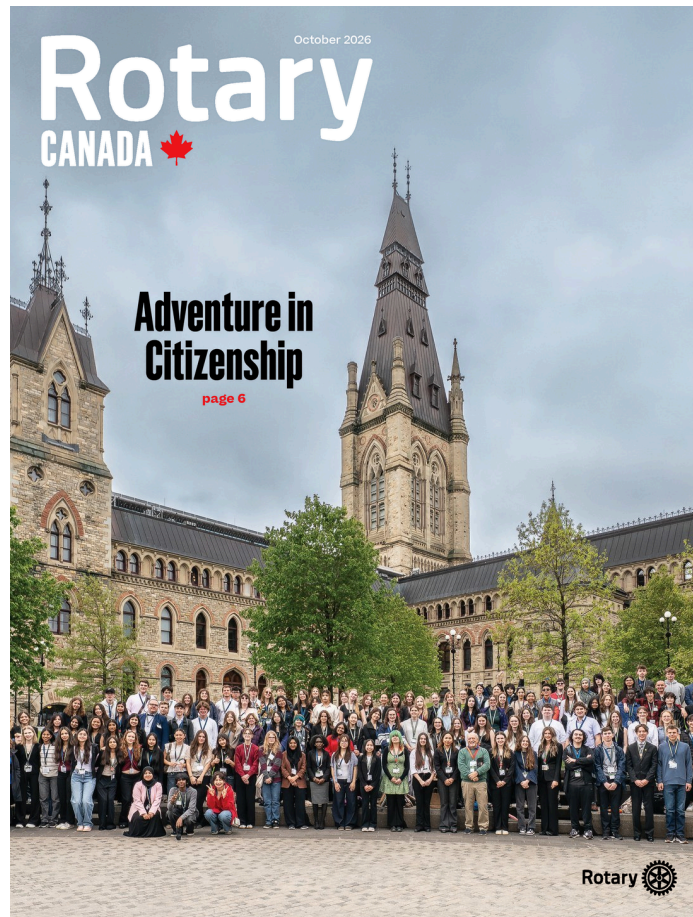




# Monthly Newsletter – October 2026

Your source for club events and news



## **Adventure in Citizenship Corner**

If you've had the chance to take a peek at the Rotary Canada magazine for October, you will have noticed that AIC was the star of the edition! Adventure in Citizenship was profiled for the celebration of its 75th year. If you did not receive a copy, you can check out the story online here: <https://magazine-ca.rotary.org/rotarycanada/library/>

Also, we are excited to begin planning for AIC 2027! The dates have been set for May 15-19, 2027, and the kickoff meeting is coming up on Wednesday, November 11th at 6pm on Zoom.



## **Rotaract Club of Ottawa raises Awareness and Funds for Polio Eradication**

In recognition of World Polio Day, the Rotaract Club of Ottawa [launched a virtual awareness and fundraising initiative](#) to support the global effort to eradicate Polio for the month of October. The campaign began by educating the community on what Polio is, key facts about the disease, ways individuals can contribute to eradication efforts, and Rotary's longstanding leadership in the fight against Polio through all social channels and meetings. Building on this awareness, the club launched a virtual fundraiser to encourage informed giving and turn awareness into action. All donations received through the fundraiser by October 31 will be directed to The Rotary Foundation in support of global Polio eradication efforts. Through this initiative, the club hopes to inspire greater awareness, engagement, and collective action toward a Polio-free world.

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## **Basic Needs Drive**

On October 24th, the Rotary Club of Ottawa Community Service Committee hosted a basic needs drive with [Operation Come Home](#) at the Shoppers Drug Mart on Bank Street in the Glebe to collect items and donations for youth in need, including those who are homeless.

Huge thank you to the Rotarians and volunteers at OCH for making this happen. We also couldn't have done this without the generous support of the community. It's amazing seeing everyone come together to make this possible. Thank you to the Shoppers for allowing us to do this drive for donations for two years now.



Please don't miss our annual **Chilly Chili** on **Saturday, November 7** from **11:30AM to 1:30PM** at the **Jack Purcell Community Centre**. It's a wonderful chance to meet and get to know your club members and Rotaractors over a delicious bowl of chili (and other food too!).

**\*\*\*Calling all Rotary "chefs"! Please bring a batch of your best chili, salads or desserts. If you don't cook, perhaps bring something like vegetables or snacks. Please let Andre know if you plan to bring a dish to share\*\*\***

#### Details:

**When:** Saturday, November 7

- **11:00 am to 11:30 am – Preparation of food / Setup of tables and chairs**
- **11:30 am to 1:00 pm – Eat and meet with Rotaractors and fellow Rotarians**
- **1:00 pm to 1:30 pm – Cleanup**

**Where:** **Jack Purcell Community Centre** (320 Jack Purcell Lane off Elgin Street). Parking available near the Community Centre and on nearby streets. We're in **Room 101**.

**Why:** The Rotary Club of Ottawa has been sponsoring the Rotaract Club of Ottawa for over 20 years. Rotaractors are young professionals, university and college students. Past President Eva Hammond was instrumental in creating the Rotaract Club of Ottawa and initiated the Chilly Chili event.

**André Bourdon** is organizing the event! **Please let him know if you are going to attend and what you can bring!** Reach André at: [newgenerations@rotaryottawa.com](mailto:newgenerations@rotaryottawa.com) or [albourdon29@yahoo.com](mailto:albourdon29@yahoo.com)



#### **“Love Letters”:**

The Fellowship Committee is organizing a station at Chilly Chili to write letters of encouragement, Christmas wishes, or get well soon notes to brighten the day of patients at The Ottawa Hospital. We will make the cards, and the hospital will use their volunteers to deliver them to the patients to brighten their day.

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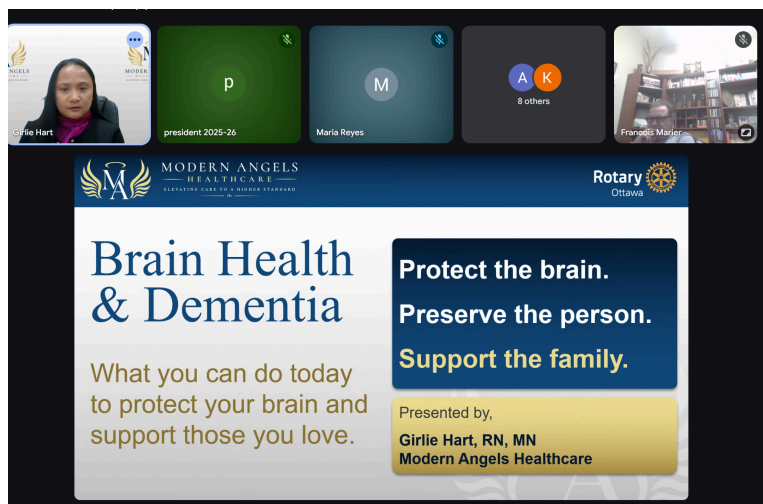
## Fellowship Committee Seeking New Members

The Fellowship Committee is seeking one or two more members to help organize fellowship activities. If you are interested in helping out, contact Sherri Daly at [dalybsh@gmail.com](mailto:dalybsh@gmail.com)

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## Online Meeting with Modern Angels Healthcare

On October 26, we welcomed Girlie Hart of Modern Angels Healthcare to speak to us about brain health, memory loss and dementia.



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## Annual General Meeting and Holiday Social



Mark your calendars - our AGM and Holiday Social lunch will be on Saturday, December 5th. Location and time to be provided soon in November.

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## **News from around Rotary International**



[Fight online misinformation this World Polio Day | Rotary International](#)

[Rotary projects around the globe – October 2026 | Rotary International](#)

[Cross-generational club in Barcelona feels like extended family | Rotary International](#)

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## **Upcoming Club Events**



**November 7: Chilly Chilli**  
From 11:30am to 1:30pm at Jack Purcell Community Center with members of the Rotaract Club. See information above.

### **November 9: In-Person Meeting**

Our monthly in-person meeting will be an evening meeting. Look for time and location soon.



**November 19: Thirsty Thursday**  
Our monthly social gathering is at the Senate Tavern at 640 Bank Street @ 7:00pm

### **November 23: Online Club Meeting**

7:00-8:00pm with a presentation about the Rotary Foundation and the Polio Plus Fund

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## **Club Executive Meeting Update**

The Club's Executive Board met on October 19 and discussed the following items:

- Location of Club Meetings
  - Annual General Meeting
  - Canadian Heritage Grant
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Committee reports
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## **October 24th was World Polio Day**



## **Polio eradication explained**

Learn how polio spreads, why eradication matters, and how Rotary and its partners are working to end this debilitating disease worldwide.

[Polio eradication explained | Rotary International](#)



Join the effort to eradicate polio once and for all. The simplest way to give is through [Rotary Direct](#). Set up a recurring contribution through your My Rotary account, choosing an amount and frequency that works for you.