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A roundup of Rotary news



## First Programs of Scale grant awarded to malaria project

The Rotary Foundation is giving a significant boost to the fight against malaria in Zambia with a new \$2 million Programs of Scale grant that will scale an already successful program model. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is a Rotarian-led effort that will use a community health worker model proven to effectively respond to cases of malaria and prevent transmission. The program aims to help reduce malaria cases over time by 90% in 10 target districts in two of the country's provinces. [Learn more](#)

## Nigerian Rotaractors support health clinics

Rotaract members in Nigeria jumped into action when they learned that health clinics for the poor in Port Harcourt lacked some of the essential supplies to stop the spread of COVID-19. The Rotaract clubs, in partnership with Rotary members, visited the clinics and provided COVID protocols as well as needed cleaning supplies. They also met with clinic staff who deliver prenatal care to pregnant women from the rural surroundings to make sure they understood the protocols and had supplies to stay safe. [Read their blog post](#) and share your efforts on [Rotary Showcase](#).



## Diverse club helps refugees in Indiana

Southport, Indiana, USA, has the largest population of Chin outside of Myanmar, refugees fleeing persecution. Rotary leaders in Indianapolis have been partnering with other community organizations to help the Chin for years. But recently, they decided to form a new Rotary club that would include many Chin members. The new club not only expands Rotary membership in the city, but increases our diversity. [Read more](#)



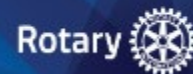
## Taipei convention

The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 12-16 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will be held virtually. [Learn more](#)

## Learning Center refresh

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## World Water Day focuses on water's importance

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clearer than ever that hand washing — which requires a safe water source — is essential to our health. Yet more than 2 billion people worldwide don't have access to clean water. Since 2014, The Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$51 million in global grants to enable clubs to carry out projects that help people around the world with clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. For World Water Day on 22 March, [learn how you can get involved in a water project](#) and give to support our work in this area through our [Donate page](#). Go to the **Areas of Focus** tab and choose **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**.

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## DISEASE PREVENTION

### Rotary and COVID-19 vaccinations

Six district governors in Zones 33 and 34 worked with the Department of Health and Human Services in North Carolina, USA, to assist with COVID-19 vaccination efforts. The governors created a list of contacts from each Rotary club in their districts to provide to the state's health department, which it in turn shared it with local health departments. The state also offered Rotary members across the state training about vaccinations, to empower them to raise awareness in their communities. Members volunteered at local vaccination sites to help health officials with logistics including data entry, crowd control, and patient registration. [Learn more about this story on Rotary Voices](#), and share what your clubs are doing to assist with vaccination efforts on [Rotary Showcase](#).



## CLUB CLINIC

### Take a virtual tour of Rotary International World Headquarters

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we've been unable to offer in-person tours of Rotary International World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA. Now our new virtual tour makes it easy for members to get a peek at the changes we've made in the building anytime and from anywhere. They'll also learn more about Rotary's vision to create lasting change in communities around the world. [Share the virtual tour](#) with members at your next club meeting.



## LEARNING CENTER

### Hone your skills with Toastmasters International

Become a more effective presenter, communicator, and leader through the courses Toastmasters International developed for our Learning Center. From speechwriting and interpersonal communication to building consensus and leading a team, these courses will help you grow professionally and personally. All eight courses are now available in several languages in the [Learning Center](#). Search by topic **Toastmasters**.

## GIVING

### Celebrating Paul Harris' legacy of goodwill

On 19 April 1868, Rotary founder Paul Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin, USA. Among the most enduring symbols of the goodwill that he spread are the trees he planted around the world. Join us in celebrating the anniversary of Paul Harris' birth by [reading about these friendship trees](#) or by [making a special gift](#) to The Rotary Foundation. How else will you mark the occasion? Tell us by writing to [annualfund@rotary.org](mailto:annualfund@rotary.org).

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Engaging the next generation of Rotary leaders



## Happy World Rotaract Week!

Rotary members around the world are celebrating World Rotaract Week from **8 to 14 March 2021** and it's not too late to join the party! [Check out these fun ways](#) to celebrate this week and the rest of the Rotary year.

Don't forget to share your celebrations with [#WorldRotaractWeek](#).

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### Finding courage to become a leader

"I have come to the conclusion that now more than ever, the world needs leaders. In a time that is filled with not just uncertainty but insecurity as well, we must look into ourselves and motivate each other to get through our trials. I've realized that in a way, we are all leaders who just need to see what we are capable of."

Read more about finding courage to become a leader from Krista Rianne O. Palabrica, member of the Interact Club of Cagayan de Oro Premier, and "Best Essay" awardee in the 2020 Interact Awards.

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### Join the virtual Rotaract Preconvention

The Rotaract Preconvention, scheduled for 11-12 June 2021, in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be a virtual event in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19.

Follow the [Rotaract Facebook page](#) to be the first to learn more about the virtual Preconvention, including registration details and breakout sessions.

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### Save the date for Global Youth Service Day

From **23-25 April**, young leaders from around the world will come together for the largest service event in the world, Global Youth Service Day. In addition to the service projects and celebration events, this year Global Youth Service Day encourages young people to become activists and advocates to address root causes of problems through policy change.

Get ideas for how you can take action on Global Youth Service Day!

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## RESOURCES

Interact Guide for Rotary Club  
Sponsors and Advisers

Rotaract Handbook

RYLA Handbook

District Rotaract Committee  
Course

How to access the Worldwide  
Rotaract Directory

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Note: This list is informational only and does not constitute an endorsement of any event. Please contact event organizers for details.**

14-16 May 2021

Rotary International Presidential  
Conference  
United States, virtual

5-9 June 2021

Interota  
Hong Kong

11-12 June 2021

Rotaract Preconvention  
Virtual

12-16 June 2021

Rotary International Convention  
Virtual

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Send questions and story ideas to [newgenerations@rotary.org](mailto:newgenerations@rotary.org).

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