

WEEK 23 FOUNDATION MINUTE – PREVENTING DISEASE

Rotary's theme for the month of December is "Disease Prevention and Treatment", which is one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. Around the world Rotary clubs are preventing disease by:

- Improving the capacity of local health care professionals;
- Promoting disease prevention and treatment programs that limit the spread of communicable diseases and reduce the incidences of and complications from noncommunicable diseases;
- Strengthening health care systems;
- Providing clinical treatment and rehabilitation of physical disabilities
- Supporting graduate studies for career-minded professionals related to disease prevention and treatment.

Rotary accomplishes its objectives by focusing on community-driven, measurable, and sustainable projects throughout the world. Preventing Disease is a world-wide imperative, as germs and microbes know no international boundaries. Of critical importance is getting every child and at-risk adult vaccinated against preventable diseases – whatever is needed in the communities in which they live.

Our focus on disease prevention is especially important this year, as we work together to vaccinate EVERYONE – against CoVid, against Polio, and against anything that threatens the health of the residents in our communities. When those who CAN be vaccinated do so, those who cannot, due to medical conditions, are protected too.