

ORN **Ottapalam Rotary News**

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AUGUST IS



MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH



Basic
Education
& Literacy



Maternal &
Child
Health



Peace &
Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution



Disease
Prevention
&
Treatment



Water,
Sanitation
& Hygiene



Community &
Economic
Development



Support the
Environment

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In These 7 Areas Of Focus

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As the month of August begins, Rotary clubs around the world are focusing on two key areas: membership and new club development. These are essential to the growth and vitality of Rotary, and it is up to each club to take an active role in promoting them.

Membership is the lifeblood of Rotary. Without members, clubs cannot carry out their important work in their communities and around the world. This is why August is an ideal time for clubs to renew their focus on membership recruitment and retention.

One way to do this is by reaching out to potential members in the community. Rotary clubs should seek to identify individuals who share the club's values and are passionate about making a difference in their communities. These individuals can then be invited to attend a club meeting or event to learn more about Rotary and how they can get involved.

Another key strategy for membership growth is to engage current members. This means providing opportunities for members to connect with one another, share ideas, and collaborate on projects. When members feel valued and engaged, they are more likely to stay active and recruit new members.



In addition to membership, new club development is also essential to the growth of Rotary. New clubs bring fresh ideas and perspectives to the organization, and they help to expand Rotary's reach into new communities.

August is a great time for clubs to explore new club development opportunities. This might involve partnering with other local organizations or reaching out to potential members in underserved communities. By taking a proactive approach to new club development, Rotary clubs can help to ensure the continued growth and impact of Rotary around the world.

In conclusion, August is an important month for Rotary clubs to focus on membership and new club development.

By reaching out to potential members, engaging current members, and exploring new club development opportunities, clubs can help to ensure the long-term growth and success of Rotary.

Let us all work together to build a stronger and more vibrant Rotary community. Happy Independence Day! Happy ONAM!

Jai Rotary! Jai Hind!



Rtn. Ramachandran Kunduthody

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Message from 2023-24 RI President R. Gordon R. McNally

At the 2023 International Assembly, I proposed that Rotary make mental health a priority and talked about why this issue is so personal for me. I was overwhelmed by the response. In the days and months afterward, I was even more impressed with the way Rotary members freely shared with me the challenges they faced — and I was humbled by their bravery.

That made me think: This is exactly what Rotary is all about. Our clubs and our global community create opportunities for members to be their whole, authentic selves in the name of Service Above Self. We show each other comfort and care. We share with friends not just the good times and triumphs, but also the moments when nothing is going right. At our best, we create a place where we can freely ask each other: How are you? How are you really? We have this unique ability to connect people and cultures — to give hope and receive it through our acts of kindness. It is who we are. And now is the time to build on this potential to expand this culture of care within Rotary and to the world.

Sadly, in many parts of the world and for some people, it is considered a weakness to discuss mental health. But it is brave to step forward and show vulnerability. Likewise, cultural barriers are an excuse Rotary has never accepted. We can help people everywhere build their resilience and get the care they need. Doing this will benefit the communities we serve, as well as our members who engage in this service. Research shows that performing acts of kindness is the most effective step we can take to protect our own sense of well-being and to make us more resilient to the challenges of life. At Rotary, we live those findings. We know that our opportunities through Rotary are making us and our communities healthier and stronger.

We can and will create the kind of world we want to live in: one where we all have the chance to help and to seek help. We can do this by:

- Erasing the stigma associated with caring about emotional well-being
- Raising awareness about mental health needs
- Working to improve access to mental health services

I have seen someone close to me suffer through adversity in silence and be consumed by it. All of us, perhaps unknowingly, have had loved ones trying their best to endure. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of making it a priority to discuss mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of access to preventive care and treatment.

You are never alone in Rotary. Together, we can support one another, our loved ones, our clubs, and our communities to Create Hope in the World.

R. Gordon R. McNally
2023-24 RI President



From the President's Desk

Greetings Dear Rotarians !

July, the first month of our SMILE Rotary year was an eventful one, thanks to all my fellow Rotarians for the support and co-operation. We could do many projects to make a difference in our community and also add five more members to our club. We also visited many neighbouring clubs for the Installation ceremonies of their Presidents and office bearers. It was a great opportunity to meet Rotarians in our neighbouring communities. We could also conduct our Club Assembly, Speaker Session and Club Officers Training on time.

We were able to do projects in the monthly focus area of Maternal and Child Health in July. In August, we need to focus on Membership and New Club Development. Though we have been able to induct new members, I urge all members to promote Rotary ideals and invite like minded friends to our weekly meetings and let us do our best to better the strength of our club by inducting more members.

Our journey of spreading SMILES have only begun, let us come together and create more hope in the world.

My Independence Day and Onam wishes to everyone in advance.

Thank you.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. K.R. Sandeep Narayanan | President 2023-24

HAPPY
Onam

*Happy
Independence Day*



....Of the things we think, say or do

- **Is it the TRUTH?** TRUST. From the Rotarian Code of Conduct, act with integrity and high ethical standards. Acknowledge and define the problem including the root causes. Collect information and apply critical thinking by asking questions to identify the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions and opinions. Moreover, be a trusted problem solver.
- **Is it FAIR to all concerned?** ACCOUNTABILITY. Keep in mind both the Golden Rule and the Platinum Rule. Identify and include all interested and affected parties. Try to understand the other point-of-views in the context of conflict and reaching shared goals.
- **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?** FELLOWSHIP. Rotarians are known for being sociable and building relationships. Ensure the process is civil and there's a feeling of respect and openness to ask questions that can lead to creative and innovative solutions. Discuss and agree on desired outcomes.
- **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?** EMPATHY. Have an open mind and a curiosity for new ideas, novel applications and different point-of views. Consider many options and build on different ideas. Come to mutually beneficial solutions that are sustainable and scalable.

റോട്ടറി ചതുർവിധ ആത്മ പരിശോധന !

നമ്മൾ ചിന്തിക്കുകയും പറയുകയും പ്രവർത്തിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്ന കാര്യങ്ങൾ:

1. സത്യം തന്നെയാണോ?
2. സർവ്വദാ ന്യായാധിഷ്ഠിതമാണോ?
3. സൗഹൃദവും സൗമനസ്യവും ഊട്ടിഉറപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണോ?
4. ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ഏവർക്കും പ്രയോജനപ്രദമാണോ എന്ന് ദയവായി ആത്മ പരിശോധന നടത്തൂ!



HAPPY Onam

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS ONAM

Rotary





Activities - Installation



22-06-2023
Ottapalam
Press club



25-06-2023

ഭാരവാഹികൾ ചുമതലയേറ്റു

ഒറ്റപ്പാലം. • റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ് ഭാരവാഹികൾ ചുമതലയേറ്റു. യോഗം ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് മുൻ ഗവർണ്ണർ എ.വി.പതി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. കെ.ആർ.സന്ദീപ് നാരായണൻ (പ്രസി.), രാജേഷ് ജി.നമ്പ്യാർ (സെക്ര.), സി.പി.ബൈജു (ജോ. സെക്ര.), സുനിൽ അമ്മത്ത് (ട്രഷ.) എന്നിവരാണ് ചുമതലയേൽക്കുന്നത്. സാമൂഹിക സേവന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ വിഭാവനം ചെയ്യുന്ന 'സ്ഫൈർ' എന്ന ആശയത്തെ ഉൾക്കൊണ്ടാണ് ഇത്തവണത്തെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെന്നു ഭാരവാഹികൾ അറിയിച്ചു.

ഇതുവഴി സ്കൂൾ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ഉന്നമനം, വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളിലെ അടിസ്ഥാന സൗകര്യം മെച്ചപ്പെടുത്തൽ, മാനസിക ആരോഗ്യ കേന്ദ്രങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള പിന്തുണ, കൗൺസലിങ് ക്ലാസുകൾ, തൊഴിലധിഷ്ഠിത പരിശീലനങ്ങൾ,

23-06-2023

റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ് ഭാരവാഹികളുടെ സ്ഥാനാരോഹണം നാളെ

ഒറ്റപ്പാലം. • റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ് ഭാരവാഹികളുടെ സ്ഥാനാരോഹണം നാളെ രാത്രി 7.30നു മണിശ്ലേരിയിലെ റോട്ടറി ഹാളിൽ നടത്തും. യോഗത്തിൽ മുൻ ജില്ലാ ഗവർണ്ണർ എ.വി.പതി മുഖ്യാതിഥിയായും.



കെ.ആർ.സന്ദീപ് നാരായണൻ (പ്രസി.), കെ.രാജേഷ്ജോഹൻ (വൈ. പ്രസി.), രാജേഷ് ജി. നമ്പ്യാർ (സെക്ര.), സി.പി.ബൈജു (ജോ. സെക്ര.), സുനിൽ അമ്മത്ത് (ട്രഷ.) എന്നിവരാണ് ചുമതലയേൽക്കുന്നത്. സാമൂഹിക സേവന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ വിഭാവനം ചെയ്യുന്ന 'സ്ഫൈർ' എന്ന ആശയത്തെ ഉൾക്കൊണ്ടാണ് ഇത്തവണത്തെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെന്നു ഭാരവാഹികൾ അറിയിച്ചു.

ഒറ്റപ്പാലം. റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് കെ.ആർ.സന്ദീപ് നാരായണനും സെക്രട്ടറി രാജേഷ് ജി. നമ്പ്യാരും.

തൊഴിൽ മേളകൾ, പരിസ്ഥിതി ബോധവൽക്കരണം എന്നിവ നടത്താനാണ് തീരുമാനം.

പി.കെ.ദാസ് ആശുപത്രിയുമായി സഹകരിച്ചു തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട രോഗികൾക്കു സൗജന്യ ഡയാലിസിസ് സേവനം ഉൾപ്പെടെയുള്ള പദ്ധതികൾ നടന്നുവരുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു കെ.ആർ.സന്ദീപ് നാരായണൻ, രാജേഷ് ജി. നമ്പ്യാർ, സുനിൽ അമ്മത്ത്, സി.പി.ബൈജു, ആർ.മധുസൂദനൻ എന്നിവർ അറിയിച്ചു.



Activities - Installation





Activities - Installation





Activities – Installation



New projects: A napkin incinerator for Bhavans Vidyala(left) and 20 Raincoats for Traffic police(right)



Released Installation special edition Bulletin



Great attendance on the day



Activities - Installation





Activities - 1st Day Projects

Dr. Indira Vijayakumar was honoured on the Doctors Day.



ONAM celebration





Activities - 1st Day Projects

Dr. Ramakrishnan of Valluvanad Hospital was also honoured on 1st Jul 2023





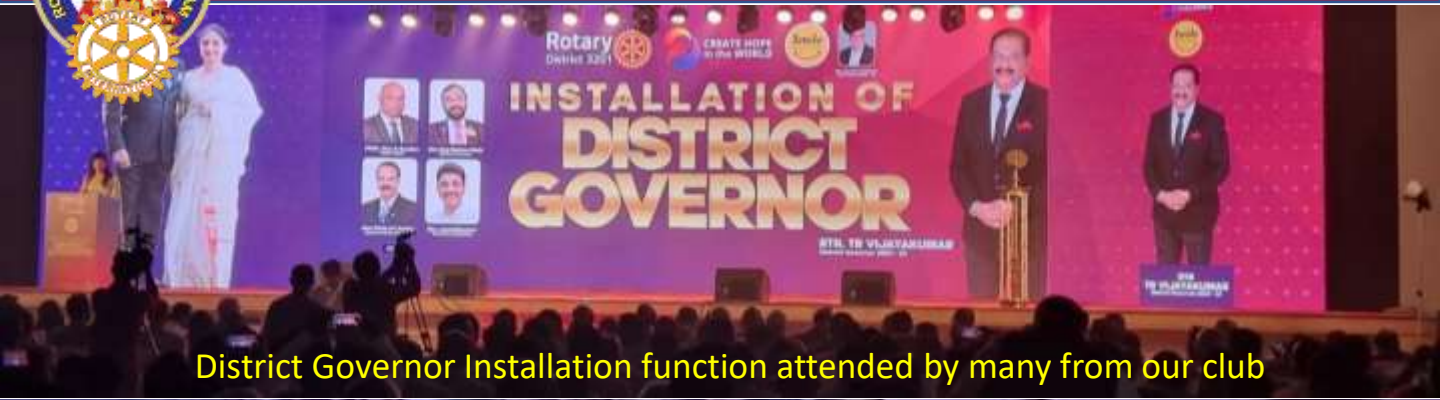
Activities - 1st Day Projects

A girls' napkin incinerator was installed at Bhavans School, Ottapalam





Activities





Activities

5000 student concession cards for MVD, Ottapalam, handed over to Joint RTO Mr. Mohanan on 4/7/23



വിൽചെയർ വിതരണം

Donation of 4 WheelChairs to Ottapalam Palliative Clinic on 20th Jul

ഒറ്റപ്പാലം • റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ് ഒറ്റപ്പാലം പാലിയേറ്റീവ് ക്ലിനിക്കിനു കീഴിലെ അർഹരായ രോഗികൾക്കു വിൽചെയറുകൾ നൽകി. ക്ലബ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് കെ.ആർ.സന്ദീപ് നാരായണൻ, വൈസ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് കെ.രാജമോഹൻ, കെ.വേണുഗോപാലൻ, എം.ജി.കോമൻ, രവീന്ദ്രനാഥ്, നാരായണൻകുട്ടി, രാജൻ എന്നിവർ പങ്കെടുത്തു.

ചക്രക്കസേരകൾ വിതരണംചെയ്തു



ഒറ്റപ്പാലം പാലിയേറ്റീവ് കെയർ ക്ലിനിക്കിന് റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ് നൽകുന്ന ചക്രക്കസേരകൾ പ്രസിഡന്റ് കെ.ആർ. സന്ദീപ് നാരായണൻ, വൈസ് പ്രസിഡന്റ് കെ. രാജമോഹൻ, കെ. വേണുഗോപാലൻ എന്നിവർ കൈമാറുന്നു.

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Activities

Two Wheel Chairs donated to ICCONS, Kavalappara ICCONS Administrative Officer Mr Tomy Dennis PRO Mr Sasidharan were present. 21-7-2023



ROTARY ACTION PLAN 2022-2027

More than a century ago, Rotarians pioneered a new model of service leadership grounded in person-to-person connections. Today, those connections are a network that spans the globe, bridging cultural, linguistic, generational, and geographic barriers, and shares the vision of a better world.

As People of Action, Rotarians understand that fulfilling that vision requires a plan. This is Rotary's plan for the next five years (2022-2027): to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt. Four strategic priorities and 14 objectives.



IMPACT

We want to put our resources behind programs that will have the greatest impact and that align with our areas of focus. We're creating tools and guidelines for tracking and sharing our efforts. We're also developing an evaluation process that will help us make objective recommendations about what is working and what we should continue, start, or stop doing.

REACH

We're committed to exemplifying and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in everything we do. We're testing new products and alternative models that will allow more people to connect and take action with us in ways that work best for them.

ENGAGE

We're tearing down the walls between "us" and "them" and focusing on participants. We're asking people how they want to participate, finding ways to meet them where they are, and making sure they know we value them.

ADAPT

We're streamlining operations so we can be more agile and responsive. We're simplifying the way we do things and helping members manage change so that our clubs, districts, and zones can more effectively communicate and work together.

Learn what your club can do at rotary.org/actionplan.





Activities

Handing over towels for newborn babies at Ottapalam Government Hospital on 27 Jul 2023



Malayala Manorama 29-7-2023



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Activities

1st speaker meeting of the year on 13th July 2023. Mr. Rajeev, Secretary of **Nish Chinta**, a society which is providing assisted community living to the families of intellectually challenged children. Mr. Rajeev spoke about the challenges faced by such families, their mission and vision, future plans for expanding to serve financially weaker sections of the community as well.



AG Rtn. Rajesh Nair addressing the 1st Club assembly on 20-Jul-23





Activities



COTS session by Rtn. Dr. Jeswin on 27 Jul 2023

Why Join Rotary

- Fellowship
- Business and professional contacts
- Desire for community involvement
- Desire to “do good in the world”
- Develop leadership skills



Activities - International



4-Jul-23: Friendship exchange visit by Rtn. Ram Mohan to RC PUTNEY, London





Activities - International

Rtn. Jayadevan receiving Flag exchange at RC Fremont, California. With President Robert shaver and Mrs. Kathy Kimberlin contact person on 27 Jul 2023



**We are all
responsible for
growing Rotary's
membership**



Welcome Rtn. Joyson P Thomas! He was Born in 1971 to late Mr P K Thomas and Leelama Thomas. Did his schooling in Shoranur high school and completed his BA English from Trichur St. Thomas college. 1991 onwards worked at 'gulf daily 'newspaper for 7 years in Bahrain. Later started his own construction company in Bahrain and returned to Kerala in 2021.

Married to Sheeba Royson . She was working with Bahrain government health service as staff nurse till 2022. Blessed with 3 Children. Abigail Leela Royson doing BBA -LLB 4th year at Christ Jayanthi college Bangalore, Alan Thomas Royson studying in 11th standard at Carmela Giri CMI International School Munnar and Angela Maria Royson doing his 8th at Carmel CMI school SHORANUR.

His Hobbies are playing cricket and badminton. Travelled widely to Dubai, Muscat, Saudi, and Qatar. Currently he is spending his time with farming and plantations.



Congratulations to Annet **Sreeraj Vijayakumar** on his successful completion of Post graduate certification in supply chain management, from Fanshawe College, London Ontario, Canada.

(Right) On behalf of RCO appreciated and thanked Mrs Krishna Kumar and son Deepu for their help of INR 1.5 Lakhs for humanitarian service. (Sports, Health, and Palliative Care)



in memory of Chempolly Krishnakumar. Money was received before Covid time, and they didn't get a chance to visit India. Location Hyde Park London.



Congratulations to four new members inducted on 29-07-2023. Welcome to Rotary family!
(Rtn. Lino, Rtn Edathody Bhaskaran, Rtn Sharath Chandran and Rtn. Dr. Jithin P)



(Left) Rtr Adv Adarsh S Menon honoured for Academic excellence. (center) Adv Ms Pournami honoured for Academic excellence for becoming 1st Rank in University of Calicut. (Right) Rtr Adv Mashroofa T honoured with Young Achievers Award. All three are Rotractors from Nehru Academy of Law. Congratulations to all the award three recipients.



Family meeting attendance



ROTARACT CLUB OF
NEHRU ACADEMY OF LAW
Justice Peace Truth



Rotaract Club of Nehru Academy of Law

PARENTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF OTTAPPALAM

CLUB ID 217622 | RI DISTRICT 3201



Happy Anniversary!



**Rtn. Satheesh Kumar Nair &
Rtne. Preetha Unni
(20-Aug)**



**Rtn. Dr. K.V. Ramachandran
& Rtne. Dr. Sarala
(22-Aug)**



**Rtn. Sivakumar &
Rtne. Prema
(28-Aug)**



**Rtn. Radhakrishnan K. &
Rtne. Lathika
(29-Aug)**



**Rtn. Ramachandran K &
Rtne. Jayanthi
Ramachandran
(31-Aug)**



**Rtn. Mohandasunni &
Rtne. Anandavally
(31-Aug)**

Congratulations RAINBOW Team

District Awards 2022-23



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Youth Service
(Interact & Rotaract Clubs)
for the year 2022-23.

Sad Demise
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Adv K Krishnakumar

Adv K Krishnakumar, a former member of our club is no more. He passed away on Monday, 3rd July 2023. He was a senior practicing lawyer at Ottapalam. Rotary club of Ottapalam wish to convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Rtn. Jyoti Prakash was the founder President of RC Kongad. He passed away on Friday 14th July 2023 at the age of 49. He was our AG in 2022-23.

Rotary club of Ottapalam wish to convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.



Rtn. Jyoti Prakash



Oommen Chandy

Kerala's two-time Chief Minister and Congress veteran **Oommen Chandy, MLA, 79**, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru at 4.25 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2023.

Rotary club of Ottapalam wish to convey their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

July 2023

Dear Rotary Member,

As a club leader, you know the benefits of using [Rotary Club Central](#), which is designed to be the place where you set your goals and track your progress.

[Rotary Showcase](#), however, is the best place for you to plan your service projects, share the outcomes, and show the impact in ways that can attract more partners or inspire other clubs.

In the coming months, both online tools will be updated. This includes phasing out the Service Activities section in Rotary Club Central — a change that will simplify how you track projects and allow you to focus your efforts in one place.

- If you have projects listed in the Service Activities section of Rotary Club Central, export them to Rotary Showcase as soon as you can.
- If you have projects from a prior year, work with your past club officers to export them to Showcase.
- Once your project is exported, go to Rotary Showcase where you can add more details about your service project, such as project location.

We encourage you to continue entering your annual goals in Rotary Club Central and to use Rotary Showcase to update and manage your service activities. After you record a completed project in Rotary Showcase, it will be reflected as a completed project and achieved goal in Rotary Club Central.


Please share this information with your club members, especially those who use Rotary Club Central to track service goals.

For questions or concerns, write to rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

Victoria Ruger, Club and District Management Product Manager
Chonticha Yurai, Grants and Service Product Manager

Shifting service projects from Rotary Club Central to Rotary Showcase

Rotary Calendar 2023-24

JULY		Maternal & Child Health <i>Nearly 6 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and their children can live and grow stronger.</i>	
AUGUST		Membership and New Club Development <i>Month August is when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on membership in Rotary.</i>	
SEPTEMBER		Basic Education & Literacy <i>More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.</i>	
OCTOBER		Community & Economic Development <i>We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and create opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old.</i>	
NOVEMBER		The Rotary Foundation <i>Transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio, etc...</i>	
DECEMBER		Disease Prevention & Treatment <i>We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. We improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas.</i>	
JANUARY		Vocational Service <i>which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:- High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.</i>	
FEBRUARY		Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution <i>Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.</i>	
MARCH		Water, Sanitation & Hygiene <i>We support local solutions to bring clean water, sanitation, and hygiene to more people every day. We don't just build wells and walk away. We share our expertise with community leaders and educators to make sure our projects succeed long-term.</i>	
APRIL		Support the Environment <i>Rotary's newest area of focus is the environment which will enable Rotarians and Rotary Clubs to bring about positive change in the world and increase our impact.</i>	
MAY		Youth Service <i>Rotary has a long history of working with Youth, from providing scholarships, encouraging youth leadership and student exchange programs, to sponsoring youth-based service clubs. Youth Service is one of Rotary's five official Avenues of Service.</i>	
JUNE		Rotary Fellowships Month <i>is to recognize the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational and vocational interests, promote increased participation in fellowships, and increase understanding of this program.</i>	



Ian H.S. Riseley



Barry Rassin

Trustee Chair Message - June 2023

June marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another in Rotary, a bittersweet time to reflect as we look ahead. Looking back on this year, The Rotary Foundation accomplished a great deal. We renewed our determination to fight polio to the end.

Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative are implementing a strategy to stop the transmission of all wild poliovirus in the endemic countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan and the circulation of vaccine-derived poliovirus in outbreak countries.

Last October, Rotary, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the global community collectively pledged \$2.6 billion toward this plan. We know what it takes to eradicate polio, and we have the strategies to do it.

I urge all clubs to continue to take action in this historic effort by raising awareness and funds, especially around World Polio Day in October. Also, consider joining or starting a PolioPlus Society in your club or district to collectively give a set amount each year until polio is eradicated. Our Foundation also responded to the devastating earthquake that hit Syria and Turkey through disaster response grants that helped clubs and districts provide aid.

The Foundation continued to grow. Rotaract clubs began volunteering on and applying for Foundation grants on their own.

And our next Rotary Peace Center, made possible by a gift from the

Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, will be located at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. To all who supported The Rotary Foundation by volunteering on grant projects or through giving, I thank you. If you haven't yet made your gift to the Foundation, please do so online by 30 June so we can end this remarkable year on a high note and reach our goal of raising \$430 million. We can be proud of what we have done this year but let us never rest on our laurels; rather, let us remain persistent.

One of those who best personified persistence was Nelson Mandela. Speaking to a crowd of global dignitaries before his 90th birthday in 2008, he said, "It is in your hands to make of our world a better one for all, especially the poor, vulnerable, and marginalized." Changing the world is indeed in no one else's hands but our own, and helping those in need is what defines and will continue to define Rotary and its Foundation in the years ahead.

I wish incoming Trustee Chair Barry Rassin, the Trustees, and our staff continued success in making a difference through The Rotary

Ian H.S. Riseley
Trustee Chair 2022-23



Calendar 2023-24

July 2023

Maternal and Child Health Month

1 July — Beginning of the Rotary year

August 2023

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2023

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2023

Community Economic and Development Month

2-8 October — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 October — World Polio Day

November 2023

Rotary Foundation Month

30 October - 5 November — World Interact Week

December 2023

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2024

Vocational Service Month

7-11 January — Rotary International Assembly, Orlando, Florida

February 2024

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2024

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

11-17 March — World Rotaract Week

31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2024

Environmental Month

30 April — Rotary International Convention registrations and check-in

May 2024

Youth Service Month

25-29 May — Rotary International Convention, Singapore

June 2024

Rotary Fellowships Month

**Note the
changes to
JULY and APRIL
months**

2025

9-13 February — International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

21-25 June — Rotary International Convention, Calgary, Canada

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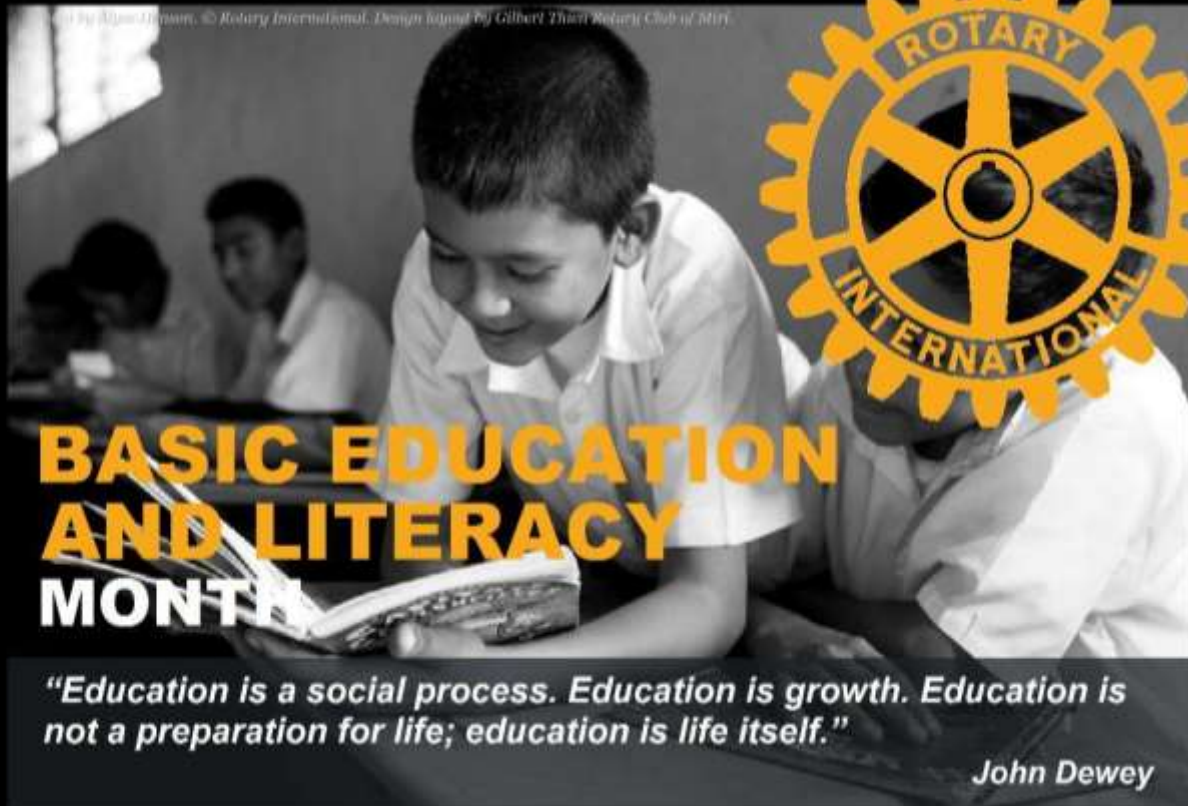


July-2023



Aug-2023

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