

Rotary Club of Guelph



President's Message Mahmud Hassain 2021-2022



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

In its over one-hundred-year history, Rotary International has sought to bridge cultures by having its members – Rotarians – actively live out the Rotary motto: “Service above Self”. By so doing, Rotary has made local communities, and the global community, a better place.

In action, this service model has been structured around six global areas of focus:

- Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Economic and Community Development

Effective this year, Rotary International has introduced a seventh area of focus:

- Supporting the Environment

Proudly, the Rotary Club of Guelph has been at the forefront of this environmental area for the past 15 years already. A key local project has been the Rotary Forest in the Guelph Lake area, involving the planting of 60,000 trees, along with support for building a Rotary Trail.

Central to Rotary International’s work is building peace, goodwill and fellowship. As the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Guelph, I am pleased to announce the launch of a new and innovative **Peace Building Committee**. As the world around us continues to be disrupted, we envision bringing practical peace-building initiatives to the local community, recognizing and promoting strength in unity.

This year’s Rotary International theme will be “Serve to Change Lives”. I trust we will all join together as a community, with pride in our history and our culture, to improve the lives of those around us, whether neighbour or abroad, for the better.
