

2023-24 Presidential Theme



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ROTARY D6330 FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



RI PRESIDENT Gordon R. McInally

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Rotary International President for 2023-24, Gordon McInally, 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 <u>this link</u> to hear RI President McInally's speech at the 2023 Melbourne Convention.

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¹ Editor Kitty Bucsko

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT FEBRUARY 2024 MESSAGE

A virtuous cycle

I am enthused and encouraged by your embrace of mental health initiatives throughout the Rotary world. More than 1,000 of you have responded so far to an ongoing survey by the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives, offering your feedback on what Rotary can do to improve the personal well-being of members.

The top suggestions are illuminating. Rotary members are asking for more fellowship, camaraderie, conversation, cohesiveness, and connection. They also want more recognition, validation, and integration. They are seeking more service opportunities, and they want more wellness activities, including mental health speakers, awareness efforts, and education.

Our members not only appreciate the great focus on mental health, but they also believe that making more of the Rotary experience will materially improve their lives. I find it interesting that members are not asking anything dramatically new of their club – rather they want more of what we do best. For example, connection can be improved during meetings simply by assigning seating once each month to encourage people to speak with someone new.

Here are some great ways that we can help achieve these results and make Rotary more appealing to those considering membership. First, we need to acknowledge the importance of increasing belonging in our clubs and to encourage Rotary members to make the most of every opportunity for new and stronger connections. Public health experts worldwide are concerned about increasing levels of loneliness – the U.S. surgeon general has even declared it an epidemic. Mental health experts agree that finding groups and clubs around common hobbies and interests is a strong way to create greater connectedness. This is what Rotary is all about. We need to make sure all of our members are fully engaged and that our communities are better aware of this inherent strength.

Second, if your club has found new ways to build connection, please share your stories with us at mindhealth@rotary.org so that we can make them more broadly known within the Rotary world. Your good ideas might inspire others. Post your service project stories on Rotary showcase.

And finally, I encourage you to share feedback from surveys like this with your club and bring forward your own ideas to improve your club experience and meet your peers' expectations. The journey we have begun is about more than mental health. It is about taking advantage of the full strength of our wonderful organization and helping all members feel that they are part of a community that cares deeply about their personal wellbeing.

Everything you do to strengthen connections in Rotary, with each other and the people we serve, also helps improve mental health. And everything we do to improve mental health helps strengthen those connections. Let's continue this virtuous cycle.

R. Gordon R. McInally President, Rotary International

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUSTEE CHAIR FEBRUARY 2024 - MESSAGE

The Groundwork for Peace



Following the news is challenging these days. Stories of war and violence are deeply discouraging. It breaks my heart when I hear about innocent bystanders, particularly women and children, who are caught in the crossfire of conflict.

Is there anything we can do about it? We certainly can't turn away from the problem. I think in these times, we need to ship our focus from what we can't change to what we can do. We can also support what we know works.

February is Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. It is one of our areas of focus because peace is central to everything we do in Rotary. Even though most of us aren't diplomats at the negotiating table or peacebuilders working on active conflicts, in Rotary's singular way what we do works to promote peace and prevent conflict somewhere, every day.



Every Rotary member should remember this during the month of February: When you support any of the areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation, you are contributing to peace. Foundation grants that address fundamental issues – such as a global grant focused on enhancing basic literacy in a community – will cultivate a better understanding of the world and lead to great economic stability, laying the groundwork for peace.

You can say the same for all the areas of focus, from the environment to economic development. They help stabilize communities, lift families out of poverty, and foster the pursuit of education.

Peace is and always has been interwoven into the fabric of Rotary beyond our projects, too. In 1999, when we established the Rotary Peace Centers through a visionary initiative of our Foundation, we reaffirmed this commitment. This month, we are once again renewing that vision, with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, our host partner for the newest Rotary Peace Center, as it takes its first steps to prepare for the initial cohort of students arriving in early 2025.

All along the way, as Rotary has evolved into a global force for good, it has championed peace and understanding in countless ways, and our Foundation reains the great driving force behind that vision. It will be part of Rotary's eternal legacy.

And by supporting our work, you will be able to say that you are a part of that legacy. You can directly support by visiting rotary.org/donate and selecting peacebuilding and conflict prevention as the area of focus.

So, yes, there is a lot you can do to support peace and prevent conflict. The next step is up to you.

BARRY RASSIN Foundation Trustee Chair



1 minute to discover an aspect of Rotary

The Manual of Procedure

The Manual of Procedure provides a concise version of Rotary's policies and procedures.

It is accessible to all Rotarians and, in particular, it provides club and district leaders with information most relevant to their roles.

A new edition is published every three years to reflect adopted legislation and decisions of the RI Conventions, the Council on Legislation, and the Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of Rotary Foundation.

It covers the following topics:

- Structure: policies and procedures for clubs, districts, zones, Rotary International, and the Rotary Foundation.
- Carrying out Rotary's mission: includes the structure, policies, and procedures of the programs of RI and the Foundation.
- International meetings: RI Convention, Council on Legislation and International Assembly.
- Rotary's constitutional and legal documents

Consult and keep up to date!



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

FEBRUARY 23, 2024 - ROTARY TURNS 119!!²

Rotary International celebrates its anniversary on February 23rd each year, marking the day the organization was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris and three other businessmen in Chicago. This day is known as **World Rotary Day**, commemorating the establishment of the first Rotary club and its enduring legacy of service and community improvement.



Rotary is a global network of volunteers and professionals committed to providing humanitarian services, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations, and helping build goodwill and peace in the world. Its members, known as Rotarians, are part of Rotary clubs, which are part of the larger organization known as Rotary International.



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Here are some key points related to Rotary's anniversary and its significance:

- 1. **Founding.** On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney, met with three friends to discuss an idea he had for a professionals' club that could foster camaraderie and extend their network of business and professional acquaintances. This meeting led to the formation of the first Rotary club.
- 2. **Growth.** From that single club in Chicago, Rotary has grown to a global organization with over 1.4 million members and more than 35,000 clubs worldwide. These members come together to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges.
- 3. **Service and Community.** The Rotary motto, "Service Above Self," reflects the organization's aim to provide service in the community, in the workplace, and around the globe. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence.
- 4. **PolioPlus Program.** Perhaps one of Rotary's most significant efforts has been its PolioPlus program, aimed at eradicating polio worldwide. Rotary was a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative launched in 1985. The efforts of Rotary and its partners have led to a massive reduction in polio cases, with the disease remaining endemic in just two countries Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- 5. **Peace and Conflict Resolution.** Rotary places a strong emphasis on peace and conflict resolution. Through its Rotary Peace Centers, the organization offers fellowships for leaders and social change-makers to study peace and conflict resolution, enabling them to bring meaningful change to their communities and around the world.
- 6. **Celebration and Reflection.** On its anniversary, Rotary clubs around the world celebrate their achievements, reflect on their local and global impact, and plan for future service initiatives. It's a day of both celebration and commitment to the ongoing work of improving lives and bringing about positive change.

Rotary's anniversary on February 23 is a testament to the vision of Paul Harris and the enduring impact of Rotary clubs worldwide in fostering community service, leadership, and international cooperation.

It's a day where members reflect on their rich history and recommit to the principles that have guided Rotary for over a century.



² ChatGPT, "Information on Rotary's Anniversary on February 23," OpenAI, conversation on January 7, 2024.

PEACE - MONTH OF FEBRUARY Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution/Prevention

The Seven Centers of Peace

Situated in different parts of the world, the Rotary Peace Centers offer tailor-made curricula to train individuals devoted to peacebuilding and conflict resolution — no matter where they land.

by Jeff Ruby Illustrations by Jason Schneider

Rita Lopidia vividly recalls her experiences as a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Bradford in England.

"The classes in African politics and UN peacekeeping were my favorite," she says. "The politics course challenged me to dig deeper into research to understand the history of the continent, and the peacekeeping class aided my understanding of global politics. As a practitioner, that was an eye-opener to have a global view of events happening around the world."

Lopidia's time at the Rotary Peace Center profoundly affected her. "After graduation, I traveled back to Africa and settled in Uganda due to the ongoing conflict in South Sudan," she explains. "There I established the EVE Organization for Women Development and started engaging the South Sudanese refugees in Uganda and their host communities. Through my organization, we were able to mobilize South Sudanese women to participate in the South Sudan peace process promoted by eastern Africa's Intergovernmental Authority for Development — and that led to the signing of the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan in 2018."

Lopidia is just one of the 1,500-plus peace fellows from more than 115 countries who have graduated from a Rotary Peace Center since the program was created in 1999; the first peace centers began classes three years later. Currently, Rotary has seven peace centers in various locations around the world; the newest, at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda — the first in Africa — welcomed its inaugural cohort of peace fellows in 2021. Next, Rotary plans to establish a peace center in the Middle East or North Africa, perhaps as soon as 2024, and has set its sights on opening one in Latin America by 2030.

As you will discover, the curriculum at each peace center has been carefully crafted to address specific aspects of the peacebuilding process — and train the next generation of global change-makers.

Click each graphic on the next page

to read and learn more about each Rotary Peace Center and

learn how to nominate a peace fellow or how to apply for a fellowship.



Chulalongkorn University

Bangkok, Thailand



Duke University/University of North Carolina



University of Bradford

Bradford, England



International Christian University

Tokyo, Japan



University of Queensland

Brisbane, Australia



Makerere University

Kampala, Uganda



Uppsala University

Uppsala, Sweden

Read about the Rotary Peace Centers and how to nominate a peace fellow or apply for a fellowship.

LEARN MORE

Click here to read more.

ROTARY PEACE CENTERS IMPACT



ROTARY PEACE FELLOWS ARE GIVING BACK BY SUPPORTING PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CONFLICT

CAREER PATH



93% Working alumni

who have a job connected to peace and development

TOP 5 SKILLS ACQUIRED



Research and conflict analysis



Conflict resolution



Communication and presentation skills



Project planning



Leadership

Sources, August 2019 Rotary Peace Fellow surveys and alumni database

KEY BENEFICIARIES

- · Refugees and displaced persons
- Young people
- · Conflict-affected areas
- · Women and children
- Impoverished communities



PROGRAM ALUMNI

572 Certificate program

904

Master's program

ENGAGEMENT WITH ROTARY

90%

Alumni who say they have opportunities to connect and collaborate with Rotary networks and partners



PROGRAM DONATIONS

\$188M

Contributed by 9,484 donors (since 2002)







Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Rotary creates environments of peace

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our <u>vision</u> of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

ROTARY'S FOUR ROLES IN PROMOTING PEACE

Rotary and its members are:

Practitioners – Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies directly builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.

Educators – Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,600 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.

Mediators – Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk.

Advocates – Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient.

Click here to read more.



Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,700 fellows who now work in over 140 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments; NGOs; education and research institutions; peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies; and international organizations like the United Nations

Our fellowships

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, <u>The Rotary Foundation</u> awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 80 for certificate studies at premier universities.

Click here to read and learn more about Peace Fellowships.

The 2024-25 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now closed. The 2025-26 Rotary Peace Fellowship application will be available **online** in February 2024.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Creating a culture of care

\$15.5 million gift will fund new Rotary Peace Center in Middle East or North Africa

by Ryan Hyland

The Otto and Fran Walter Foundation has pledged \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation to start a **Rotary Peace Center** in the Middle East or North Africa.

The new center will offer a <u>professional development certificate program</u> focused on peacebuilding and development issues in the region. This generous gift from the **Walter Foundation**, which is based in Boothbay

Harbor, Maine, USA, will fund the center's startup costs and operating expenses, as well as an endowment that will provide peace fellowships in perpetuity for up to 40 students to study there each year.

"Rotary has, for a long time, looked at how we can make a tangible contribution to the one area of the world where the element of peace has seemed so elusive," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair K.R. Rayindran.

"Now that opportunity has come our way, thanks to the immense generosity of the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation. We will take full advantage to create a center where we can inspire our peace fellows to give flight to their spirit and equip them to be able to support action that will bring about peace and goodwill in a troubled region."

The Rotary Foundation will select a partner institution to host the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in 2024, and the first Rotary Peace Fellows are expected to start studying there in January 2026.



Otto and Fran Walter started their foundation to address hunger prevention and peace. Their foundation has pledged \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation to start a Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East or North Africa.

Photo courtesy of the Otto and Fran Walter
Foundation

Click here to read more about this story.



NEW MEMBERS and PEACE

Rotary is a global service organization that places a strong emphasis on the pursuit of peace, and new members can play a significant role in advancing this mission.

New members of Rotary - along with more seasoned members - should think of yourselves as ambassadors for peace and embrace the organization's commitment to promoting peace and goodwill in the world.

By actively participating in peace initiatives, collaborating on projects, and embodying Rotary's values, you can make a meaningful contribution to the cause of peace both locally and globally.

Here are some ideas:

Understand Rotary's Mission. Rotary International's mission is to promote peace, goodwill, and understanding among people of different backgrounds and cultures.

Participate in Peace Initiatives. Rotary has several peace-related initiatives and programs, such as the Rotary Peace Centers, which offer scholarships for individuals pursuing careers in peace and conflict resolution.

Collaborate on Peace Projects. Rotary clubs often undertake projects that promote peace and address the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, lack of education, and access to clean water.

Educate Yourself. Take the time to educate yourselves about global peace issues, current conflicts, and the role that Rotary plays in addressing these challenges.

Lead by Example. Set a positive example by demonstrating the principles of peace and understanding in your own actions and interactions.



To learn about recent peace initiatives and projects, please visit the <u>official Rotary International</u> website or contact your local Rotary club directly for up-to-date information. (ChatGPT)

FOR YOUR INTEREST

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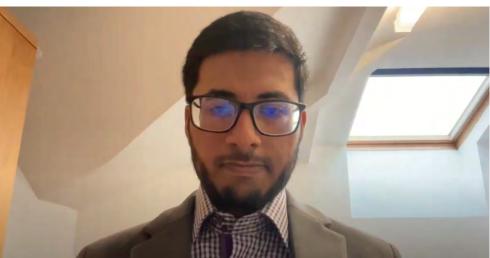
GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP SUPPLEMENT

The Rotary Foundation funds scholarships with <u>global grants</u> and <u>district grants</u>. This supplement focuses on global grant scholarships. For information about district grant scholarships, clubs should contact their district Rotary Foundation committee, and districts should refer to the <u>District Grants Scholarship Best Practices</u>.

Click here to watch a short video prepared by a Rotary D7390 Global Scholar recipient.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGCcjeTfu-g

Global Grant Scholar



Click here to read more about the global grant scholarships.



"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?



ANNUAL FUND -

DISTRICT 6330 PROGRESS REPORT – FIRST 6 MONTHS AT DECEMBER 2023

Members Current Fiscal Year	1,536
Members Last Fiscal Year	1,226
No. of Clubs	56
No. of Clubs with a goal	22
Percentage of clubs with a goal	39.3%
Annual Fund YTD ³	\$110,268
Annual Fund LYTD	\$140,863
YTD Percentage Change	-21.7%
Annual Fund Per Capita YTD	\$71.79
Annual Fund Per Capita LYTD	\$92.31
Annual Fund Per Capital Last Fiscal Year	\$155.87
Annual Fund Donors (\$1) YTD	504
EREY Donors (\$25) YTD	485
EREY Percentage	31.6%
EREY Percentage LYTD	25.6%
Sustaining Member Donors YTD	225
Sustaining Member Percentage	14.6%
PHS Eligible YTD	31
PHS Members YTD	117
Rotary Direct January 2024	131
Non-giving clubs YTD	12
Non-giving clubs LYTD	13
Non-giving clubs final	11
Total giving YTD	\$276,701



GOALS

- Contribute to the **Annual Fund** no later than 31 August 2024 and to the **Endowment Fund** no later than 31 December 2024.
- Increase by 10% the number of donors in District 6330 enrolled in **Rotary Direct**, our recurring giving program.
- Increase the D6330 **PolioPlus Society** with at least 50 members by the end of 2024-25.
- Increase the membership in the **Paul Harris Society** by at least 10 this year.

"Lastly, let's remember that our efforts to make the world a better place should extend beyond our time on earth. As we strive to reach \$2.025 billion by 2025 for Rotary's Endowment, consider how you can leave a legacy by making a gift or a commitment to a Rotary endowment."

-- Barry Rassin, TRF Trustee Chair

³ YTD = Year to date. LYTD = Last Year to date

A message from Pat Cavan DISTRICT 6330 GRANTS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Although it is still early, NOW is the time to start thinking about District Grants for the 2024/2025 Rotary Year.

Did you know that you could receive up to \$3000 USD to assist your club with a local or international project?

If your club wishes to access a District Grant for the 24/25 Rotary year, the following steps must be completed.

- 1. TWO club members must complete the District 6330 District Grant Training Module.
 - a. Click here to access the Grant Management Course. Both members must also pass the quiz.
 - b. <u>Click here</u> to access the quiz.
- 2. A Full Application must be submitted and APPROVED prior to May 30. That means that you need to allow a week or so for questions and alterations to your application. Setting a deadline date of May 20 for submission is recommended. *Club Presidents and Presidents-elect have received a "How to" PDF document.*

NEW this year

- NO MOU is required for a District Grant!!
- Complete the FULL Application and submit before the end of May JUST ONE application submission.
- You can receive up to \$3000 USD a 50% increase over the current year!

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am looking forward to hearing about your District Grant Projects for 24/25!

Pat Cavan, District Grants Committee Chair (patriciacavan@gmail.com)
District Grants Coordinator 2024/2025



NOTE:

- If you are interested in courses from The Rotary Learning Centre, <u>click here.</u>
- <u>Click here</u> for Rotary courses available to learn more about The Rotary Foundation.

LET'S REMEMBER THE ANNUAL FUND

But let's remember The Rotary Foundation throughout the year!

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.)

ROTARY DIRECT EASY – FAST – SECURE











One Rotary Center

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ROTARY.ORG



To make a contribution, go to rotary.org/donate.



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

WHEN YOU DONATE TO TRF

YOU ARE A SPECIAL KIND OF ROTARIAN.

YOU DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



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!**

<u>Click here to view a short video</u> 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?

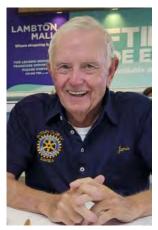
Not to be confused with a Paul Harris Fellow (which means a life-time gift of \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation's annual fund), the Paul Harris Society is the name given to those Rotarians who pledge a \$1000 gift annually – every year.

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

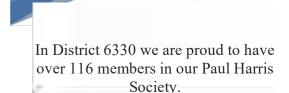
What your giving supports

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







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

U.N. INTERNATIONAL DATES TO NOTE (plus links)

Calendar of Events



Friday, February 2

World Wetlands Day

https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-wetlands-day

Sunday, February 4

International Day of Human Fraternity https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-fraternity

Tuesday, February 6

International Day for Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation https://www.un.org/en/observances/female-genital-mutilation-day

Sunday, February 11

International Day of Women and Girls in Science https://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day/

Tuesday, February 20

World Day of Social Justice

https://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day



What do you know about Wetlands?

- About 1 in 8 people make their livelihoods from wetlands in ways that also deliver food, water supplies, transport and leisure.
- Wetland landscapes positively impact mental wellbeing, research shows.
- Wetlands safeguard the 60% of humanity along coastlines against storm surges, hurricanes and tsunamis. (Source)

Polio this week

as of 17 January 2024

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

- Afghanistan: seven wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1)-positive environmental samples
- Pakistan: three WPV1-positive environmental samples
- Chad: one cVDPV2 case
- Côte d'Ivoire: one cVDPV2 case and one positive environmental sample
- DR Congo: four cVDPV1 cases and one cVDPV2 case
- Mozambique: one cVDPV1 case
- Nigeria: six cVDPV2 cases
- South Sudan: one cVDPV2 case
- Zimbabwe: six cVDPV2-positive environmental samples



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



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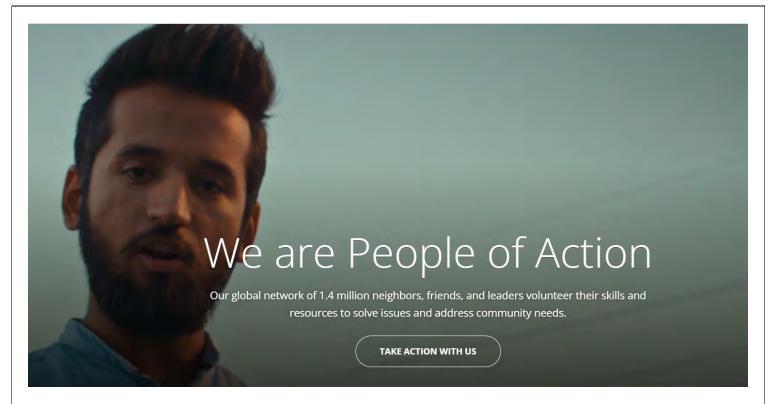






For more information, click here - http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/

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



Rotary members use creative approaches in the fight to end polio

As the fight against polio unites communities around the world, Rotary members are using time-tested methods and attention-grabbing new ideas to raise awareness, funds, and support. From Europe to Africa, Asia to the Americas, Rotary members remain committed to eradicating the disease forever.

Click here to read about many Rotary activities taking place around the globe.

Rotary clubs and members around the globe are amplifying their efforts to create a polio-free world, one initiative at a time. Tell us how your club is helping by <u>registering your World Polio Day action</u>.

Donate to help eradicate polio.



Articles shared from https://polioeradication.org/

WHO grants prequalification to innovative polio vaccine, nOPV2, as nearly 1 billion doses are administered

In late December 2023, the World Health Organization issued its first-ever <u>prequalification</u> approval for a vaccine being used under its Emergency Use Listing (EUL) regulatory pathway – <u>novel oral polio vaccine type</u> 2 (nOPV2).

Since rollout of this next-generation vaccine began in March 2021, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) has administered nearly 1 billion doses of nOPV2 across 35 countries, protecting millions of children against illness and paralysis. Prequalification will enable additional countries to access the vaccine more easily for more sustainable response to outbreaks of type 2 variant poliovirus (cVDPV2).

Click here to read the full story.



The fight to stop variant poliovirus

In 2021, cases of variant poliovirus surged in Nigeria, paralyzing 418 children in 12 months.

Determined to stop the spread and protect children across the country, Nigeria became a pioneer in rolling out nOPV2—and with remarkable results.

Since nOPV2 rollout began, the country has achieved an 85% reduction in cases from the 2021 peak, and the virus' genetic diversity is falling.⁴

Western
Sahara

Mauritania
Mali
Niger
Chad
Sudan

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Guinea

⁴ Map from https://maps-nigeria.com/map-of-africa-showing-nigeria

Learn more about Nigeria's progress through a new <u>data visualization story</u> and see how history can be made in one of the virus's last remaining strongholds.

Click here to read the full story.



France's commitment to a polio-free world



On 5 December, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the French Development Agency (AFD) announced an exciting new partnership to aid polio eradication efforts, beginning with a loan of up to €55 million from AFD to support polio vaccination and health system resilience in Pakistan.

Following this incredible funding commitment, advocates from France's esports community joined forces in a special tournament at the Eiffel Tower, vying to defeat @P0L_10, a common enemy in the gaming scene and alias for the true threat of polio.

Together, they demonstrated that that with solidarity and global support, we can end not just @P0L_10 but polio, too.



Click here to read the full story.



Supporting Pakistan's efforts to end polio for good



At the Reaching the Last Mile Forum held during COP28 in Dubai, UAE, the Islamic Development Bank announced a US\$100 million loan to Pakistan to support polio eradication efforts in the country. This new funding is critical to secure and deliver millions of polio vaccines to protect children across Pakistan.

Thanks to the Pakistan government's continued commitment to polio eradication efforts, as well as funding commitments like these, we are one step closer to a polio-free world.

Click here to read the full story.

GPEI - WHO WE ARE

The **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** is a public-private partnership led by national governments with six partners – the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Gavi, the vaccine alliance. Its goal is to eradicate polio worldwide.





Welcome to Vaccines Prequalification



Prequalification of Medical Products

IVDs, Medicines, Vaccines and Immunization Devices, Vector Control

WHO vaccines prequalification is a service provided to UNICEF and other UN agencies that procure vaccines.

The goal of WHO vaccines prequalification is to ensure that vaccines used in immunization programmes are safe and effective. Prequalification also supports the specific needs of national immunization programmes with regards to vaccine characteristic such as potency, thermostability, presentation, labelling and shipping conditions. As a result, more people can be vaccinated with safe, effective and quality vaccines because immunization programme managers can plan, select and procure appropriate products.

In prequalifying vaccines, WHO applies international standards to comprehensively evaluate and determine whether vaccines are safe and effective. WHO also ensures the continued safety and efficacy of prequalified vaccines through regular re-evaluation, site inspection, targeted testing and investigation of any product complaints or adverse events following immunization.

Click here to read and learn more about prequalifying vaccines.

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 <u>Katherine</u> 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.





Contributions to The Rotary Foundation can make a significant difference in various ways:⁵

- 1. **Eradicating Polio**: One of the most notable efforts supported by The Rotary Foundation is the global fight against polio. Contributions help fund immunizations, public awareness campaigns, and support for healthcare workers on the ground. Every dollar contributed is matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, multiplying the impact of your donation.
- 2. **Promoting Peace**: The Rotary Foundation funds peace fellowships and scholarships for individuals to study at Rotary Peace Centers. These centers provide education and training for people who are dedicated to promoting peace and resolving conflicts around the world. Your contributions help future leaders gain the skills to prevent and mediate conflict.
- 3. **Improving Health**: Beyond polio eradication, The Rotary Foundation also supports projects aimed at improving overall health. This includes efforts to provide clean water, healthcare, and education about diseases. Your contribution could help fund a project that provides medical equipment to underresourced hospitals or supports maternal and child health.
- 4. **Supporting Education**: The Rotary Foundation provides scholarships and supports programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy. Your donations can help make education accessible to children and adults, providing them with the tools to create a better future.
- 5. **Growing Local Economies**: Contributions can support sustainable projects that boost local economies. This includes providing training for entrepreneurs, improving infrastructure, and creating new jobs. By supporting economic development, you're helping communities become self-sufficient and resilient.
- 6. **Providing Clean Water and Sanitation**: Contributions can fund projects that bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education to communities where it is desperately needed. These initiatives reduce the spread of disease, improve health, and increase productivity in communities.
- 7. **Disaster Response**: The Rotary Foundation has a disaster response fund that helps Rotary clubs provide disaster recovery and support rebuilding efforts where the need is greatest. Your contribution can help communities worldwide recover from natural disasters more quickly.
- 8. **Endowment Fund**: Contributing to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment ensures a lasting impact. The earnings from the endowment fund support Foundation activities in perpetuity, creating a legacy of your commitment to a better world.
- 9. **Global Grants**: These are funded by The Rotary Foundation to support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. Contributions can support these grants that fund human and community development projects worldwide.

When you contribute to The Rotary Foundation, you're not just donating money; you're becoming a *part of a global network of volunteers and professionals* who are committed to making a positive difference. **Every contribution, no matter how small**, helps in the collective fight against disease, poverty, and illiteracy, and **contributes to peace and development worldwide.**

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July formation on the impact of contributions to The Rotary Foundation was provided by ChatGPT Classic, an AI developed by OpenAI, based on data and knowledge available up to April 2023. For the most current and detailed information, please refer to the official website of The Rotary Foundation or contact a Rotary representative."

The Rotary Foundation – the Engine that runs Rotary!

ROTARY'S SHARE SYSTEM



Donation is invested for 3 years; growth supports Foundation operations.



SPENDING DECISIONS SHARED

World Fund

(Trustee discretion)



GLOBAL GRANTS AND PROGRAMS*





DISTRICT GLOBAL GRANTS

*Includes PolioPlus, Rotary Peace Centers, other districts, and the Endowment Fund (areas of focus)

Learn how you can support our Annual Fund.

Click here to read and learn more.

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 <u>District Guide to Growing the Endowment</u> 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.





YOUR ROTARY LEGACY – Doing Good in the World beyond your lifetime

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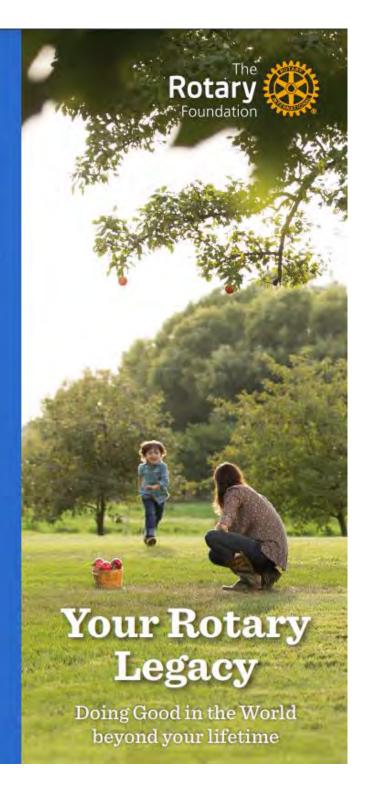
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Rotary's tomorrow depends on what we do today.

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.	The bequest will be funded by (some gift option are not available in all regions):	
The Rotary Foundation Endowment.	Will or living trust	
	Retirement plan beneficiary designation	
Name(s) to appear on recognition materials and/or for future		
publication.	Life insurance beneficiary designation	
	Donor advised fund	
Address	Charitable remainder trust	
Printed Code	Other (please describe)	
City, state or province, country, and postal code		
50.00	The gift to The Rotary Foundation	
Email	is expected to be:	
Total Control of the	US\$	
Optional:	(The dollar amount is used for recognition purposes; if no amount is selected we will default to Level One.)	
Rotary ID # Rotary club name	Recognition options:	
	For those who commit \$10,000 or more, one recognition pin	
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	My/our recognition preferences are noted below:	
Date(s) of birth	I/we do not wish to receive an engraved crystal	
	(for commitments of \$25,000 or more).	
Home, business, and/or mobile phone	☐ I/we would like a pendant with the pin(s).	
The spending portion of the gift shall be:	□ Tell me more about special naming opportunities.	
☐ Unrestricted (World Fund)	Send all recognition materials to this address instead:	
□ Directed to:		
O SHARE (World Fund and District Designated Fund)		
O Rotary Peace Centers		
O One or more areas of focus:	☐ I/we have another request. (Please describe)	
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Disease prevention and treatment		
Water, sanitation, and hygiene	-	
Maternal and child health		
Basic education and literacy		
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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.





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

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.



STEPHANIE A. URCHICK

Rotary President-elect 2023-24

Rotary International President for 2024-25 Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA

Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She will serve RI as president in 2024-25.

She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative.

In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.



Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.



A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and traveled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters.

A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy

unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland.

Currently, Stephanie is helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie's professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries.

She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.

Click here to read and learn more.



<u>Listen to Stephanie's Theme</u> announcement in this video – Click here.

The Magic of Rotary





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.







FAST FORWARD TO MARCH - Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

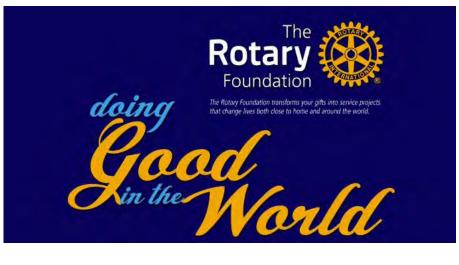
While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote handwashing and other good hygiene habits.



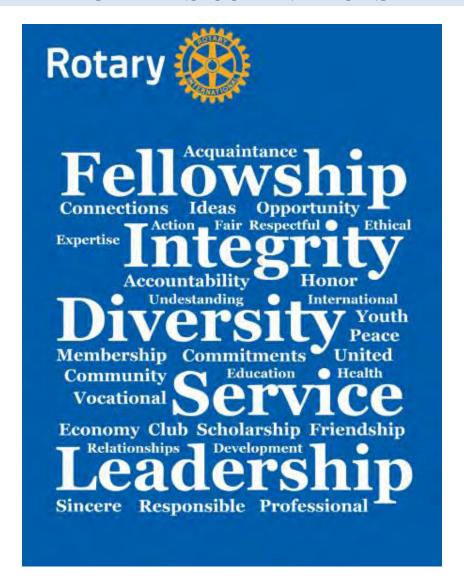


Click here to learn more about the Convention and click the graphic below.





ROTARY'S CORE VALUES

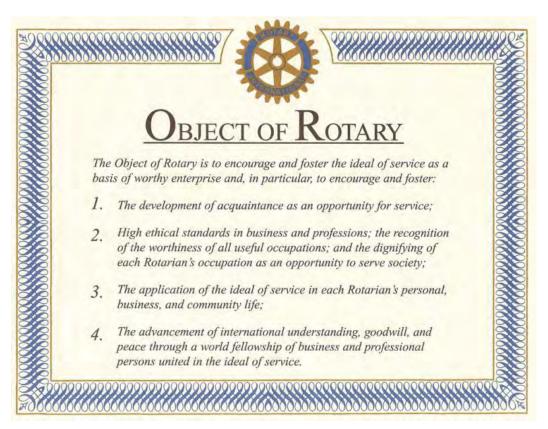




Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring business and professional leaders together to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is a non-political and non-religious organization.

Rotarians can get involved in various types of service –

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

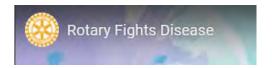




Click the 4-way test above and open the link to hear the Four-Way Test by RC of Saskatoon Nutana.

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.