

"Today, more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of Universal responsibility, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to other forms of life."

~ ~ Dalai Lama

Saturday, September 10, 2022

Tashi Delek Everyone,

My name is Deki Nangchok Shukla. I am a TCV alumnus, and now a Tibetan-Canadian living in Oakville with my Amala and my three children- Kush, Sonam and Dev.

My passion for the Rotary Club stems from my past experience serving as the Project Officer in the late 90s at the Central Tibetan Relief Committee in Bengaluru, where our Tibetan Settlements in South India greatly benefitted from Rotary Club's charities.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama said, that there are two aspects to action. One is compassion, and the second one is more social, more public. He said, **"....When something needs to be done in the world to rectify the wrongs, if one is really concerned with benefiting others, one needs to be engaged, involved."**

I am certain that individually, every one of you during the recent years has contributed your time, effort and resources towards the betterment of our community but forming our own **Tibetan Rotary Club** provides us the opportunity, the mechanism and the international platform where like-minded community-oriented people with a sound moral compass can come to the forefront collectively to re-shape our community/society.

As Tibetans, the value of serving others, selfless giving or how to let others benefit from our actions is instilled in us at a very young age by our parents, caregivers, teachers and adults in society. I talk about values because the basis for good decision-making is value congruency and energy management. If our fundamental Buddhist principle and our own values coincide with the ideals of the esteemed Rotary Club, then naturally a good outcome will result from our value-based decisions and actions.

I want to personally thank everyone who readily agreed to commit your time, effort, and resources to join this venture, forming the first ever **Tibetan Rotary Club Chapter**. For those who are still considering, I implore each one of you to kindly ponder on the positive outcome that we can bring in our community working collaboratively under the shadow of the Rotary Club. Together we can create a renewed sense of purpose and shared responsibility and attract others who share our passions and purpose.

We hope you can join us for a light refreshment at a formal information session/introductory meeting at 6:00 pm on October 7, 2022 in the Harmony Room of TCCC. We encourage you to kindly bring along your spouse/partner and a guest for the event.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to speak with all of you who have a very clear and deep understanding of our current plight and are willing with the sheer determination to bring about the much-needed change.

Please visit the Rotary Club site, <https://www.rotary7070.org/> to learn about the various roles and commitments of Rotary Club 7070 in the community and the world at large.

Also attached to this letter is a good reading material on "What is Rotary".

Sonam Choeden La and I will be communicating with you in due course, meanwhile please feel free to reach us if you have any questions or concerns.





*Rotary is a visionary organization
made up of people of action
who create change in their communities
& around the world.*

1. VISION



- 4 words - "Together People Create Change"
- 6 words – "Unite people, Take Action, Create Change"
- 3 words - "Unite Act Change" plus one more – **Join?**

2. People



Who can join? (according to RI website & Constitution)

- We're looking for people who want to give back to their communities.
- Rotary clubs also welcome Rotaractors, Rotary Peace Fellows, and other members of the family of Rotary who qualify for membership.
- "Adult persons who demonstrate good character, integrity, and leadership; possess good reputation within their business, profession, occupation, and/or community; and are willing to serve in their community and/or around the world and having their place of business or residence located in the locality of the club or the surrounding area."
- "As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.
- Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders." – *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Statement, passed January 2019, RI Board of Directors*

3. Change – local impact, a world of difference!

Create a club answer to the question "What Is Rotary?"

How does your club Unite People, Take Action & Create Change?

How can others join you?

HINT: The answer might be different for each member!



ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT

TOGETHER WE SEE A WORLD
PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION
TO CREATE LASTING
CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE
IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN OURSELVES

As we stand on the cusp of eliminating polio, we find ourselves poised for our next challenge. The time is right to move toward realizing a new vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world.

To achieve the vision of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, we have set four priorities that will direct our work over the next five years.

ROTARY'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Focus our programs and offerings
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership and participation
- Create new channels into Rotary
- Increase Rotary's openness and appeal
- Build awareness of our impact and brand

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT

- Support clubs to better engage their members
- Develop a participant-centered approach to deliver value
- Offer new opportunities for personal and professional connection
- Provide leadership development and skills training

INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks
- Streamline governance, structure, and processes
- Review governance to foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making

ROTARY'S CORE VALUES

The world today is not the same as it was when Rotary was founded in 1905. Demographics have shifted, the pace of change has accelerated, and technology has created new opportunities for connection and service. What hasn't changed is a need for the values that define Rotary:

FELLOWSHIP INTEGRITY DIVERSITY SERVICE LEADERSHIP

By honoring our past and embracing our future, we can evolve and keep Rotary not only relevant, but thriving.



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**GIVE
THE GIFT
OF ROTARY**

For over 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has been supporting the work of Rotarians like you, who find sustainable solutions to their communities' most pressing needs. Last year alone, Rotarians worked together to improve lives in 180 countries. But there is still much to do, and we need your help.

Take
Action:
**GIVE
NOW**

Your gift makes a difference. Give the gift of Rotary today.

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Your gift does not purchase a specific item but will support projects like those shown here.

\$10
MOSQUITO BED NET

Fighting disease



\$50
WATER FILTER

Providing clean water



\$200
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Updating equipment for newborns



\$500
ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN

Creating safe environments



\$1,000
CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

Promoting peace



\$2,650
IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Growing local economies

