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A roundup of Rotary news



## Photo contest winners find common ground

It was a challenging year for photographers. Once the pandemic hit, travel plans had to be changed or canceled. That was reflected in many of the submissions for Rotary magazine's 2021 photo awards: Many more photos than usual were taken close to home, sometimes as close as the backyard. But many photos captured the way COVID-19 has transformed our world and our daily lives. And, perhaps reflecting the fundamental optimism of Rotary members, there were many images of hope, joy, and simple beauty. [See the winners](#)

### This week's stories

#### Is world peace increasing or decreasing?

In June, the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) released its 15th annual Global Peace Index, one of the leading measures of peacefulness globally. Since 2017, the IEP and Rotary have been in a strategic partnership, providing members with new tools to effectively build peace in communities around the world. See what the latest report says about world peace, and how Rotary continues to meet the challenge head on with its Positive Peace Activator Program. [Learn more.](#)



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## Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion

Diversity is one of Rotary's long-time core values. But we know there is more we can do to ensure our organizational culture reflects and exemplifies diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). The RI Board of Directors, with guidance from a special task force, has recently strengthened our statement of commitment to DEI. [Read the statement](#)



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### Rotary magazine's What would you do?

Every month, Rotary magazine looks at a different membership dilemma and solicits answers from readers. [Read the dilemma](#) for the next issue and send your responses to [magazine@rotary.org](mailto:magazine@rotary.org)

### Register for our seminar on inclusivity

Make inclusivity a core part of what you do. Join us on 29 July at 11 a.m. CST (Chicago time) for the DEI Webinar Series: Planning for an Inclusive Future [Learn more](#)

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