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What is your Rotary New Year's Resolution?

When we think about New Years, we think about new year's resolutions. They say that only 8% of us are successful at following through with our New Year's resolutions.

What are your New Year's resolutions and how can we ensure that we're all successful?

We have a lot to celebrate this year!

The 100 year anniversary of The Rotary Foundation!!

The last case of Polio!!

30 years of women in Rotary!!

What can you and I do to make this year even more special?

What is our Rotary New Year's resolution?

Your Rotary New Year's resolution may be to take a more active role in your Rotary club or you may wish to initiate a new project or you may wish to increase your giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Whatever your Rotary New Year's resolution is, know that you can "Make it Happen"!

Happy New Year!



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FROM THE DISTRICT AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If your club has decided to change its meeting times following the Council on Legislation's decisions to sanction alternative meeting times, please be aware that you **MUST** amend your club's Constitution and By-Laws accordingly.

Please review your by-laws, probably Article 5, wherein it states the times and regularity of the club's meetings. This section must reflect the reality.

Rotary's constitutional documents:

🔗 [The RI Constitution,](#)

🔗 [The RI Bylaws,](#)

🔗 [The Standard Rotary Club Constitution;](#)

All clubs admitted to Rotary membership must adopt this constitution. and

🔗 [The Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws](#)

Clubs can tailor these bylaws, as long as their changes align with Rotary's constitutional documents and the Rotary Code of Policies.

These documents have been revised to include all the amendments adopted by the Council. The English revised constitutional documents have been posted on the [Governance Documents](#) portion of [rotary.org](#).

PDG Bill Robson has been designated as the District "go to person" in this regard.

If you need any assistance please contact Bill at

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Bill Robson
Immediate Past District Governor
Rotary District 5050

"Teach the women, teach the world"
"Remember life is supposed to be fun. If you're not having fun, then you're not doing it right."

DEFINE HOW FLEXIBLE YOU WANT TO BE





**Message from
John F. Germ**
Rotary
International
President

An Ambitious set of resolutions

As we enter 2017, we also enter the second year of the initiative known as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The goals, usually referred to as SDGs, pertain to a list of 17 areas where the people of the world can come together to address our most pressing economic, political, and social challenges. It is a hugely ambitious list, and it has to be. The Ultimate aim of these goals is nothing less than peace, prosperity, security and equality for all of humanity.

How do you even begin to tackle such a project? At Rotary our answer is simple: one step at a time. These goals are nothing new for Rotary: They're already reflected in our areas of focus. We also understand that all of these 17 goals, just like our six areas of focus, are inter-related. You can't have good health without clean water. You can't have clean water without good sanitation. Good sanitation in turn helps keep children in school, which improves education, which improves economic prosperity and health. When you are talking about the advancement of an entire planet, on one indicator, no one goal, no one country, exists in isolation. To make real and lasting progress, we must all move forward together.

The idea of Sustainability is key to the SDGs— and to our service in Rotary. Sustainability simply means making progress that will endure. It means not just digging a well, but being sure that a community can maintain it. It means not just running a health camp for a week, but training local health workers. It means empowering families and communities to take charge of their own futures by giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Sustainability has always been at the heart of our thinking in Rotary. We've been around for nearly 112 years and intend to be around for many more. We've already seen the difference our work has made: in health, in education, in water and sanitation, and of course in our efforts to end polio.

Polio eradication is the ultimate in sustainable service: a project that, once completed, will benefit the world forever. And those benefits will go far beyond the eradication of a single human disease. The estimated cost savings we will see once polio is eradicated are about \$1 billion per year. That is money that can be returned to the public health budgets and directed to other pressing needs, carrying the good work of today forward for many healthier tomorrows.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030

- GOAL 1.** End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- GOAL 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- GOAL 3.** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- GOAL 4.** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- GOAL 5.** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- GOAL 6.** Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- GOAL 7.** Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- GOAL 8.** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- GOAL 9.** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- GOAL 10.** Reduce inequality within and among countries
- GOAL 11.** Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- GOAL 12.** Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- GOAL 13.** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts*
- GOAL 14.** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- GOAL 15.** Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- GOAL 16.** Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- GOAL 14.** Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

**Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change.*



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THE PEACE ARCH JOURNAL

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SCOTT DUDLEY District Governor

This monthly publication is a service to district club officers and members. It is intended as a source of news and opinion from throughout the district and beyond.

The mission of the Peace Arch Journal is to promote communication, understanding, fellowship and fun beyond club meetings, in a manner complementary to shared efforts at placing Service Above Self.

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Rotarians and Vocational Service

Classification

When professionals join a Rotary Club, they do so as a representative of their classification - their particular business or profession.

Rotarians have the dual responsibility of representing their vocation within the club and exemplifying the ideals of Rotary within the workplace.

Ethics

One of the central goals of Vocational Service is to promote and advance Rotary's high ethical standards.

Two useful tools Rotarians have to assess these standards are:

The Four-Way Test

The Rotary Code of Conduct

Rotarians are encouraged to focus their attention on vocational service. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

Declaration by Rotarians in Business and Professions

1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve.
2. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community.
3. Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation.
4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, and the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship.
5. Recognise the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society.
6. Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others.
7. Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession.


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RI President Elect Ian Riseley makes historic visit to Montserrat



RI President Elect Ian Riseley, his wife Juliet, Governor of District 7030 Roger Bose, and District Governor Elect Waddy Sowma meeting with the Minister of Communications, Works and Labour and acting Premier Paul Lewis during a courtesy call.

For the first time in the history of Rotary International, an incoming president has visited the island of Montserrat.

On November 4, Rotary International President Elect Ian Riseley spent the day with local officials visiting various community projects they have supported as well as fellowship with Rotarians. Riseley was accompanied by his wife Juliet, along with the District Governor Roger Bose and the District Governor-Elect 2017-18 Waddy Sowma of Suriname.

The new president told *Discover Montserrat* that "there's never been a time when the work of the Rotary is not needed. Rotary continues to grow and in particularly in the developing part of the world."

Along with the corporate campaigns such as polio eradication, Riseley said the best work of the non-profit organisation is being done by the local clubs. "It's wonderful to see what the local Rotary clubs are doing."

The delegation met with acting Premier Paul Lewis and discussed among other things the geothermal project. The

President Elect said he's offered to connect the government with Rotarians in New Zealand which is much further ahead on geothermal energy.

Throughout the day, the group visited local projects which had been supported by the Rotary Club. These included the science lab at the Montserrat Secondary School and the dictionary project at the primary schools.

While the needs of communities vary around the globe, what is the same is the commitment to serving their communities that Rotarians have, Riseley said. "Our fundamental advantage is that we are everywhere despite being only 1.2 million Rotarians. We are represented and we have influence."

The new President declined to disclose his plans for the coming year, stating that he first needed to share his vision with all of the district governors when they gather in San Diego in January 2017. He said he will continue to encourage the leadership to work to make a difference, be even more active. Riseley added that during his term there will be more focus on environmental issues.

Help set the stage for The Rotary Foundation's second century!

Last year The Rotary Foundation became a premier humanitarian organization, recognized and respected worldwide for its good work and its effective use of donations.

This year, our Foundation turns 100, a milestone that few organizations reach. As we reflect on the success of our first century, we must also prepare to take on new challenges in our second century. We must fulfill our promise to eradicate polio; continue to provide access to clean water, health care, basic education and economic opportunity to communities in need; and to promote peace in our troubled world

Your support is needed more than ever.

Make a Centennial Gift to the Foundation.

US\$ 26.50

The Foundation's first gift in 1917

US\$ 100

To celebrate 100 ears of The Rotary Foundation

US\$ 536

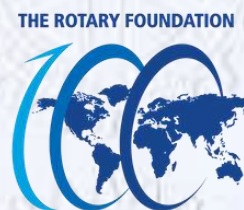
The value of our Foundation's first gift in Today's dollars

US\$1,000

To honor someone as a Centennial Year Paul Harris Fellow

US\$2,650

To make a special centennial gift



Pre-registrations reach all-time high

This year's special Rotary Foundation centennial rate of \$265 spurred a record number of paid preregistrations. More than 21,000 people already registered for the Atlanta convention.



Using vocational service to build peace

By Sakuji Tanaka
RI President 2012-13

In Japan, we place great importance on the value of work. Whatever we are called to do, we should do it to the very best of our abilities, with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.

I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year in Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's

livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard? What is the importance of our work?

I had never thought about this before. I never saw it as a question. We work to earn money. We work to be successful. We work because it is required of us. To me, this was all.

On that day, I learned about the idea of vocational service. It was the idea that through our work, we can serve others. We think about others' needs, and grow to care more for the needs of our communities. We build positive connections between people, and a more peaceful world.

This is the idea that has changed my life. It did not change how much I worked, or how hard I worked. But it changed why I worked, and how I experienced my life. It has made me see a higher purpose in everything I do.

The idea of Service above Self is an idea that is unique to Rotary. But it is an idea that can be embraced by anyone. And I believe very much that in Rotary, and beyond Rotary, we can build Peace through Service.

A Peace Forum held in France in 1988 is one of the many ways The Rotary Foundation has promoted international understanding and goodwill. Learn more about Rotary's efforts to promote peace in *Doing Good in the World*, available for purchase at [#TRF100](http://on.rotary.org/Centennial_Book)



Plenary Speakers

Jody Williams

a world-renowned Peace Activist. She was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1997 for her tireless work in eradicating the land mines left behind in War Zones around the world. She helped write the UN Charter for banning landmines. The late Princess Diana and many other prominent international personalities supported Ms. Williams in this cause.



Jeffrey D. Sachs

a world-renowned professor of economics, leader in sustainable development, senior UN advisor, bestselling author, and syndicated columnist whose monthly newspaper columns appear in more than 100 countries. He is the co-recipient of the 2015 *Blue Planet Prize*, the leading global prize for environmental leadership. He has twice been named among Time Magazine's 100 most influential world leaders. A recent survey by The Economist Magazine ranked

Professor Sachs as among the world's three most influential living economists of the past decade.

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President
Rotary International

Rotary Closing



Jennifer Jones
Vice President
Rotary International



John Heiko
General Secretary
Rotary International



Wilfred Wilkinson
Past President
Rotary International

Panelists and Breakout Session Leaders



DR. SEAN BYRNE is a native of Ireland. He is Director of the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba, as well as Head of Canada's first Ph.D. program in Peace and Conflict Studies, which he established with Jessica Senehi. He was a co-recipient of a Social Sciences and

Humanities Research Council of Canada research grant (2005-2008) and a United States Institute of Peace research grant (1997) to explore the role of external economic aid in the peace-building process in Northern Ireland.

MICHAEL ANGELO CARUSO teaches presentation skills. He's a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world. Mr. Caruso is founder and President of **Edison House**, an international consulting firm specializing in corporate and personal improvement. Michael is author of the *5 Cool Ideas* books, an audio book on legacy titled *Dear Michael Angelo*, the *Present Like a Pro* DVD and more. Mr. Caruso gives back to the community through his membership in Rotary. He speaks all over the world for Rotary and never charges for these talks. He was President of his club in Troy, Michigan in 2012-13 and is currently serving as Governor for Rotary District 6380 in SE Michigan and Ontario, Canada.



DR. JIM DINCALCI is a psychotherapist and university instructor, holding doctorates in Divinity and Religious Studies with a Cross-Cultural emphasis. His four-time award-winning book, *How to Forgive When You Can't*, is published in 8 languages. He is the Founder and Executive director of the Forgiveness Foundation International.

At the World Peace Conference 2017, Dr. Dincalci will lead a session entitled: Letting Go of Resentment, Grudges and Guilt: Crucial Tools from The New Field of Forgiveness Therapy to Propagate Peace between People, Families, and Communities.

IMAM STEVE MUSTAPHA ELTURK is the Imam and President of the Islamic Organization of North America in Warren, Michigan. He serves on the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (ICRJ) of Macomb County and the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit (IFLC) boards. He also serves on the Executive board of the American Human Rights Council (AHRC). Imam Elturk is a publicly engaged Muslim leader and a leading interfaith activist in the Detroit Area.



BOBBY GHOSH is Hindustan Times' new Editor-in-Chief, based in New Delhi. Previously, he was a Global News Analyst on CNN. In a 16-year career at TIME International, Ghosh was an award-winning war correspondent, having covered conflicts in Baghdad, Palestine-Israel and Kashmir. He has also written extensively about Afghanistan, Pakistan, India — and more generally about foreign policy issues.



JENNIFER JACOBSON Is a Detective Constable with the Chatham-Kent Police Service, Ontario. She has served in the areas of General Patrol, Domestic Violence and is currently assigned as the lead in the Child Abuse Unit. Jennifer serves as member of the Chatham-Kent Police Service Chief's Honour Guard.

In 2012 Jennifer graduated from Peace & Conflict Resolution studies at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok and is proud to be a Rotary Peace Fellow. The skills and training gained through this program are invaluable to her work.

PENNY LEGATE is an Emmy award-winning journalist who has held numerous broadcasting positions around the USA. Today she enjoys freedom as a freelance reporter/documentary producer, filing stories from remote places such as Ethiopia, Uganda, India, Rwanda, Nepal, Vietnam, Zambia, and Bolivia. Penny specializes in global issues—reporting on subjects such as the empowerment of girls, water rights, Africa's AIDS orphans, malaria eradication, maternal health care, and the fight to end polio. Recently, her efforts have focused on building awareness and ending stigma surrounding our nation's horrific heroin epidemic. She enjoys speaking about her experiences "on the road," and was honored to address the Rotary International Convention in 2011. For her humanitarian work, Rotary has named her a Paul Harris Fellow six times.



DR. JESSICA SENEHI has taught at the University of Manitoba since 2003. In 2006, she established the Winnipeg International Storytelling Festival. She is managing editor of the journal *Storytelling, Self, and Society*. She serves on the Board of the Humankind International, based in Winnipeg. In 2010, she received an Rh Award. Her research and practice

focus on the role of storytelling and other arts in social conflicts and their resolution. Professor Senehi is currently completing a book manuscript on the role of storytelling and community peace-building.

MATTHEW SHAW sits at the center of Europe's largest newsroom and runs a team of senior journalists — assigning correspondents, reporters, producers, camera crews and other resources around the UK and Ireland. In a BBC career spanning three decades, Matthew has been at the heart of some of the UK's biggest news stories — from the death of Diana, Princess of Wales to the 7/7 bombings. Matthew also integrated BBC's TV, Radio and Online teams specializing in Arts, Media and Entertainment News.



SWAMI SARVAPRIYANANDA, assistant minister of the Vedanta Society of Southern California since 2015, joined the Ramakrishna Math and Mission in 1994 and received Sannyas in 2004. Swami Sarvapriyananda leads monthly retreats at Vivekananda House, and also gives retreats at centers throughout the U.S. Before being posted to the VSSC's Hollywood Temple,

Swami served as an *acharya*, instructor, of the monastic probationers' training center at Belur Math. Swamiji has been a speaker at TEDx, IIM Ranchi and at premier Indian institutes like the IITs and IISc. He has also delivered lectures on Vedanta extensively across the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand.



Celebrating A Century of Service



More than 240 Rotarians and guests from across Western Washington will gather in Everett on December 13 for "Founders Day," a luncheon to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the inaugural meeting of the Rotary Club of Everett.

The luncheon takes place at the Walt Price Fitness Center on the Everett Community College campus. Attendees will see a presentation on club history and receive a detailed writeup by Everett native and Club Historian Lawrence O'Donnell.

Club President Ed Petersen is expected to announce major new Rotary Centennial Initiatives to benefit the Everett community, with a total value of \$200,000. Other speakers will include public officials and representatives of area Rotary Clubs.

Dubbed "The City of Smokestacks," a century ago Everett was a far different place. Tall ships docked on Port Gardner Bay to load the timber and shingles produced by the city's mills. Streetcars traveled Hewitt and Colby Avenues. A bitter labor dispute simmered, and the city was shaken by the deaths of seven people on that same waterfront, in the "Everett Massacre." But there were also signs of hope.

On December 15, 1916, Everett business leaders met at Wiser's Café, 1617 Hewitt Avenue, to dedicate themselves to fellowship and public service by forming a Rotary Club. This was a relatively new idea: the first Rotary Club was formed in Chicago just 11 years prior. The Tacoma Rotary (club No. 8), which sent members to help organize the Everett chapter, was only six years old. The Seattle Rotary (club No. 4) also sent a large contingent.

In the century since, the Everett club has built a powerful record of service to Everett and the world. The club has expanded Rotary service by sponsoring "offspring" clubs in Marysville, Arlington, Snohomish and

Edmonds, as well as the Port Gardner and South Everett Mukilteo clubs in Everett. These in turn have sponsored clubs in Lake Stevens, Stanwood, Monroe, Marysville and Duvall.

Prominent club members have included mill owner William Howarth; lumberman and two-term Washington Governor Roland Harley; Governor, Senator and U.S. Representative Monrad Wallgren; businessman and benefactor Steve Saunders; benefactor Anthony Bozich; and banker Barbara McCarthy, the first woman member.

Recent service projects include Rotary Park in Lowell (1989); the children's spray feature in Forest Park (2007); and the "Next Generation" Project supporting Everett students. The club has given more than \$3.5 million in Everett student scholarships. In September, as part of its Centennial celebrations, the club committed \$100,000 more for the schools' AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program.

International service is another key focus. In 1987 club members joined the global "Polio Plus" effort against polio, and giving more than \$150,000 the first year alone. Contributions have continued. And members have donated more than \$1.1 million to the Rotary International Foundation. Among other efforts, the club is now helping people in the Dominican Republic build gardens where they can grow food to eat and sell.

In 2016 the Rotary Club of Everett



provided more than \$180,000 in scholarships to students from the Everett area. Club members represent a broad spectrum of business, governmental, charitable and public service occupations and support many service projects in the Everett community and around the world.



Monrad Wallgren

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FAMOUS EVERETT ROTARIANS OF THE PAST



Roland Hartley



PORT MOODY

Home away from home....



This family of 6 from Port Moody has come a long way to live in what mom Asma calls 'the best place to raise my kids'. They moved from Libya to Ontario in 2012, when they needed a safer place to have a family, and came to us in Port Moody in September 2016. They were unable to bring all of their possessions with them in their move and they are thrilled to receive these new bicycles and helmets. Caps Westwood Cycles, the Port Moody Police Department and the Rotary Club of Port Moody all helped to put smiles on all of our faces.

The kids attend École Moody Middle School of the Arts and Moody Elementary where they are positive citizens of both schools' communities. Mom and dad continue to work hard to support their children and they all believe that we live in the greatest city with the most supportive agencies. They are correct!

Many thanks to Westwood Cycle, Chelsea Hobbs, Port Moody Police Department (Cs.Shelly Bailey & Rob Degoey), Rotary Club of Port Moody, (Claire Lambert, Peter Cuthbert, Project Lead, & Patty Klassen, President).

A Good Cause for NOT drinking and driving



Hitting the road tonight to give rides to those who have enjoyed themselves a wee bit too much. Gary Hollick and Sean Hogan has been cruising Delta and Richmond along with other Operation Red Nose drivers.

CHILLIWACK FRASER

Spirit of giving alive at Chilliwack Fraser Rotary

CHILLIWACK, BC — After spending countless hours volunteering to co-host the annual Rotary Christmas Parade the previous weekend, one might think the members of the Rotary Club of Chilliwack Fraser would take a well-deserved break. Not so!

On Wednesday, December 7, during a regular club meeting, Rotarians in the club committed to covering all of the volunteer shifts needed for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive in two locations on Saturday, December 17 – Save on Foods in Garrison Village and Save on Foods on Promontory Road.

Salvation Army Director of Community Ministries Tim Bohr expressed his appreciation while speaking to the club.

"We are committed to serving the needs of those less fortunate in our city, especially during times of extreme weather conditions. Monetary and volunteer service contributions from members of the community, like Rotary, help us to accomplish this."

Chilliwack Fraser Rotarians then dug even deeper and passed a hat around the room to collect donations for the Salvation Army in Chilliwack. \$4004.70 was raised in this free-will offering; surprising representatives of the Salvation Army in attendance as well as Rotary club president Robert Beischer.

"The generosity of our members never ceases to amaze me," Beischer said. "Like our Rotary International theme for 2016-2017 says, we are 'Rotary Serving Humanity' and today's actions exemplify this."

New opportunities for community and international service projects in 2017 are currently being explored by members of the Chilliwack Fraser Rotary Club. It's evident the spirit of giving is alive and well at Rotary.



Pictured (L to R) Tim Bohr, Robert Beischer, Tracy Goyak, Orest Goyak.

Photo by Rotarian Walter Sussel



FOOD BANK SUCCESS!

By Mike Reddington

A cheque for \$40,000 from the Semiahmoo Rotary Club was presented to David Young, Executive Director of SOURCES (Centre of photo) on behalf of the White Rock South Surrey Food Bank run by SOURCES Community Resource Centres. The funds were derived from commissions on selling some \$250,000 in gift cards through the Club, mainly through SAVE On FOODS.

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SOUTH SURREY

CANINE ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION TEAM FOR SOPHIE'S PLACE



Left to Right: President Patrick Hahn, Laura Watamanuk, PADS, Past President Renee Nicholson, District Governor Scott Dudley and of course Caber.

By Stuart Wilson

23 November, 2016: The Club presented a cheque to PADS to bring the total contribution for a Canine Assistance Intervention Team (Dog), to \$13500.

This contribution is made up of funds raised by our Club, a generous donation from Urban Impact and a private donation. We are now just "pennies" from our goal of \$15,000. Laura advised the Club that she has now received an application from Sophie's Place and is working with Sophie's to select appropriate handlers. The dog has yet to be sourced and trained but all on track for the team which will assist children at risk over the foreseeable future. Laura, thanked us for our support. PADS has placed 4 dogs in children service groups across Canada and has placed a total of 18 dogs. Dogs are carefully selected and patience is required. Dogs definitely help children to testify about abuse.

Congratulations Renee, for spearheading this wonderful initiative.

Gift exchange full contact... One bites the dust!



Rotary contribution



Spray Pad: Storvik Park

Anacortes Rotarians came together to make a splash for kids early in November, donating \$9,136 to fund a herd of spraying seals that will be a major element inside the Storvik Park spray pad under construction by the City of Anacortes. Fidalgo Island Rotary Club President Peter Martin and Anacortes Rotary Club President Kevin Meenaghan made the presentation to Nicole Johnston, City of Anacortes parks and recreation manager and project coordinator, Wednesday, Nov. 16.

"We are gratified to have both area Rotary Clubs cooperating to support this exciting park project developed by the City of Anacortes," said Martin. "And having the generous financial match from the Rotary International District organization really maximized our overall contribution for the spray park."

"Rotarians know this is going to be a much-loved, much-used addition at Storvik Park," said Anacortes Rotary Club Giving Chair Jack Darnton. "Kids will be out of the house and splashing around at the park enjoying fresh air and fun for years to come. We encourage even more Anacortes groups and individuals to get behind this great outdoor recreation project and support the parks department's fund drive."

In keeping with the marine adventure theme of the park, concrete in the spray pad will be stained to look like water and sand. In addition to the seals, other elements will be seagulls and sit-and-ride orca whales, according to Johnston.



AS SEEN ON



Week of December 21, 2016

Arlington Rotary Treats local seniors to a holiday lunch



The Arlington Rotary Club helped provide a holiday lunch for seniors at the Stillaguamish Senior Center on Dec. 16.

Every year around the holidays the club comes to the center to buy lunch and serve the residents there, said Rotary member Dave Duskin. The Arlington Rotary has been doing the program for about 15 years, he added. "It's just a service for the community to recognize the contributions all of these people have made to our community," Duskin said.

The lunch serves as a way to give a holiday meal to everyone at the center. "Some people don't always have a big Christmas, so this is something that provides holiday time," said Jo Olson, director of the Stillaguamish Senior Center.

Rotary members act as servers for the meal. "Usually they have to stand in line, pay for it themselves, and bus their trays back," said Duskin, but Rotary members provide all of the help to have a simple meal.

The Rotary Club also pays for all the meals, which is helpful for those seniors on a limited income, said Duskin. "I think it's really great that they're willing to come out and serve these meals, pay for the meals and all of that," said Olson.

It also provides a lot of social time for many of the residents.

"They like the fact the organization comes out and mingles with the residents," said Olson.

Duskin, who serves on the Stillaguamish Senior Center's board of directors, said he already knows many of the people there.

"I know a lot of the people," he said. "I enjoy socializing with them and it just brings a good feeling to all of us for doing something at Christmas-time."

Santa Claus comes to visit and helps draw some raffle prizes for the lunch, said Duskin. This year's prizes included a toaster oven, a wine rack, candles and a certificate for a dozen roses.

Carol Jacques, a Rotary volunteer at the event, said the seniors have a good time at the event.

"There's so many people who enjoy this event. If it didn't happen, it would be a big disappointment," she said.

Jacques also had the idea to provide flowers to decorate the tables this year and talked to the Arlington Garden Club which provided the centerpieces for this year's meal.

Olson is a Rotary member and said she liked that seniors were one of the groups that the club tries to help as part of their service mission.

"The Rotary Club is just a great service and the seniors really appreciate it," she said.

Olson also announced her retirement from the senior center at the meal. She'll be retiring as director after 16 years at the Stillaguamish Senior Center.

"I have really mixed feelings about it, but there comes a time when you have to move on," she said.

AS SEEN ON

The Arlington Times

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2016

Arlington Rotary donates, delivers holiday food baskets to families in need



ARLINGTON – Teams of Arlington Rotary Club members fanned out throughout the Stilly Valley on Dec. 22 to deliver a record 86 Christmas dinner baskets to bring holiday cheer to families in need.

The annual Rotary community service project is the club's way to make sure that families who are struggling through the holiday realize that they are not forgotten by others during the season of giving.

Club President Erik Granroth said taking food baskets to homes is one of the members' favorite service projects because of the lives they touch, immediately and face to face.

"I like this service project for the good it does, the food it brings to families in need, and the impact it has on people in our small community," he said.

Rotarians met at the Arlington Boys & Girls Club to assemble the baskets, which contained enough food for several meals.

Contents included full-sized hams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, pasta, oranges, sparkling cider and plenty of canned foods.

Rotary got extra help with food basket preparation from members of the newly formed Interact Club, a youth sub-club of Rotary that got to experience the fulfillment of community service.

Individual Rotary members each year choose to sponsor one or more food baskets to provide a holiday meal for a family in Arlington or Darrington.

Rotary buys the ingredients, which were delivered in bulk by Grocery Outlet.

Grocery Outlet was extra generous, said Devin Brossard, Rotary's food drive project coordinator.

The grocer boxed everything, pre-checked the items and delivered them to the Boys & Girls Club.

They also added more donations to the total, which made for some heavy baskets.

Members filled baskets over a lunch meeting, and in groups delivered them to families Thursday afternoon.

Families in Arlington, Darrington and Oso are selected by the Arlington Food Bank. Senior citizens on fixed incomes are often among the mix of recipients.

The joy we brought to children and their families who received assistance this year can only be matched by the goodwill of everyone pitching in to help make the holiday basket another Rotary success.



ARLINGTON Christmas Food Baskets

Boxes were assembled this year at the Boys and Girls Club at its invitation so members could see the remodeling that is in progress. Our club is donating funds to help with the cost of the remodeling.

We had a record number of volunteers. In addition to Rotarians and families, our Interact Club had volunteers as well as volunteers from Life Church 360.

Our projects director, Devin Brossard, planned and organized the annual food basket project.



Directing the crew



The names of families that have been screened by the Arlington Community Food Bank are given to the club. We are also given a list of food to provide in each box.

◀ 87 boxes were placed throughout the game room and hall way at the Boys and Girls Club

The food was purchased in large volume and taken to the club. A team of two were assigned to each food item with the responsibility of seeing that that item gets placed in each of the boxes.

87 Hams Ready to Be Distributed with Each Basket ▶



◀ Karri Assigning Routes to Rotarians for Delivery



Part of the Interact Volunteers ▶



◀ Organized chaos



Getting Ready to Hit a Delivery Route ▶



A Priceless Christmas Gift for Past President Bill Robson and his family!

The Robson genes are most definitely there.

In the words of Langley Central President Steve Carter...



...and in Bill's own words...



Innervisions Chilli Lunch at Miller 2

An unbelievable day. Started out with Alan and Danne going all the way to Maple Ridge Thriftys to do the grocery shopping. Thrifty's donated \$300.00 this year to our Annual Chili lunch.

We all car pooled and by the time Dan and I got there the chopping had begun. Thank you to Naomi for joining us as our Innervisions Chili lunch would not be the same without her.



Alan, smiling as usual, was our Head Chef. Bill, good Bill, was there cleaning and chopping and working as hard as he always does. Jeannie chopped and then made the dining room tables look beautiful. We had the men sit at the tables while we served them.....a real FAMILY dinner.

When the ice cream and pie came out it truly topped off the day. Thank you to Dan for cutting up the pie and having it all ready to go when the men finished the chili.

The men were so happy and so appreciative of our coming to spend time with them.

We had 4 members of the Haney Rotary Club come out to 'observe' and WOW are they ever excited to take over MILLER 2 next year. We are truly blessed to have such a great Rotary Club. Imagine 12 people out to volunteer today.

It is the best beginning of our Christmas each year.



What a team at Innervisions!

Trudy, Danne, Terry, Vida, Claire and Patty, Rotarians, staff and participants of the program in total rejoice...Christmas with joy and hope. 'Gratitude at large', with an unexpected embrace of surprise in their facial and verbal expressions when they saw the Christmas decorations, they were overwhelmed by the love and delicious food and the fact that 'these people would stop their daily lives to go and cook and serve them'. One of them expressed that it had been over five years since he had received something... he no longer had his wife and children, neither his parents nor his sister, he had come to the conclusion that no one could care anymore. He asked me to extend his gratitude to the club. He also mentioned that now he feels that his hope in humankind has been restored. He hopes someday he will be able to regain the love and trust of his family and that they all can reunite again.

Some expressed that they hope they can do the same for someone else some day.

This is only one testimony of the several we have individually heard today. Today, we all celebrated the true spirit of receiving when we give of ourselves. Thank you all for keeping this program active in our club. Kudos!

Patty Klassen, President



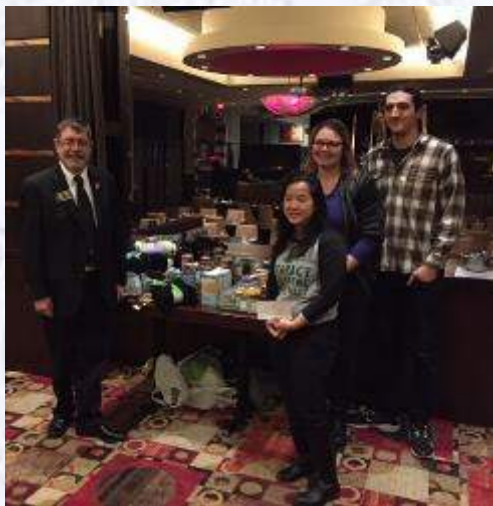
Community Program for December



The making of 100 Christmas Cards to be distributed to Seniors throughout the Fraser Valley, the donation of 448 pairs of socks in Abbotsford, Mission and Maple Ridge, the collection of 115 lbs of food along with a cheque for \$192.75 (purchase power of \$578.25) that was presented to the Abbotsford Food Bank.

The Rotary Club of Abbotsford-Sumas is a Charter Sponsor, we are so proud of the Rotaract Club members and for us having the opportunity to be a part of this dynamic, energetic, goal oriented, community minded club. Thank you for all you do for the Fraser Valley Communities by seeing the need and responding to that need throughout the year.

Congratulations to you all, well done!



Keeping the Holiday "Spirits" Hi...



...and Lo



Happy New Year!

JOIN STARFLEET THEY SAID,
IT'D BE FUN THEY SAID.

Photo Credit to PDG Sean Hogan

ALDERGROVE Celebrating Christmas

Pictures taken at the Club's Christmas Breakfast at Krause Berry Farm and Winery.

Also, thank you to JD Farms and Milsean for an amazing meal.



2016 Zone 24 winner



Rotarian John Slipp Donald MacRae Peace Award

John Slipp and a citizens' group in Woodstock, NB, built a school. They were motivated by the life and legacy of RCMP Sergeant Mark Gallagher. He was in Haiti, attached to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force and helping to train local police officers, when the 2010 earthquake hit and he was killed.

Rotarian John Slipp assumed the role of co-chair of the citizen's coalition and immediately turned his leadership and organizational skills to the school-building project. As a result, the coalition raised over \$400,000 from businesses, individuals, and Rotary clubs in District 7810. CIDA supported the project with almost \$800,000 more.

Building the school in corruption-plagued and crime-ridden Haiti brought its own set of challenges. But under John's leadership, the coalition and its Haitian partners persevered and the Sergeant Mark Gallagher Vocational School opened in 2014. The school was built to modern earthquake resistant codes. It has capacity for 500 students and offers classes in carpentry, masonry, secretarial, agricultural and flooring/tiling. The school provides the opportunity for young people to learn a trade, earn a better income for themselves and their families and help reconstruct the country.

For his work on this project, John Slipp is the Zone 24 recipient of this year's Donald MacRae Peace Award.

Zone 24 - 2011 Winner:
Rotary World Help Network,
District 5020, 5040, 5050, 5060

This award recognizes the hundreds of hours of volunteer time put in by the many Rotarians, their spouses, partners, family and friends who collect medical, humanitarian and educational supplies and ship the supplies around the world to support impoverished communities and in many cases support work being done by Rotary clubs with Rotary Foundation grants and World Community Service projects. The Rotary World Help Network is a multi club and multi district project. RWHN in the past 15 years has shipped hundreds of sea containers of humanitarian aid worth millions of dollars nearly all is donated surplus material.



Donald MacRae Peace Award

The Rotary Zone 24-32 Donald MacRae Peace Award is an annual award presented by Rotary Zones 24 and 32 to recognize and honour an individual or organization for outstanding achievement consistent with the ideals of Rotary as expressed in the Fourth Object of Rotary.

The Fourth Object calls for:

*The advancement of
international understanding,
goodwill and peace through a
world fellowship of business
and professional persons
united in the ideals of service.*

Reflecting the vision, the award focuses on advancing international goodwill, understanding and peace through peace-making efforts or humanitarian activity of international significance.

The award commemorates the contribution of Halifax Rotarian Donald MacRae, who in a speech to the International Convention in Kansas City in June 1918, proposed that Rotary become an agent for the promotion of goodwill and peace among nations. This was the first time that this vision of Rotary was expressed publicly.

In 1921, as chair of Rotary's Constitution and By-laws Committee, MacRae had an opportunity to incorporate this vision into the constitution of Rotary. He presented a resolution to the International Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, that amended the constitution by adding the Fourth Object of Rotary. The Fourth Object became the engine that drives Rotary's international service; indeed, it has become the watchword of the Rotary Foundation.

From 2012 and on, this award will be given for both Zone 24 and 32. It will be initially fashioned on the Zone 24 model with members of the committee from Both Zones making the decisions from Applications received from clubs and districts from both Zones. Members from each Zone decide on this Award.

2016 Zone 32 winner



International Surgical Mission Support Dr. Raj Patel Donald MacRae Peace Award

International Surgical Mission Support (ISMS) is a non-political organization that provides free medical care wherever it is needed throughout the world. ISMS was founded in 1996 by three friends who felt fortunate enough to be able to provide medical services to the needy. Their first mission took them to Haiti, and soon the organization was growing in both volunteers and service trips.

The New York chapter of ISMS has been active since 2000, and board member Dr. Raj Patel has traveled with ISMS to a country in need every year since then.

In 2015, a member of the Riverhead, NY, club visited Myanmar and immediately recognized that ISMS could provide needed medical services there. Local Rotarians and the Riverhead community donated \$150,000 to Rotary for this project, and when the Rotary Club of Mandalay reopened, it was possible to channel (and multiply!) these funds into a Global Grant. In addition to bringing much-needed surgical expertise, supplies, instruments and equipment to Mandalay General Hospital, ISMS New York provided education and medical training so that the local surgeons and nursing staff could maintain the quality of care.

For its groundbreaking work in just-reopened Myanmar, ISMS New York is recognized with the Zone 32 Donald MacRae Peace Award.



Celebrate the New Year

January marks the start of a new year in many calendars, but in Rotary, we begin our year in July. That puts us at the half way point - a good time to take stock of our progress and set goals for the remainder of the year.

An annual to-do list for The Rotary Foundation might include the following items:

- Contribute to the End Polio Now campaign to take advantage of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's 2-to-1 match.
- Start a simple or large-scale project in your community supported by a grant and keep the community informed.
- Recommend a promising candidate for the Rotary Peace Centres programme.
- Host a Rotary School or vocational training team.
- Enroll in Rotary Direct for each recurring giving.
- Include a bequest to the Foundation in your estate plan.

- Apply for a Rotary International credit card, which allocates a portion of each purchase you make to The Rotary Foundation.

As you can see, there are many ways to support our Foundation and carry out its humanitarian mission. This year, we have another item to add to our checklist: Celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial

Here are some of the ways you can observe this milestone:

- Work with your club to plan a birthday party, fundraiser, or event in your community to let others know more about Rotary and its Foundation. Download a promotion kit from rotary.org/foundation100 for ideas.
- Promote your club's Foundation grant projects to local media.
- Dedicate club meetings to the discussion of Rotary Foundation topics.
- Read the history of The Rotary Foundation in *Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of the Rotary Foundation's First 100 years*. Copies are available in hardback or ebook formats at shop.rotary.org.
- Share your centennial plans and events on social media using #TRF100.

Of course, the biggest birthday part of all will take place in Atlanta from 10 to 14 June, when thousands of Rotarians will come together for Rotary International Convention. I hope you will join me and the Foundation Trustees to make this the best part of the year.

Kalyan Banerjee

Kalyan Banerjee
Rotary Foundation Trustees Chair

See how your gift to the Foundation makes a difference.



DISTRICT FOUNDATION GIVING

As of December 20, 2016, District 5050 has contributed the following amounts to the Rotary Foundation:

Annual Giving:	\$ 216,515.09
	(\$84.08 per capita)
PolioPlus:	\$ 60,098.51
Endowment:	\$ 2,566.93
Other Funds:	\$ 8,297.62
Total combined giving:	\$ 287,478.15

Annual Giving Honor Roll for clubs over \$100 per capita:

1	White Rock	BC	260.12
2	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	248.54
3	Langley	BC	233.61
4	San Juan Island	WA	227.56
5	North Delta	BC	188.80
6	South Whidbey	WA	185.42
7	La Conner	WA	178.06
8	Semiahmoo	BC	176.45
9	Coquitlam Sunrise	BC	163.72
10	Port Moody	BC	162.87
11	Arlington	WA	155.49
12	Fidalgo Island	WA	154.65
13	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	149.87
14	Lake Stevens	WA	147.26
15	Langley Central	BC	145.41
16	Surrey	BC	128.57
17	Meadow Ridge	BC	126.21
18	Surrey-Guildford	BC	120.76
19	Abbotsford	BC	119.37
20	Everett	WA	113.71
21	North Whidbey Island Sunrise	WA	110.97

PolioPlus Contributions Honor Roll for clubs above \$100 per capita:

1	Abbotsford-Sumas	BC	240.63
2	Stanwood/Camano Island	WA	105.36



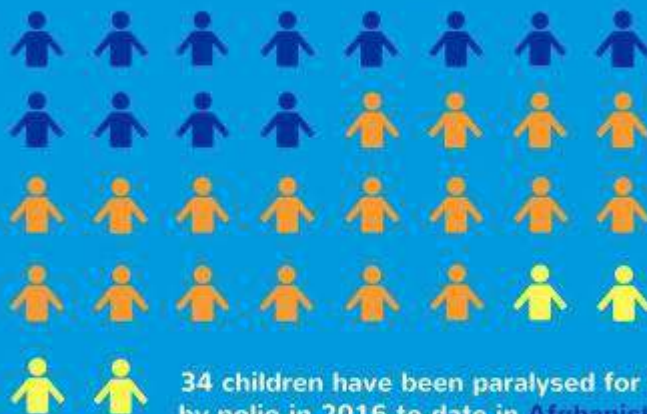
34 is still TOO MANY.

However, we continue to make headway from the 74 this time last year.

We have come a long way and our efforts will continue until Polio is completely eradicated from the face of Earth

WE ARE COMMITTED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update 7 December 2016

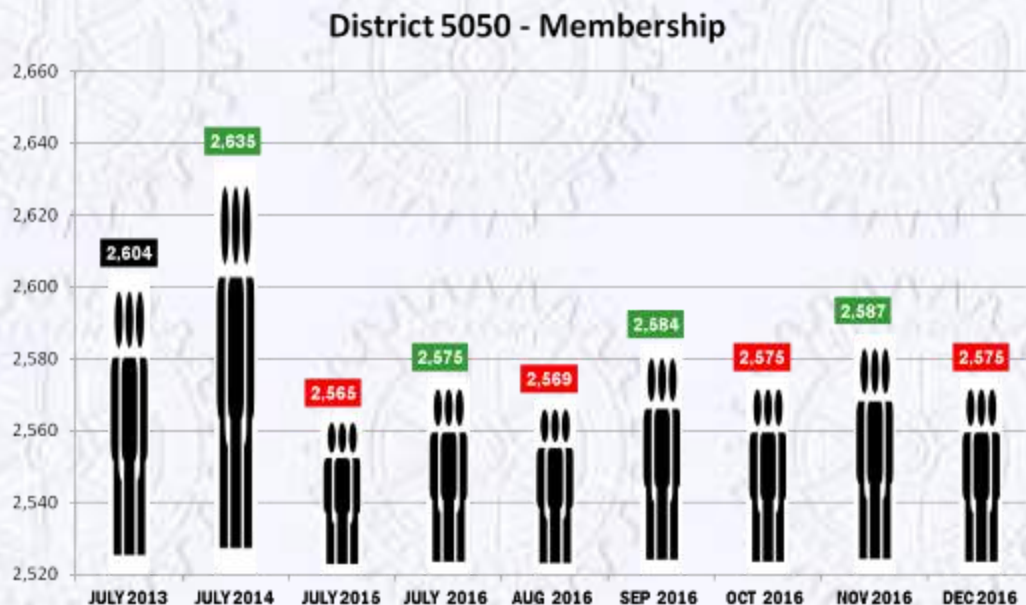


www.polioeradication.org
#EndPolio



DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AT A GLANCE

	# Members	Change
JULY 2013	2,604	●
JULY 2014	2,635	▲
JULY 2015	2,565	▼
JULY 2016	2,575	▲
AUG 2016	2,569	▼
SEP 2016	2,584	▲
OCT 2016	2,575	▼
NOV 2016	2,582	▲
DEC 2016	2,575	▼



TOP 10 CLUBS FOR ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER

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|-----|------------------------|--------|
| 1. | Langley Sunrise | 95.00% |
| 2. | Abbotsford-Sumas | 93.33% |
| 3. | Whidbey Westside | 92.74% |
| 4. | LaConner | 87.86% |
| 5. | Chilliwack | 83.00% |
| 6. | Surrey-Guildford | 81.25% |
| 7. | Aldergrove | 81.00% |
| 8. | Fidalgo Island | 78.77% |
| 9. | Chilliwack Mt. Cheam | 78.60% |
| 10. | Semiamhoo (White Rock) | 78.17% |

Clubs with a Net Membership Increase in November

1. Abbotsford
2. Abbotsford Matsqui
3. Chilliwack Fraser
4. Coquitlam
5. Fidalgo Island
6. Marysville Sunrise
7. Mission Middy
8. Semiamhoo
9. Skagit
10. Stanwood Camano island



To qualify for the Presidential Citation during 1016-17 year, Clubs are required to ensure 50% or more member of each club are registered on "My Rotary"

As of 23rd December 2016

ONLY 35% OF MEMBERS

(910 members out of 2,575)

have been registered on "My Rotary". This would mean that many clubs have not yet reached the 50% mark.

Presidents are requested to remind members (if necessary at every meeting) to sign up on "My Rotary".

The benefits of this programmed can only be enhanced based on the number of Rotarians signing up on "My Rotary" and using the rewards.

This is a
"Rotarians only benefit program"
 and it is as good as we all take advantage of.
 If you want someone to talk to your members.

Contact
 Mohan (Chirayath) Mohanan,
 District Rotary Global Rewards Chair,
 Home: 604-941-3053 Cell: 604-618-5226
 email: cvmohanan@shaw.ca

New Grant Center makes applying for grants easier

The Rotary Foundation announced the debut of the new **Grant Center**, formerly known as the grant application tool.

The new site has a fresh look and better organization. The grant application includes clearly defined steps so it's easier for you to track your progress.

Learn more about grants and how to apply.

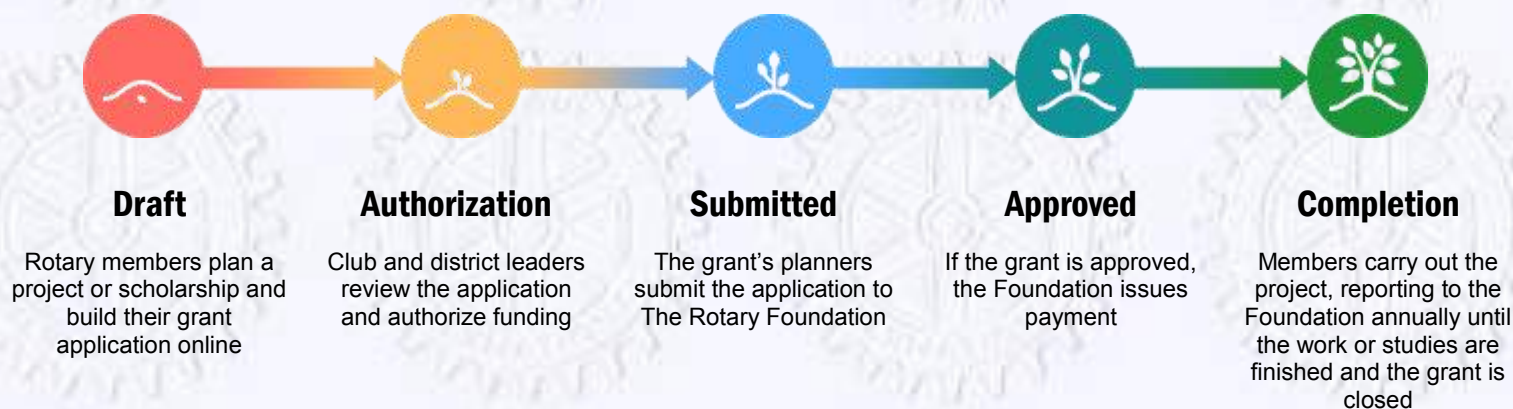
Use the Rotary grants tool to apply for a grant, track its progress, report on it, and search for other grants in your district.

Types of grants

The Rotary Foundation offers grants that support humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. Here's an overview:

- **Global grants** support large international projects with long-term, sustainable outcomes in one or more of Rotary's areas of focus. They range from \$15,000 to \$200,000.
- **District grants** fund smaller-scale, short-term projects that address immediate needs in your community or abroad.
- **Packaged grants** fund up to 10 scholarships each year for students in a master's program on water and sanitation at the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft, Netherlands.

The Lifecycle of a Rotary Grant



District qualification

Before applying for grants, district leaders agree to follow the stewardship requirements listed in the memorandum of understanding.

Global Grant Calculator

To apply for a grant, go to Apply for a Grant page.

Visit Rotary Grant Centre for more information

Our causes





FEATURED EXCERPT FROM "Doing Good in the World: The Inspiring Story of The Rotary Foundation's First 100 Years." Chapter 11

"It's not just about the money"

In addition to making the first personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary founder Paul Harris also established a trust that would generate income for him and his wife, Jean, until their deaths, when the remaining balance would be given to the Foundation to educate underprivileged children.

In 1944, Paul Harris created a charitable trust, which stipulated that the income would accrue to him during his lifetime and to his wife, Jean, after he died. Upon her death, the balance of the trust would go to The Rotary Foundation. Jean died in 1964, and the Trustees accepted the bequest and honored Harris' request that the money be used to educate underprivileged children.

Others have designated that their gift be used to support a favorite Rotary Foundation program in the name of a loved one. Sir Angus Mitchell, the first Australian to become president of Rotary (1948-49), helped launch this tradition in 1949, when he established a scholarship for an Australian student in honor of his wife, to be known as the Teenie Robertson Mitchell Memorial Fellowship. Thus began a long tradition that continues to this day.

Bruno Ghigi wanted to honor his father, who had been a member of the Rotary Club of Rimini, Italy. Throughout his childhood, Bruno listened to his father regale the family with wonderful stories of Rotary's work. After leaving school, Bruno joined his father in the family business and he later branched out to form a software company that became one of the most successful in Italy. Bruno joined Rotary and became club president and a Rotary Foundation Major Donor. In 1988, on the 20th anniversary of his father's death, Ghigi donated \$350,000 to The Rotary Foundation to establish an endowed fund to benefit refugees, the sick, and street children in Africa and Brazil.

Some recipients of the Foundation's benevolence have later felt inspired to pay back so others could enjoy that same experience. For example, Sadako Ogata, one of the first Rotary Foundation scholars, later donated \$10,000 to the

Foundation in appreciation for the scholarship it had bestowed on her as a university student. "Rotary set me on a course that I am still continuing. If I had not gone to the United States as an Ambassadorial Scholar," she said, "I don't think I would have pursued the study of international relations."

Richard Illgen, an Ambassadorial Scholar from Mainz, Germany, studied business and economics at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, USA. After graduating, he joined Kraft Foods, where he enjoyed a very successful career. Wanting to provide a similar scholarship opportunity for others, Illgen and his wife, Irene, made a gift — matched by Kraft Foods — that provided \$23,000 for a scholar from his home district in Germany to study at Northwestern.

David C. Forward



Successful women mentor youth through Rotary

When Clara Montanez was a student, she never heard the word mentoring. The idea of having a role model help you pursue your ambitions was unfamiliar to her.

"You basically chose your career based on personal interest and hoped you could find a job," says Montanez, senior director of investment for Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. "I went the route of getting married and having children first, and started my career later in life. I had no model for how to do that."

That changed for Montanez the day a friend

invited her to join Rotary.

"Frankly, I was dragged into Rotary. I didn't see a connection at first," says Montanez, who's been a member of the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., since 2003. "But then I met several women, including Doris Margolis, who took me under her wing and started mentoring me on how to get more involved. I began seeing the value in having someone I could count on as a mentor, and I have become more of a leader in our club, in my community, and at work."

Rotary's mentoring opportunities motivated Montanez, Rotary's alternate representative to the Organization of American States, to help organize an event for International Women's Day, 8 March.

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Rotary taught me how to be a socially conscious entrepreneur

By Cynthia Salim

At the age of 21, I was a fervent student activist at Loyola Marymount University, walking picket lines to advocate for a living wage in Los Angeles, California, USA. I never would have imagined that at 28 I'd be starting a fashion label in New York City and doing social change work through a lifestyle brand. That's the power of the Rotary experience – it widens perspectives and inspires change from every industry.

In my twenties, I went from thinking I would never work in the private sector to becoming an impact entrepreneur, spending my days finding responsible factories to work with and talking to photographers about how to thoughtfully portray women in advertising campaigns for Citizen's Mark, a line of high-quality blazers I started for a generation of socially conscious and empowered women on the rise.

When I was selected for a Rotary Scholarship in 2009, I was introduced to the concept of vocational service. This is the second object of Rotary: "High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and

the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society."

I met dozens of Rotarians in my district who had found opportunities to serve society through their occupations, from film and finance to education and transportation.

I went on to complete a Master of Arts in Human Values and Contemporary Global Ethics at King's College London as a Rotary Scholar and eventually worked in Geneva, Switzerland, in policy advocacy and management consulting.

It was in building my wardrobe for these jobs that I discovered a niche. There was a dearth of professional wear for women on the rise – that space between newly minted professional and seasoned executive. There were few options at all, and even fewer from brands committed to responsible sourcing, production, and branding.

I started to build what would become Citizen's Mark using the perspective I had gained from my master's degree and the insightful conversations I had with Rotarians. The relationships I built in Europe were instrumental to my ability to build Citizen's Mark's responsible supply chain. I

visited wool mills in Italy and learned about water purification after the fabric dyeing process. I talked to German wool under-collar suppliers about clean production methods. I drove into small towns in Portugal with a local friend and asked suit factory owners about – you guessed it – living wages.

Rotary truly changed the trajectory of my career. From meeting Rotarians in so many industries and countries to getting a solid academic foundation, Rotary was for me, and is for many, instrumental in transforming careers into opportunities for high-impact work that serves society.



About the author:

Cynthia Salim is the founder of **Citizen's Mark** and a 2009 Rotary Scholar sponsored by District 5280 (California, USA) and hosted by District 1120 (England).

How do you use your skills to benefit others?

By Edoja Sowho, Rotary Club of Effurun GRA, Delta State, Nigeria

The airport road junction in Effurun-Warri, Delta State, Nigeria, is a very busy and strategic location in the oil-rich city of Warri. The government of Delta State constructed a roundabout to ease traffic congestion, but it's had little effect.

At the center of this hotspot, you'll find Bisan Michael, a rather remarkable young man who volunteers his time and talent to keep traffic moving, rain or shine. He has been doing this work, with no reward for himself, for years. Practically every motorist in Effurun has benefited from his efforts, unaware Michael is deaf and mute.

In October, my club decided to show our appreciation for Michael in observation of Vocational Service month. On the eve of our club's first anniversary, we presented Michael with an award certificate, a small gift, and a traffic vest (with the Rotary emblem on it) that he can wear to assist him in his traffic directing. Visiting Rotary members were moved by the presentation and joined in with their own gifts of appreciation.

Michael's smile said it all, as he waved enthusiastically his appreciation. Local media picked up on the story and gave Michael some much deserved recognition. It also helped us get the word out about what our Rotary club has been doing to help the community. The National Newspaper, the Vanguard, also ran a story.

Michael is not letting his physical challenges stop him from serving his community. It reminds me of the importance of using our vocations to benefit our communities, and the many diverse ways we can all make a difference. Rotary brings together people of all different backgrounds, and gives us a truly unique perspective to solve the problems in our corner of the world, and beyond.

Is there an unsung hero like Michael in your community worthy of recognition?

How are you using your skills to benefit others?

Brothers and Sisters in peace

By Ana Patel, 2016 Rotary Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

"Sawatdee" is a useful phrase in the Thai language. It means everything from hello and good morning, to goodbye and peace be with you. I learned the phrase on the second day of my three-month International Rotary Fellowship in Bangkok this summer, along with the traditional gesture of putting one's hands together in prayer and bowing the head to acknowledge others. It's a lovely gesture – one that requires meeting the other person's eyes and conveying a respect and recognition for each other's humanity.

In December of 2015, I was accepted as a Rotary Peace Fellow. The fellowship is for experienced professionals working in peace-related fields and consists of a three-month residential program in peace and conflict prevention and resolution at Chulalongkorn University. My program also included two field study experiences:

in the Deep South of Thailand, where there has been on-going violent conflict between Thai security forces and groups of Thai nationals who identify as ethnic Malays, and,

in post-genocide Cambodia.

Notwithstanding a Master's degree in International Affairs and my time as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, this was my most international learning experience. A judge from Cairo, an artist from Denmark, a government official from Kenya, an Indian woman police chief, a retired FBI agent – these are just a few of the amazing Fellows with whom I was honored to share this experience.

All 24 fellows demonstrated a strong commitment to peacebuilding and a passion for learning, especially exploring perspectives from the wide diversity in our professional, cultural and geographical backgrounds. Over three months, we shared a lifetime of experiences, both joyful and heartbreaking. Outside of the classroom, we danced, exercised and meditated together. We tasted fried bugs, survived numerous Thai monsoons and nursed each other through a Cambodian virus. We became, as one of our facilitators stated, brothers and sisters in peace.

The lecturers for the program included some of the foremost experts and practitioners in the field. We explored the relationship between violence, peace and gender with Ms.



Irene Santiago, the founder of the Mindanao Commission on Women, and executive director of the historic NGO forum on women in 1995 in Beijing. We engaged in a lively debate on nonviolence with Professor Chaiwat Satha-Anand, a political scientist and a philosopher who is one of the foremost voices for peace in Thailand. We heard the history of the Cambodian genocide from the personal story of Youk Chhang, survivor of the Khmer Rouge's "killing fields," and the Executive Director of the Documentation Center of Cambodia (DC-Cam).

I am profoundly grateful to Rotary

International for supporting my participation in the fellowship. I return to my work with the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding with an even stronger sense of the importance of this work in the world. It is clear to that Outward Bound Peacebuilding's approach of experiential peacebuilding resonates with people across the globe and is aligned with the leading research and theories supporting the field of peacebuilding. As importantly, I return as part of an expanded community of peacebuilding activists and visionaries, my brothers and sisters in peace, who are working alongside us to create lasting positive peace in the world.

Sawatdee.

Editor's note: The Rotary Peace Centers program has launched a new online application system with Embark, a leading provider of online application software. Through this system, candidates around the world will experience a streamlined process that will help the program meet the demands of rising applications for the Rotary Peace Fellowship.



A grant from The Rotary Foundation provided medical equipment, midwife training, literacy programs, water filters, books and school supplies to a clinic in this Guatemalan village. Give the gift of Rotary: <http://on.rotary.org/gtues16>



Sing, Dance, and Keep India Polio-Free!

By Ingrid Schwab, Rotary staff

Amit says it feels like our team has been in India for a week, but really it's been about two days. It definitely feels like a lifetime. This is the first Rotary staff Sub-National Immunization Day (SNID) trip to India, and our schedule is full of activities to experience and understand the fight to end polio. On this day, our colleagues at Rotary's National PolioPlus office, Amit, Lokesh, and Deepak, arranged for us to take part in a polio awareness rally in Khera Khurd, a village on the outskirts of Delhi.

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Providing children hope and opportunity in Nepal

By Tulsī R. Maharjan, Rotary Club of Branchburg

Asha is the Nepali word for "HOPE." When we think about what motivates us to serve, we are drawn to this word, which is the name of my current mission, the Asha Project. To us, hope and opportunity are really at the core of Rotary's mission. It is what motivates us to help the people of Nepal.

Hope and opportunity brought me to America 45 years ago and I always wanted to do something for the less fortunate in Nepal. Now, my son, Anil, has joined me as an E-club member in our district to assist with this project. We will be taking our third humanitarian mission in early February 2017. While there, we will also celebrate the silver jubilee of our humanitarian work in Nepal.

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"Dil Se" (from the Heart)

Put together a large hearted metro and service minded, passionate Rotarians and together they are creating magic in mending little hearts.

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Water for Mexico

Rotarians support the Mexican nursery school in the water supply.

There are only 250 miles between their homes - but they separate worlds: the Rotarians from San Marino in the Los Angeles area and the children in Tijuana / Mexico, just behind the US border. Since 2015, the US club has been working there together with the RC Tijuana-Independencia at the nursery Raul Anguiano. It is only just nine Rotarians from San Marino that have completed a hands-on project that has put the water supply of the kindergarten on a new foundation. Although every drop has to be delivered via trucks to the remote district, a Global Grant has allowed the installation of new large tanks and a filter system. This is now the first time drinking water can be kept.

Early detection and treatment of women's cancers in Tijuana, Mexico

San Marino Rotary is also working with the Rotary Club of Tijuana Oeste to make available medical equipment and supplies to the ProSalud clinics to be used for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cervical-uterine and breast cancer for women without medical social security services. ProSalud operates five clinics in various Tijuana neighborhoods providing general health care, prenatal education and care, gynecological services, testing for sexually transmitted infections, serving over 8,000 clients each year. The mobile clinic provides medical and educational services with an emphasis on sexual and reproductive health in the marginalized sectors of the city that lack accessible medical services, as well as in Tecate, Ensenada and Rosarito.

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP: What has worked for us and what hasn't



Corporate membership has helped the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, attract senior business leaders.

As the first club chartered in Australia, we have a membership of around 250 people. We had two 'champions' who were keen to introduce corporate membership. Over several years, they sought acceptance of this category in the upper layers of Rotary, and eventually were given the go-ahead to try it as part of a pilot project in 2011.

Motivators

We saw corporate membership as a way to uphold our club's long tradition of attracting the most senior members of Melbourne's business community, and tap into corporate networks to use their expertise to enhance our social programs. It was our belief that we could achieve significantly greater impact by getting entire corporations involved. We are able to offer them access to a highly respected service organization, and opportunities for their staff to put in volunteer hours and engage in projects.

Five years on

We currently have 17 members from six organizations. RI, district and Rotary Down Under dues are paid for each corporate member as if they were ordinary members. We aim to have just one corporate partner per industry or field. Professional services, banking, and higher education are among some of the industries that are represented. (One member dropped out last year due to lack of senior level connection, and probably inadequate relationship management on our part.)

Our corporate members are engaged in one or more of our projects such as homelessness, domestic violence, and clean water. While they are enthusiastic contributors, the greatest challenge is getting and keeping their attention. They all have extensive time commitments. Attending regular lunch meetings is not easy for them, so we run less frequent and more informal evening meetings to provide them an additional option to keep in touch. Also, our club has a corporate team which meets quarterly with all the corporate members to provide updates and identify potential areas of cooperation.

What have we learned?

Perseverance and focus are required to ensure that the expectations of corporate members are met. This requires constant efforts to maintain close relationships with the corporation and the individuals. We have found that it is better to get prospective corporate members excited in projects first, rather than just focusing on adding members.

Even with its challenges, we have found corporate membership to be highly beneficial.

Editor's note: All clubs are free to experiment with different membership models— such as corporate membership — through the flexibility granted by the latest Council on Legislation.



Bankruptcies, suicides, and a battle over water rights was destroying this community – until a Rotary member found a way to bring it together.
READ MORE ON <http://on.rotary.org/WaterWrs>

Next Generation



Did you know there is a District in Zone 32 with 49 Interact Clubs boasting in excess of 2800 students? These clubs have sprouted up in both public and parochial schools with students actively participating in events throughout their respective communities and the entire district. All this is happening in District 7640, which geographically encompasses the six southernmost counties of New Jersey.





The team visits with community leaders in Kolifianu village.

Water is life, Rotary is good

By Justice Lionel Eshun, Rotary Club of Tema, Ghana

Life is usually made up of special moments which make it worth living. I least expected that my Rotary special moment was going to fall on 30 August, 2016.

I joined Rotary barely three years ago, and by dint of my dedication and commitment to service and other Rotary activities, I got elected director of club service projects for the 2016-17 Rotary year. What exactly motivated me to join Rotary?

It was the opportunity to serve, to help improve the community and assist the needy, and to make new friends.

Through the Rotary/USAID International H2O Collaboration in Ghana, I visited five rural villages where access to potable water and proper sanitation is in short supply, despite the effort by government to improve sources of drinking water to these communities.

Despite a slight pain in my right arm on the morning of 30 August, our journey began. And what an experience it was! The travelling group consisted of myself, Andy Berko, chairman of our sanitation and environmental committee, and Adolph Tay, all members of my club. We were also joined by Mr. Samuel Dartey, a representative of the Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA). After criss-crossing much of the district, we visited Kojo Nto, Apetaese, Kolifianu, Nsuobri and Avornyokope, all located in the GA South district of the Greater Accra region of Ghana.

I was not surprised when in two of the five villages we visited, we were mistaken for politicians, since it was close to national elections. But this gave us the opportunity to further explain and brief them on the activities of Rotary, and of course to mention our End Polio program, which some of these villagers had seen or heard about.



The team visits with community leaders in Kolifianu village.

This Hero's Superpower is Kindness



Nicholas Domingo found that complimenting friends and colleagues had a powerful effect on their self-worth, inspiring him to create a superhero who solves problems with positivity.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of Nicholas Domingo

He doesn't leap tall buildings, nor does he scale them with spider webs or respond to bat signals. What he does is far more challenging. He fights bullies, and he does it with a special superpower: kindness.

Nicholas Domingo, 25, of the Rotary Club of Twain Harte, Calif., developed his negativity-fighting alter ego, Captain Encouragement, to help young people build self-esteem and break the cycle of violent behavior. Captain Encouragement hopes to take his message to schools and libraries across the United States, with the goal of changing the world "one smile at a time."

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Making connections through the Travel and Hosting Fellowship

*By Tilak Thapa Magar,
a member of the Rotary Club of Kathmandu North East, Nepal*

I joined Rotary in 2012, and as a tourism entrepreneur in Nepal, quickly became acquainted with the [International Travel and Hosting Fellowship](#). In the course of my work promoting tourism opportunities in Nepal, I have traveled to Europe and Asia extensively, and to the United States three times. But I had never had an opportunity to plan a visit and make "connections" with other Rotary members through the Travel Hosting Fellowship.

Last year, I contacted fellowship members through email and to my big surprise received an overwhelming response from many of them with an invitation to visit them. They wanted to host me during my visit.

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M.P Sarah Newton visits new ShelterBox HQ in Truro

Operations Coordinator Sam Hewett (left) briefs MP Sarah Newton on preparations to help people fleeing Mosul. Photo © Thom Axon

By Sarah Newton, Rotary Club of Falmouth, and a Member of Parliament representing Truro and Falmouth, United Kingdom

In July, Cornwall-based international disaster relief charity ShelterBox moved its headquarters to Truro, keeping its warehousing and aid-packing base in Helston.

On 10 November, I made my first visit to Falcon House, now that ShelterBox has relocated most of its staff, including its operational and fundraising teams, into my Truro and Falmouth constituency. The visit

was hosted by Chief Executive Chris Warham, my first chance to meet him since Chris's appointment in July.

In 2013 I was pleased to help arrange a week-long exhibition for ShelterBox in the Palace of Westminster, and a special reception event attended by Ministers and Members of Parliament that led to the growth of donations from more parts of the country.

I am delighted that ShelterBox is now headquartered in Truro. I was interested to learn that this year ShelterBox has provided shelter for over 120,000 people from Haiti to Iraq and Syria, people who have been made homeless as a result of natural disaster or conflict. I very much support their vision to help 1 million people by 2025 and will continue to do all that I can to help them deliver their mission of "no family without shelter."

During the visit I saw the charity's visitor centre, which shows the growing range of ShelterBox aid including different types of tents, Shelter Kits and School Boxes. In the Operations room I also had a briefing on current deployments from Operations Manager Alf Evans, and heard about our work preparing to help people fleeing Mosul from Operations Coordinator Sam Hewett, who was leaving the next day for Erbil in Iraq.



I also discussed ShelterBox's valuable relationship with Rotary, as I am a Falmouth Rotarian myself. Rotary and ShelterBox go hand in glove, an incredibly important partnership. ShelterBox sprang out of Rotarians' good ideas, what more they could do, and it is brilliant to see that relationship continue year after year and go from strength to strength. Rotary is a global organisation with trusted people in communities all over the globe. It is just a brilliant group of people that ShelterBox can work with in an emergency to get aid to where it's needed.

[Read about Rotary and ShelterBox on the ground in Haiti following Hurricane](#)

[Matthew](#)

Training nurses to save mothers and babies in East Africa

Josephine Awor doesn't need statistics to know Uganda struggles to provide adequate health care to expectant mothers and babies. As a nurse who has worked with vulnerable populations in areas affected by conflict in South Sudan, she's seen firsthand what happens when mothers are forced to deliver and care for newborns without medical assistance.

Still, the numbers don't lie.

According to the World Bank, 310 women die in Uganda for every 100,000 live births, compared with



Rotary scholar Irene Okang'a (second from right) joins classmates at the Aga Khan University graduation ceremony held on the Kenya campus. Okang'a is a neonatal nurse at AIC Kijabe Hospital in Kenya.

Photo Credit: Jennifer Huxta

just 21 in the United States and 12 in the United Kingdom. Infants fare even worse. In Uganda, 45 out of 1,000 infants never reach the age of one, compared with six in the

U.S. and just four in the U.K.

Kenya and Tanzania's infant and maternal mortality rates are as disturbing as those found in

neighboring Uganda. Add in the HIV/AIDS crisis, poverty, and inadequate -- or nonexistent -- clinics and it's clear that programs like these are needed more than ever in East Africa.

Improving maternal health is one of the UN's eight Millennium Development Goals, which seeks to reduce the maternal mortality ratio by three-quarters and achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015. To address this challenge, The Rotary Foundation and Aga Khan University (AKU) are working together to provide nursing professionals, like Awor, the skills and education they need to improve the lives of mothers and their children in East Africa.

"I need to be empowered to serve the poor and contribute to the government's efforts," says Awor.

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Dignity Restored

RC Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata, D 3291, has restored the self-respect of rural women through Project Dignity.



The Rotarians of RC Salt Lake Metropolitan -Kolkata stumbled upon many families in their Rotary Community Corps areas of Amta and Chakdah in rural West Bengal. They lacked basic sanitation and were too poor to construct toilets. Women had to get up before sunrise and go to the fields to complete their morning rituals; this robbed them of sleep and exposed them to the risk of molestation and insect bites.

Our club decided to address this issue through construction of 40 toilets with support from RC Fostoria, D 6900, Ohio and TRF, under a matching grants scheme. The project, which cost Rs 8.4 lakh, was carried out in four phases.

About 20 toilets were set up at Bhategori village in Amta Block of Howrah under the first phase of Project Dignity. The beneficiaries were enlisted by local clubs and our RCC. Beside each toilet unit, saplings of two fruit-bearing trees were planted to provide green cover.

In the next phase 20 toilets were constructed in Chakdah Nadia. During the course of the project we came across many heart-wrenching stories of struggle. A young widow, Rekha Biswas, does menial labour throughout the day to earn a square meal. Her only son, aged 15, dropped out of school after class VII as she could not afford his education and was sent to Bangalore to earn for the family. The mother, with tears in her eyes, shared that she had not heard the voice of her child since he had left the village months ago. She thanked the Rotarians for gifting her dignity by giving her a toilet.

In the third phase rain water harvesting tanks were set up in seven sites at Bhategori village to provide the residents the much needed source of water. Earlier, the salt waters of the Sunderbans used to enter their fields ending the prospect of cultivating anything in the near

future. About 2,500 people benefit from this project and now the villagers are able to cultivate double crops instead of a single crop. It provides an alternate vocation of fishing to the 350 families here.

More toilets

On completion of the project and understanding the need for more toilets, we built 23 more around Chakdah, with due clearance from TRF. There is still a requirement for 100 more toilets which we will provide at a later stage.

DG Bob Hogan and spouse Carol from our partner District, D 6900, were present when we handed over the toilets to the villagers of Chakdah. We realised the impact of our project when a young woman in the village whisked us to her home to offer us lunch and showed off how clean and odour-free her surroundings were now.

(The author is past president of RC Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata, RI District 3291.)



Mending schools, Bringing smiles

The latest TRF decision on a three-year pilot project making low-cost shelters and quality schools eligible for Global Grants, merits revisiting the phenomenal reconstruction work done by Rotary in Kutch after the devastating earthquake of 2001.

At Nirona village, about 45 km from the city of Bhuj, I walk into the Government Girls School that was

badly damaged in the 2001 Gujarat earthquake and where Rotary has built ten classrooms. It's a Saturday morning and I fear encountering an empty school. But a treat is awaiting me. A Bal Sabha is on and about 60 girls, smartly turned out in their grey-checked uniforms, are reciting *Bhajans* (devotional songs" and other devotional songs. One of them is playing on a *dholak* (a two-headed drum played with hands), and their recitations fill the air.

Kanchanben, the principal, says that over 400 girls, most from poor families, study in this school. Most girls say their fathers are farm labourers, but though their background might be humble, their dreams are not. Dimple has lost her father, but not hope of a promising future, and shyly spells out her dream to be a doctor. Bhanu wants to become a teacher, Priya wants to become a computer engineer.

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“At RI, there were serious doubts and misgivings about what Rotary was doing in Gujarat. With Rs 60,000 on each house, they said, you can only build a slum, but we proved them wrong.”

PDG Mohan Shah

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Rotary member Jan Chapman was in the Dominican Republic helping install water filters when she saw this child focused on her work in the doorway of her home.

<http://on.rotary.org/PhotoContest2017>
Deadline 15 February 2017

Future Rotarians



Rotary Club of Branchburg, New Jersey will be sending 7 Rotaract members to volunteer in Nepal during their winter break, giving them a life-changing experience as they develop real-world leadership skills.

What are young professionals looking for?

30 Rotary members under the age of 40 gathered in downtown Chicago on 26-27 September to discuss how Rotary can better attract and engage young professionals. Chris Davidson, member of the Rotary Club of Newport News, Virginia, USA, wrote about his experience at this event recently on Rotary Voices, "Rotary offers so much to young people who have the desire to help others, make connections, and learn servant leadership in a world that desperately needs more of that."



Attendees at the Young Professionals Summit talked about how Rotary can better attract and engage young professionals.

Common themes to emerge from the event included:

- They are looking for a fun, flexible Rotary experience.
- Young professionals are not opposed to joining a club with older members
- Millennials and Gen Y want to do significant acts of service and make a difference in others' lives.
- Young professionals are appreciative of the business and mentorship opportunities they experience through Rotary but do not feel that these benefits are being marketed effectively to their generation.

Connect with event attendees and other Rotarians in the [Young Professionals Network group](#) and discuss the future of Rotary.



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In May 2014, Polio Chair Susanne Rea shared her story on [Rotary Voices](#) about how the World's Greatest Meal is striving to fund a million polio vaccines through social media. The World's Greatest Meal (WGM) is a project created by Polio Chair Susanne Rea (Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise, Australia) and past District Governor Mukesh Malhotra, (Rotary Club of Hounslow, England).

The concept behind the project is simple: participants enjoy a meal together, raise funds to end polio, and use the power of social media to globally raise awareness of Rotary's polio eradication campaign.

Initially, the focus was on holding an event around Rotary's anniversary (23 February 2014) but as the reach of the project grew, the potential to really make a difference in ending polio became evident and the decision was made to continue it throughout the year.

So, how does the World's Greatest Meal work?

First, keep the project simple. Participants are encouraged to follow four steps:

1. Refer to the [World's Greatest Meal website](#) or [Facebook](#)
2. Plan an event focused on sharing a meal then click 'register event' and add basic details to the WGM website
3. Hold the WGM event.
4. Submit the funds raised to [The Rotary Foundation](#) (be sure to indicate PolioPlus) and complete the [after event form](#).

The World's Greatest Meal To Help End Polio

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A sneak peek at the Web refresh

By Rotary staff

In January, visitors to Rotary.org will discover a new, contemporary site that tells Rotary's story in a fresh and exciting way. It's the first step in a two-part process to refresh our entire website: first the public site, Rotary.org, and then My Rotary.

Some of the changes will be obvious: a modern design, increased use of imagery and graphics to tell our stories, and better organization of content to help readers find out who we are and what we're doing. Others, like the improved speed of the site, will be a welcome surprise.

We believe these changes will more clearly show that Rotary is making the world a better place — and will persuade potential members and donors to support our work by joining a club, volunteering on a project, or donating to a cause. Visit Rotary.org in January to see all the improvements we've made.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

15-21 January 2017

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President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley is encouraging all eligible funded International Assembly participants to support a Rotary Peace Fellowship, to be named for the 2017-18 Rotary Leadership Team, by purchasing a limited-edition 2017 Polos for Peace shirt for \$130. The net proceeds will go toward funding a Rotary Peace Fellow enrolled in a Rotary Peace Centers master's degree program.

Buy the commemorative polo shirt by the 30 September registration deadline and you'll receive it to wear at the assembly on casual Wednesday. Polo shirts will be distributed at the assembly. Partners are welcome to participate in this fundraiser and are eligible to receive a shirt.

Review the size charts for men and women (measurements are in inches) before placing your order.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Use the assembly registration form to buy online or by mail or fax. Eligible participants may each purchase two shirts. Payment needs to be paid in full to Rotary International. This is not a donation and, as such, is not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow points.

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21 JANUARY, 2017

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8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Best Western Skagit Valley Inn
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28 JANUARY, 2017

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8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Fox Hall at the Bellingham Hampton Inn
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Please join us to hear Mr. Germ's insights on the victories and challenges that lie ahead for Rotarians as we live in Service above Self.

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TO Fabulous
LAS VEGAS
BELLINGHAM**

6:00 - 10.00 PM AT THE MT. BAKER THEATRE

11 MAR **COQUITLAM**
**50th Anniversary
Sports Dinner**

**Hard Rock Casino
Vancouver**
2080 United Boulevard
Coquitlam, BC

10 FEB **EVERETT**
**Rotary Ski Fellowship
at Stevens Pass**

Joe Gaffney will be having his motor
home for a pre-funk get together!

**EVERETT
Rotary AVID* Walkathon**

MAY 6
9:00 - 11:00 AM
ESD - Memorial Stadium
3900 Broadway, Everett, WA

*AVID—Advancement Via Individual Determination

26 FEB **Rotary**
**Port Coquitlam
Winter Blues
Festival**

Rotary Club of Port Coquitlam Centennial

13 MAY **PORT COQUITLAM
CENTENNIAL
Rotary
May Day Parade**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Downtown
Port Coquitlam