immunization Agenda 2030 targets.
- A US\$ 36.40 return for every dollar spent on strengthening surveillance and emergency response programmes by repurposing polio programme assets.
- An overall projected return of US\$ 289 billion against an investment of US\$ 7.5 billion in baseline costs to sustain immunization, surveillance and outbreak response functions.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Of note re Canada –

In August 2022, cVDPV2 was isolated from two environmental samples from a large wastewater treatment plant and a target site in the city of Montreal, Quebec. This was after the country conducted retrospective analysis of wastewater samples. Genetic sequencing confirmed linkage to the cVDPV2 case from New York, USA.

Of note re U.S.A. -

No cVDPV2 cases or cVDPV2 positive environmental samples were reported this week. One case of cVDPV2 was reported in New York in September 2022. There were 30 positive environmental samples reported in 2022.

Afghanistan

- No WPV1-positive environmental samples were reported this week.
- No WPV1 cases were reported this week. The total number of cases in 2023 remains six.
- <https://polioeradication.org/where-we-work/afghanistan/>

Pakistan

- No WPV1 viruses were reported this week. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2023 remains six.
- <https://polioeradication.org/where-we-work/pakistan/>

Two links of interest –

- **Outbreak countries**
<https://polioeradication.org/where-we-work/polio-outbreak-countries/>
- **Endemic countries**
<https://polioeradication.org/where-we-work/polio-endemic-countries/>

ROTARY'S POLIOPLUS SOCIETY



Our **District 6330** proudly joins The Rotary Foundation and fellow districts across the world to announce the new Polio Plus Society and invite all our members to join.

This simple act of generosity by our fellow Rotarians around the world will bring the life saving polio immunization to countless children until the day that the world has been rid of the virus. We are truly *This Close*, and we need your help to complete the job.



The Polio Plus Society is an organization of like-minded individuals who have committed to contribute \$100 US or more each and every year to Polio Plus until the world has been declared free of the Wild Polio Virus. This is our commitment to fulfill the promise Rotary made in 1985 to immunize all the children of the world.

It's easy and rewarding to become a member. Download, complete and submit the Polio Plus Society Pledge Form and email to the Polio Chair at katherine.hahn@rotarystratford.com Complete your contribution commitment in one of three ways:

Contribute with your credit card online at: <https://www.endpolio.org/donate>

- OR -

Write a for cheque for \$100 or cheque for the US \$100 equivalent (or more!) to The Rotary Foundation with "Polio Plus" in the memo line and give it to your club's Rotary Foundation Chair for submission.

- OR -

Enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, which makes giving easy, fast, and secure. You can schedule a monthly, quarterly, or annual donation that empowers Rotarians to change lives in communities around the world. <https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>

YES, all donations will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Anyone can join the society, not only Rotarians. Everyone will be recognized with a special pin, an End Polio Now bracelet, a Society Certificate, and a great feeling in their heart.

With your help, we will reach every last child and achieve a polio free world. Please reach out to [Katherine](#) and sign up today

The Rotary Foundation – the Engine that runs Rotary!



WAYS TO GIVE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Your donation changes lives! and this information bears repeating...

There are numerous ways to support The Rotary Foundation.

Every amount contributed to The Rotary Foundation is spent in support of humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs, and their operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide.

Here are a few of the ways that your contribution can make a difference:

- \$100 can buy textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia
- \$5,000 can buy vaccine to immunize 10,000 children against polio
- \$24,000 can buy an academic-year Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship
- \$100,000 can buy funding for two to complete a two-year graduate program for a Rotary World Peace Fellow

Donate Online

When you donate online, you get to choose where your donations go. Support thousands of service projects our people of action are tackling around the world. Outright gifts can be made easily with The Rotary Foundation online contribution form.

This method expedites processing your tax receipt and Paul Harris Fellow recognition points. For online donations please visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate>.

- **Memorial or Tribute Donations:** A gift to The Rotary Foundation is a meaningful way to honour a loved one.
- **Recurring Donations:** Rotary Direct allows you to help year-round by automatically giving each month, quarter, or year.

The
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EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

DOING GOOD WITH OUR ANNUAL FUND



Did you know that The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund supports SHARE, the World Fund, and our areas of focus? When you give to the Annual Fund, you empower Rotary members to carry out sustainable projects in communities around the world. Contributions directed to Annual Fund-SHARE generate District Designated Funds and support our World Fund, which makes Doing Good in the World easier than ever.

LEARN MORE: my.rotary.org/annual-fund

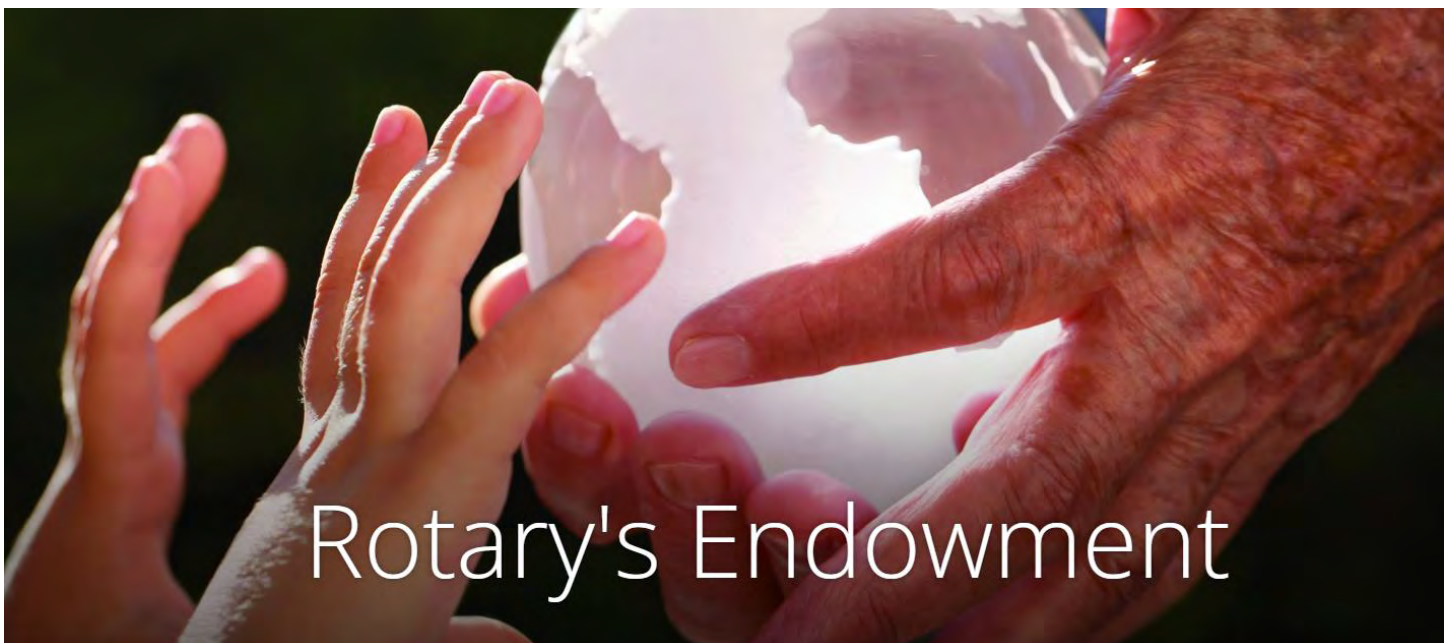
GIVE TO OUR ANNUAL FUND TODAY: rotary.org/donate

Growing the Endowment

A strong Endowment is crucial to achieving Rotary's continuing mission. By contributing to the Endowment's growth, you enable the Foundation to fund projects now and into the future.

Here you can access the [District Guide to Growing the Endowment](#) for a complete look at how to locally promote this important funding source.

Join Rotary's 1.4 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



More than 100 years ago, Rotarians took bold action to ensure your success and the empowerment of generations still to come — they established The Rotary Foundation to secure a better future.

200 + Peace Fellow Scholarships
funded by Rotary's Endowment in the name of the donor or their honoree

\$195 mil - The value of named donations
made to Rotary's Endowment that continuously support our programs

Gifts to Rotary's Endowment ensure that future Rotarians will have the resources they need to design and implement sustainable projects year after year.

Your gift at work

Rotary strives to increase the value of your gift to the Endowment by preserving and investing your initial contribution and spending only a portion of the earnings.

This strategy supports Rotary's causes today while generating funds that will further the work of future Rotarians committed to Doing Good in the World.

Your Legacy, Rotary's Promise

Give to the Endowment today and watch as the value of your gift grows, and investment earnings improve communities.

Secure your vision for the future by including a commitment to the Foundation in your will or estate plan.

[Click here to view a short video](#)



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Rotary's tomorrow depends on what we do today.

You can be an important part of the Foundation's next century of serving humanity by including a gift to Rotary's Endowment in your estate plan.

Your gift will be carefully stewarded to provide funding for the programs you know and love, year after year. The principal is never spent and available earnings are used to make a lasting difference in people's lives. A gift from your estate to the Endowment will provide ongoing financial support, just as your annual contributions do today.

Join the many Rotarians and friends who have made commitments to improving and enriching lives around the globe by creating your personal legacy with The Rotary Foundation.

How to include Rotary in your estate plan

One of the most popular ways to include Rotary in an estate plan is through a will or codicil. Whichever method works best for you, please remember to use the official legal name, **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**, unless one of the following names applies in the region where you live:

- ◆ The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
- ◆ Rotary Foundation (India)
- ◆ Public Interest Incorporated Foundation — Rotary Foundation Japan
- ◆ Rotary Foundation of the United Kingdom

Here are a few examples for your adviser to consider:

- ◆ For a general gift of a certain percentage or portion of your estate: "I give to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International one-fourth of my estate."
- ◆ For a gift of a specific asset: "I give 500 shares of [name] stock to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International."
- ◆ For a contingent bequest, which takes effect only when certain conditions are met: "In the event my spouse does not survive me, I give to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International the remainder of my estate."
- ◆ For a residual bequest, which directs the disposition of all or a portion of whatever remains after all other required amounts are paid: "I give the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International."

As always, remember to consult independent tax and legal advisers before making any charitable gift.



How your legacy carries on

A gift to **Endowment-World Fund** allows the Trustees to direct support where it is most needed around the world. A gift to **Endowment-SHARE** allows your Rotary district to direct a portion of the spending along with a portion going to World Fund. You may also support one or more of the **areas of focus**. Current trustee policy is to direct undesignated gifts of \$10,000 or more to World Fund.

We may share your name as one of the growing number of Rotarians and friends who are providing future gifts to the Foundation, unless you request anonymity. Rest assured the details and amount of your commitment will always remain confidential.

Personalizing your fund

You can personalize your legacy with a separately identified fund that bears your name, your family's name, or the name of a loved one, and with larger gifts it may be possible to more-narrowly direct the use of the funds to specific programs or regions. The minimum amount to establish a named fund is \$25,000.

Let Rotary recognize you

The Rotary Foundation Trustees are pleased to share their gratitude and offer membership in special societies.



Legacy Society

Individuals and couples who have substantiated a future gift of \$1 million or more to the Endowment are listed in Rotary's annual report and are invited to exclusive Rotary International and Foundation events. **Legacy Society** members also receive special recognition items and all the benefits provided to Bequest Society members.

Bequest Society

Those who have made commitments for future gifts of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation are invited to join the **Bequest Society**. Each level of giving includes the benefits offered to Bequest Society members at the preceding levels.

- ◆ \$500,000 — Special seating and registration benefits at the Rotary International Convention
- ◆ \$250,000 — Posthumous induction into the Arch Klumph Society
- ◆ \$100,000 — Customized Rotary's Promise crystal
- ◆ \$50,000 — Separate named endowed funds directed to two areas of focus or districts
- ◆ \$25,000 — Rotary's Promise crystal and named endowed fund
- ◆ \$10,000 — Bequest Society pin and an exclusive art piece suitable for framing

Rotary is pleased to confer **Benefactor** status on those who have made \$1,000 commitments for future gifts to the Endowment in their estate plans or outright gifts of \$1,000 to the Endowment. Benefactors receive a certificate and a special insignia to wear with a Rotary pin.

Clubs with 100-percent member support of the Endowment are eligible to request an electronic **Rotary's Promise Club** certificate. Qualifying support may be a \$1,000 commitment for a future or current gift to The Rotary Foundation Endowment

**Yes, I/we have made a commitment to
The Rotary Foundation Endowment.**

Name(s) to appear on recognition materials and/or for future publication.

Address

City, state or province, country, and postal code

Email

Optional:

Rotary ID # Rotary club name

Rotary district

Date(s) of birth

Home, business, and/or mobile phone

The spending portion of the gift shall be:

- ☐ Unrestricted (World Fund)
- ☐ Directed to:
- ☐ SHARE (World Fund and District Designated Fund)
 - ☐ Rotary Peace Centers
 - ☐ One or more areas of focus:
 - ☐ Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
 - ☐ Disease prevention and treatment
 - ☐ Water, sanitation, and hygiene
 - ☐ Maternal and child health
 - ☐ Basic education and literacy
 - ☐ Community economic development
 - ☐ Environment

- ☐ Please contact me at the phone number above to discuss gift designation preferences.

**The bequest will be funded by (some gift options
are not available in all regions):**

- ☐ Will or living trust
- ☐ Retirement plan beneficiary designation
- ☐ Life insurance beneficiary designation
- ☐ Donor advised fund
- ☐ Charitable remainder trust
- ☐ Other (please describe) _____

**The gift to The Rotary Foundation
is expected to be:**

US\$ _____

(The dollar amount is used for recognition purposes;
if no amount is selected we will default to Level One.)

Recognition options:

For those who commit \$10,000 or more, one recognition pin
per person will be automatically shipped to a home address.

My/our recognition preferences are noted below:

- ☐ I/we do not wish to receive an engraved crystal
(for commitments of \$25,000 or more).
- ☐ I/we would like a pendant with the pin(s).
- ☐ Tell me more about special naming opportunities.
- ☐ Send all recognition materials to this address instead:

- ☐ I/we have another request. (Please describe)

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Please return this form and any supporting documents
you wish to share that name Rotary as beneficiary.
Contact information for your nearest Rotary office is
featured on the back cover.

FOUNDATION GRANTS – 7 AREAS OF FOCUS

Rotarians can get involved in various types of service –

Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service,
New Generations (Youth) Service

A list of Rotary's 7 areas of focus and a brief description of each:

1. **Peacebuilding and conflict prevention:** Rotary aims to address the root causes of conflict and promote sustainable peace through initiatives that support education and training, promote community dialogue, and build networks of peacebuilders.
2. **Disease prevention and treatment:** Rotary works to improve health outcomes and reduce the spread of disease through initiatives that promote immunization, provide access to clean water and sanitation, and support medical research.
3. **Water and sanitation:** Rotary aims to improve access to clean water and sanitation in underserved communities, through initiatives that promote infrastructure development, support education and training, and raise awareness about the importance of clean water and sanitation.
4. **Maternal and child health:** Rotary works to improve maternal and child health outcomes by supporting initiatives that provide access to prenatal and postnatal care, promote vaccination, and support nutrition and education programs for mothers and children.
5. **Basic education and literacy:** Rotary aims to improve access to education and literacy for children and adults, through initiatives that support teacher training, provide educational resources and materials, and promote community-based programs that increase literacy rates.
6. **Economic and community development:** Rotary works to support economic and community development initiatives that promote job creation, increase access to financial services, and support small business development and entrepreneurship.
7. **Supporting the environment:** Rotary aims to support environmental sustainability initiatives, through programs that promote conservation, improve access to clean energy, and support the development of sustainable agriculture and other eco-friendly practices.



SHARING ROTARY'S GLOBAL FOCUS –

Rotary promoting peace and harmony throughout the world.

Watch video: Promote peace through intercountry committees

[Click this link to view the short video on Intercountry Committees.](#)

Intercountry committees. Intercountry committees foster deep friendships and empathy across borders through:

- **Cultural exchange.** Intercountry committees facilitate dialogue to help everyone better understand the perspectives of people from other parts of the world. These conversations often lead to in-person opportunities such as Rotary Friendship Exchanges so that members can experience one another's cultures firsthand.
- **Joint service activities.** Members of intercountry committees collaborate on projects that support communities in both countries.

Intercountry committees play a vital role in fostering empathy, understanding, and international cooperation within Rotary's global network.

[Learn how you can team up with them to widen the scope of your project or to make a bigger impact.](#)



Start planning your 2025 Programs of Scale application

Programs of Scale grants support longer-term, high-impact programs led by Rotary members.

- Rotary members who are leading evidence-based programs that are ready to grow are encouraged to submit concept notes by 1 August 2024.
- Get information on how to apply on the [Programs of Scale page](#) or by attending one of these Program of Scale webinars.

21 March: Programs of Scale Competition: Insights and Tips for Applying

- 08:00 Chicago time (UTC-5), for English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish speakers. [Register.](#)
- 16:00 Chicago time (UTC-5), for English, Korean, Japanese, and Mandarin speakers. [Register.](#)



DISTRICT 6330 CONFERENCE

June 21-23, 2024

Mark Your Calendar!

2023-24 District Conference in Owen Sound

JUNE 21-23, 2024

Cobble Beach Golf Resort
Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada

Planning is underway for the 2023-24 Rotary District 6330 Conference in Owen Sound, Ontario. We encourage you to re-visit this site for details and to register as the event gets closer. In the meantime, stay up to date with all the great things happening throughout District 6330 by following us on Facebook.



Plant a Seed

<https://d6330conference.org/>

DISTRICT 6330 CONFERENCE

June 21-23, 2024

Owen Sound



Cobble Beach is Georgian Bay's Extraordinary Waterfront Gold Resort Community, with an award-winning 18-hole links-style golf course designed by Doug Carrick and a Nantucket-style clubhouse home to the Inn, Spa, Pro Shop and renowned Sweetwater Restaurant.





Give where the need is greatest

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you fuel our service projects - projects that eradicate polio, promote peace, and improve developing communities.

[DONATE](#)



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APRIL DESIGNATION IS

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"Every child deserves a chance at a life filled with love, laughter, friends and family."

Marlo Thomas

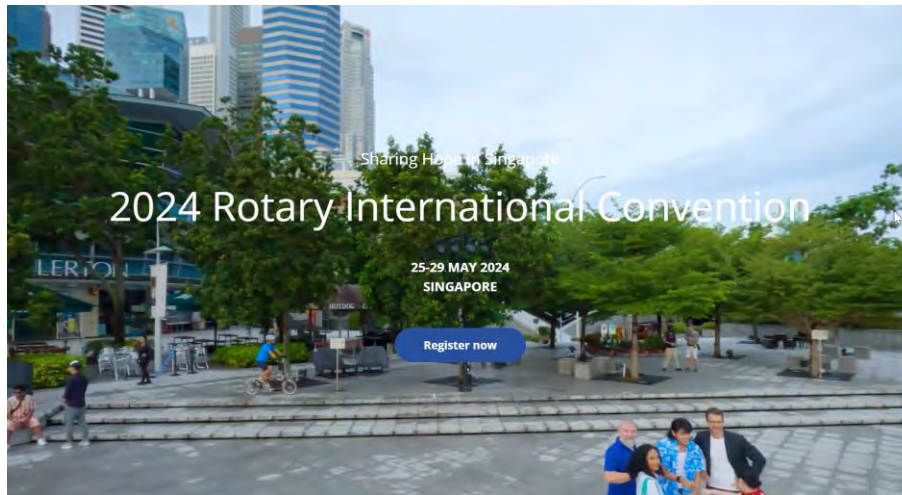
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EARTH DAY – APRIL 22

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Click the graphic above to register and click *Register now* when the site opens.

ROTARY'S CORE VALUES

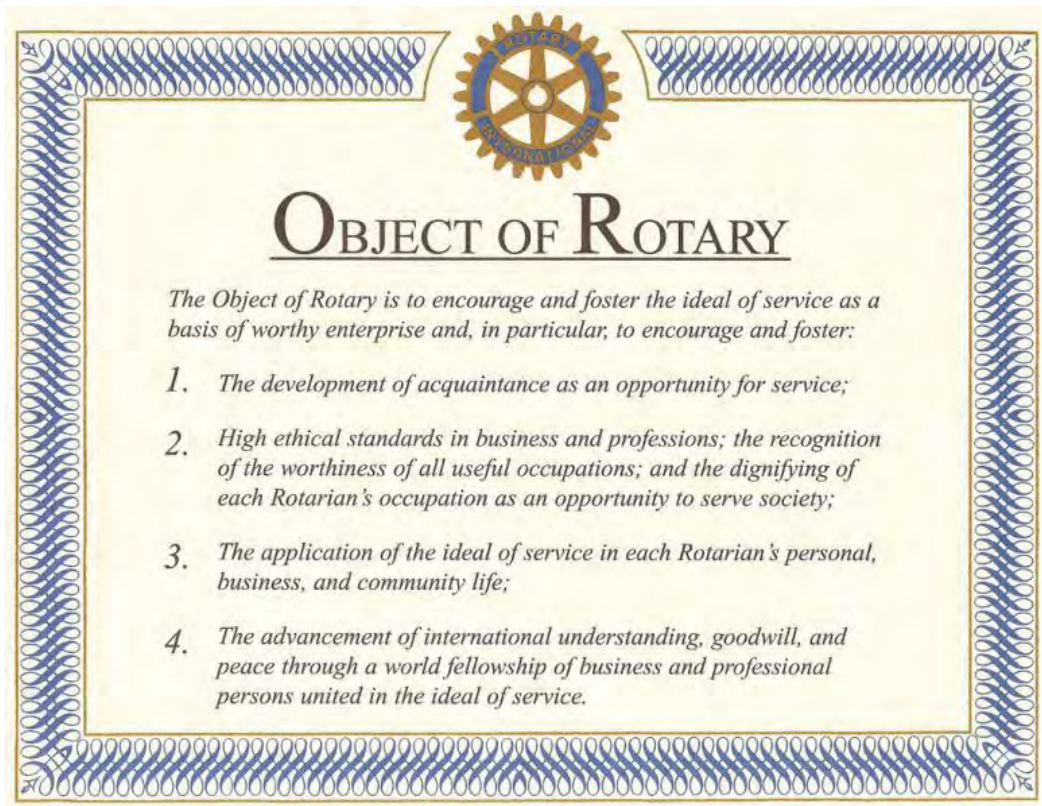


WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring business and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organization.

Rotarians can get involved in various types of service –

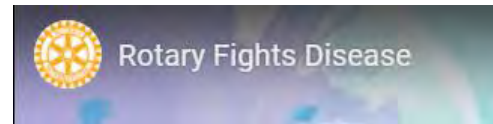
Club Service, Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service, New Generations Service



[Click the 4-way test above and open the link to hear the Four-Way Test by RC of Saskatoon Nutana.](#)

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

EREY – Every Rotarian Every Year



[Click here for a short video.](#)

Our **Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY)** initiative encourages all **Rotary club** members to *contribute something* each year to The Rotary Foundation. We hope that you can consider at least \$100 USD **every year** to help us reach our goal to support the Rotary Foundation financially **each year**.



Sustaining member. One who contributes \$100 USD every year is a *Sustaining Member*.
With EREY, we encourage you to contribute an amount you can afford every year.



ROTARY BEQUEST SOCIETY

What is a Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Member?

Those who have made commitments for future gifts of \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation are invited to join the Bequest Society.

Donors may elect to receive various benefits and recognition pieces commemorating their commitment at each new recognition level, including pins, crystals, named funds, and special seating at the Rotary International Convention.

A bequest gift of at least \$10,000 in your name to The Rotary Foundation creates a legacy of your generosity and compassion as you are helping many people live better lives around the world.

Today there are over 18,000 Bequest Society Members worldwide.

Will you join them by leaving a gift to Rotary in your estate? Contact the Rotary Foundation's Planned Giving team.



But no -



When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever. In its place is something that you have left behind. Let it be something good.