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## Report for the weekly meeting dated 30.10.2020.

Meeting was called to order by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.  
The Four Way Test was recited by Past President Rtn. Dr. P P Mistry  
President welcomed all.

Rtn. Dr. Jayesh Thakrar gave a brief introduction of the key note speaker Dr. Arul Shukla and also shared with the members the importance of CPR [Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation] and various aspects of Anaesthesia.

Dr. Arul Shukla in his presentation explained to the members the various aspects of life saving process of CPR in an emergency when an individual has had a cardiac arrest. He also demonstrated by a video the correct posture and position to conduct CPR.

Secretarial Announcements were done by Hon. Secretary Tejas Gandhi.

Rtn Bhavaniben Mehta Wished Birthday & Anniversary Greetings.

Vote of thanks was done by Rtn Nehal Shah

Meeting was adjourned by President Dr. Ajay Mahajan.

## INCOMING PROGRAMMES

### Incoming Programs

6 Nov – Family Meeting



9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Rtn. Dr. Harish Chauhan

9<sup>th</sup> Nov – R' partner Tinjle Mrunal Kothari

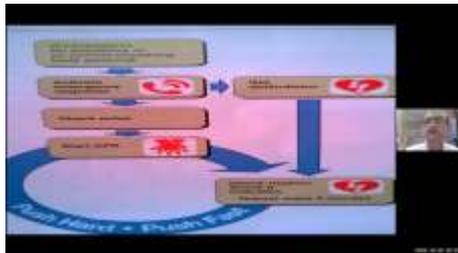
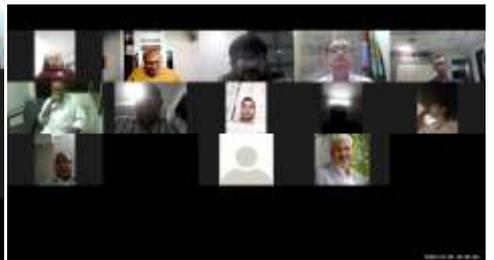
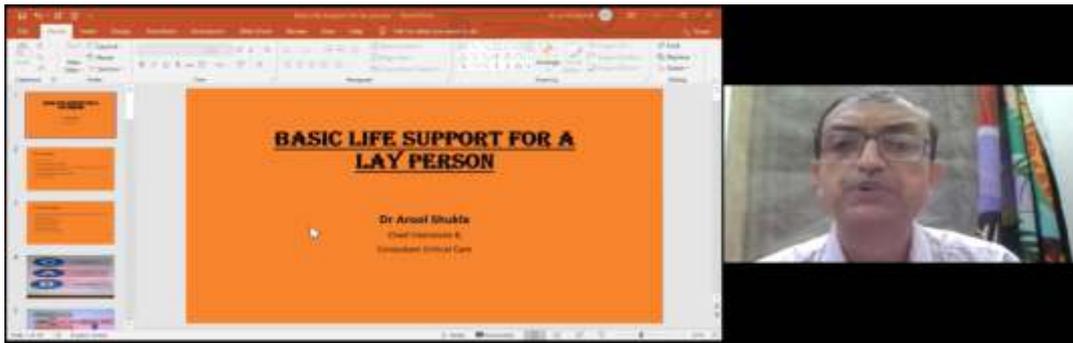
12<sup>th</sup> Nov – R' partner Vandana Rajesh Desai

13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Purvi Nimish Mehta

### Anniversary

8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Jayna & Snehal Patel

11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Dr. Ishita & Mitul Mehta





## Arch C. Klumph, the Architect of The Rotary Foundation

At the 1917 convention, outgoing Rotary President Arch Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” That one idea, and an initial contribution of \$26.50 (by Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA), set in motion a powerful force that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. “Daddy” Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals. After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program – the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships – was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants. The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978, and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. PolioPlus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-04 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows – people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name. Such strong support, along with Rotarian involvement worldwide, ensures a secure future for The Rotary Foundation as it continues its vital work for international understanding and world peace.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

### Mission of Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

### History of The Rotary Foundation

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### Growth of the Foundation

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### Evolution of Foundation Programs

1947: Rotary Members Contribute US\$ 1.3 million in Paul Harries memory. The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1957 : PHF (Paul Harries Fellowship) recognition begins.

1963 : Matched Districts program is established.

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1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1979 : Rotary begins immunizing 6 million children in the Philippines against Polio.

1980 : Rotary Commits to eliminate Polio through immunization.

1981 : The Rotary Foundation established the Endowment Fund.

1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

1988 : The multilayer Polio plus campaign raises almost US\$ 247 million. Continuous efforts & advocacy by Rotary, The World Health Assembly launched the Global Polio eradication initiative (GPEI).

1995 : The Polio-plus partners program is created to support National Immunizations days. The program provides funding for banners, brochures, T-shirts, caps etc.



1999 : Rotary Peace Centre are founded.

2004 : The Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) initiative is created. Arch Klump Society (AKS) recognition begins, those who contributed US\$ 250,000 or more, he recognizes as AKS.

2007 : The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation issues US\$ 100 million challenge.

2013: New Simplified Grant model goes in effect. The model introduces District, Global, and Packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs. And phase out 3H, Matching and District simplified grants, Ambassadorial scholarship and GSE program.

2015 : Through decades of commitment and ceaseless work by Rotary and our partners, Polio cases worldwide are down 99.9% since GPEI was launched in 1988.

2017 : 100 years of The Rotary Foundation, Rotary observe Centennial year.

2018 : The Foundation awarded \$86,677,399 in funding to 1,306 grants during fiscal year

2018. Here is a breakdown of causes the grants supported.

Since it was founded more than 103 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

### What impact can one donation have?

For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.

\$50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.

\$500 can launch an anti-bullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.,

Source: Rtn. PP Rezaul Karim PHF, The Rotary Foundation Cadre Member

## In the face of a pandemic, the important work of fighting polio must continue

Rotary and its partners have mobilized disease-fighting infrastructure to respond to COVID-19 —while remaining dedicated to eradicating polio

by **Hank Sartin**

The COVID-19 pandemic has created health challenges that go beyond the disease itself. In May 2020, the World Health Organization reported that, worldwide, 80 million children under age one [were not receiving routine vaccinations](#) for a variety of diseases. Pausing vaccinations — which involve close contact between vaccinators, infants, and their families — was necessary in the face of the pandemic. But as UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore warns, “We cannot exchange one deadly outbreak for another.”

Amid these challenges, Rotary's contributions toward polio eradication are more important than ever. In January 2020, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary [renewed their long-standing partnership](#), committing to raise an additional \$450 million for polio eradication over the next three years. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million each year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. “While response to the COVID-19 pandemic is an urgent global health priority, we cannot let our progress against polio backslide,” says Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee and a member of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) Polio Oversight Board. “Our recent [success in the African region](#) shows that a polio-free world is achievable, but renewed focus and support for ongoing efforts in the two remaining endemic countries must be prioritized in order to deliver on our promise of a polio-free world.”

In March, the GPEI helped mount a worldwide response to the COVID-19 pandemic, tapping the infrastructure created for polio vaccination and surveillance. All the while, it dedicated funds and other resources to resuming polio vaccination efforts as soon as it was safe to do so, and to adjusting the vaccination and surveillance infrastructure as needed.

Polio experience underpins pandemic response

When COVID-19 emerged, the GPEI brought decades of experience to the response. While critical functions of the polio eradication effort continued, polio workers became involved in contact tracing, testing, and educating communities about hand washing and other ways to reduce transmission of and exposure to COVID-19. In many cases, they carried out both polio eradication and COVID-19 response activities simultaneously.

The [polio eradication infrastructure](#) has proved invaluable in the pandemic: GPEI hotlines, emergency operations centers, computers, and vehicles were all enlisted to support the COVID-19 response. In Nigeria, World Health Organization field offices, which are used to coordinate polio eradication efforts, have doubled as hubs for WHO teams focused on COVID-19. In Pakistan, hundreds of polio surveillance officers have been trained in COVID-19 surveillance. In Afghanistan, volunteers who educate communities about polio have been trained to teach people about COVID-19, including hand washing and other preventive measures.



## Polio Plus grants continue to fund critical work

Polio immunization activities began resuming in July, with precautions taken to protect frontline workers and communities. With funding from Rotary members, Rotary issued more than \$50 million in Polio Plus grants in June to support polio eradication work in Afghanistan and Pakistan (the last two countries where wild polio remains endemic) and across Africa. In Afghanistan, communications and community outreach work (called “social mobilization”) is crucial; this has included distributing 3 million bars of soap to promote hygiene, protect against polio and COVID-19, and improve local reception of vaccination efforts. In Pakistan, the social mobilization effort has a special focus on outreach to local religious leaders, who can promote vaccinations in mosque announcements and sermons.

In June, WHO committed to funding a Subnational Immunization Day in the Democratic Republic of Congo in the first quarter of 2021. A \$3 million grant from Rotary will help fund vaccinations for an anticipated 8.4 million children in that country.

The WHO Regional Office for Africa continues polio surveillance in 47 countries across the continent. A \$4 million PolioPlus grant will fund lab and surveillance activities such as collecting and transporting stool samples and conducting training. It will also support procedural changes made necessary by COVID-19.

As Rotary marked [World Polio Day on 24 October 2020, members knew that even in the face of a pandemic, the important work of fighting polio must continue. Now more than ever, the support of all Rotary members is needed to help win the fight for a polio-free world.](#)

## Exchange of Club Banners

One of the colourful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at “make up” meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club. The board was also mindful of the FINANCIAL burden such exchange may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange. In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club. Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

**Source : Rotary Library**

## Community Service – Pal Anganwadi –31 Oct 2020

A weekly service project of the club of providing healthy meals to 45 children of Pal

Anganwadi was sponsored by Rtn. Jagruti & Rtn. Kamal Gandhi on Saturday 31st October.



Join us at the Rotary Convention in 2021  
**Feel the Energy in Taipei**

Rotary is without reality until men translate it into their lives and the lives of others. In short, you and I are Rotary.”

— You Are Rotary — Live It!, THE ROTARIAN, July 1960