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A roundup of Rotary news

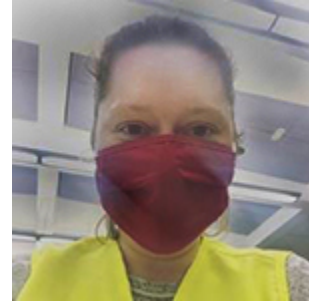


## Doing their part to support vaccination efforts

Rotary and Rotaract members in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, have been volunteering at the region's largest vaccination center, a multi-rink hockey center, helping to immunize hundreds of people a day. The clubs have also been feeding families in need. Following their lead, Rotarians in Coburg and other cities in Ontario have been working to set up vaccination centers and recruit volunteers in partnership with health officials. [Read more.](#)

### Day in the life of a vaccination volunteer

Rotary members around the world have been responding to the call to work with local health organizations to support vaccination clinics in their communities. Jill Johnson, a member of the Rotary International communications team, knew it was the “right thing” to do, as well. She spent a recent Friday afternoon volunteering at a vaccination clinic in her town and shared her experience on [Rotary Voices](#)



### Celebrate Youth Service Month virtually

Youth Service Month is a special time in Rotary. Throughout May, members of Rotary clubs, Rotaract, Interact, and those involved in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotary Youth Exchange celebrate the opportunities Rotary provides youth to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun. [Learn more](#)



### Measuring our impact

Last December, for the 13th year in a row, The Rotary Foundation received a four-star rating, the highest possible, from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the United States. Recently, Charity Navigator is augmenting its processes to also assess the impact of nonprofits. [Learn more about the changes](#)

### Survey to be part of DEI assessment

Rotary has engaged professional advisors to help us assess and better understand how DEI is perceived and experienced by Rotary members across the globe. As part of this process, we will review our policies and procedures, conduct interviews with Rotary leadership, and survey our members. [Learn more](#)



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Making communities around the world more peaceful and vibrant



**Join the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association annual conference**

On 19 June, the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association will host a virtual 24-hour program, the Global Peace Conference: Weaving a Shared Future Together. The conference will include online regional programming from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Oceania. This year's conference will be the largest alumni-led peace conference to date and will have a truly global reach!

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## Generous gift will fund new Rotary Peace Center in Middle East or North Africa

The Otto and Fran Walter Foundation has pledged \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation to start a Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East or North Africa. The new center will offer a **professional development certificate program** focused on peacebuilding and development issues in the region. The Rotary Foundation will select a partner institution to host the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center in 2024, and the first Rotary Peace Fellows are expected to start studying there in 2026.



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## Rotary Peace Fellow sheds light on multicultural identities in Japan

Farrah Hasnain (ICU, 2020-22) traveled to Japan as a high school English teacher with the JET Program in 2014. She was living and working in Hamamatsu, a city with one of the largest immigrant populations in Japan. “I learned that Japan had a long history of migration between [it and] Brazil and Peru, dating back to as early as 1873,” Hasnain says. “However, although many of my students and friends carried rich multicultural identities, they often saw their non-Japanese roots as a hindrance instead of an advantage.” As a current peace fellow, Hasnain is researching multicultural Japanese identities and hopes this discourse can encourage acceptance in the future.



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## Register for the Intercountry Committees: Opening Opportunities for Peace preconvention

Would you like to enhance your Virtual Rotary Convention experience this year? Do you want to connect with members from around the world? Join us for Intercountry Committees: Opening Opportunities for Peace, a two-day, virtual preconvention on 10-11 June. Intercountry committees offer the opportunity for fellowship and service between clubs in two countries. You’ll learn how to start an intercountry committee or expand an existing one to foster peace, international goodwill, and service. Hear from inspiring speakers, participate in interactive breakout sessions, and build relationships through networking.



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## Resources

[Rotary Peace Centers Facebook page](#)

[Rotary Peace Centers webpage](#)

[Rotarian Action Group for Peace](#)

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Engaging the next generation of Rotary leaders

## YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

MAY 2021

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Read **four ways** you can celebrate Youth Service Month and share your celebrations with #RotaryYouthService.

LEARN MORE >



## Taking Action

### Join the 2021 Virtual Rotaract Preconvention

Register for the 2021 Virtual Rotaract Preconvention, 10-11 June, to increase your Rotaract knowledge, learn and share best practices, and connect with friends around the world.

In this year's program, you'll hear from Rotary Senior Leaders and explore topics like protecting the environment, membership, professional development, and so much more. The cost to attend is US\$20.

REGISTER TODAY



### Build strong intergenerational relationships

Generational diversity is one of Rotary's competitive advantages. Few organizations span generations and build personal connections the way we do. Yet we also can find ourselves segmented by age groups and unable or unwilling to challenge our biases about people of other ages.

Watch the "Building Strong Intergenerational Relationships" recorded webinar to learn from Rotary program participants who have built strong intergenerational relationships.

WATCH THE WEBINAR



#### ACCOUNTABILITY + INCLUSION

A DEI Webinar Series

Throughout 2020-2021, Rotary will host a webinar series to explore diversity, equity, and inclusion.



### Service-learning resources now available in languages

Each year, leaders like you support the development of over 350,000 young leaders through Rotary's youth programs. Now, we're taking it to the next level through "service-learning," Rotary's new approach to Youth Service! Courses now available for youth participants and their adult advisers in English, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

READ MORE



## 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.**

11-12 June 2021

Rotaract Preconvention

Virtual

12-16 June 2021

Rotary International Convention

Virtual

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this list? Email us at

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Young Leaders in Action is a monthly source of news, resources, and event information for young leaders in Rotaract, Interact, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, and New Generations Service Exchange and Rotarians who support them.

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

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