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**Dr. Munsa Kaur Rana, B.Sc., OD,**  
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**President, and Saroop Kaur Jubbal, co-founder of**  
**Canadian Eyesight Global,**

**Proud parents Mohinderpal (Sahib) Rana,**  
**and Manmohan (Mona) Kaur Rana,**  
**Beloved sister Anmol Rana**  
**and grandmother.**



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# 500 spices with 3 Cups of Poverty & Cataracts

*By Munsa K. Rana*

In May 2014, I had the privilege of travelling to India. While it was not my first sojourn there, I knew this time would be a much different experience. For two months I would travel alone, not for the purposes of visiting family, but to explore the hidden treasures of my native country. In addition to my sightseeing. I would be given the opportunity to participate in some of Canadian Eyesight Global's notable endeavours, offering eye exams to impoverished citizens of India who would not otherwise have access to this type of care. Cataracts in particular are a huge issue affecting many South Asians, and there are so many individuals who aren't able to afford help for this treatable condition.

My trip began in India's capital, Delhi, where I stayed for a month. From there, I travelled to a few of the eye camps Canadian Eyesight Global conducted. Upon reaching my first camp in Faridabad (just outside of Delhi). Until then, I had been to malls, bazaars, five star hotels and restaurants, but visiting the camp really put me in a kind of emotional trance. I witnessed firsthand India's high poverty rate, and the lack of interest in individual's health and eyesight. Not only did these people lack basic care from doctors, but many of them were without proper clothing, medication, food or even shelter. Their conditions were so poor, and had been that way for so long, that they had no grasp of the seriousness of their health issues.



**Munsa K. Rana, visiting from Canada, receiving an appreciation Memento from Rotary Club of Amritsar South East for helping in the Eye Camps in Amritsar, India, sponsored by Canadian Eyesight Global**

The line-ups began forming around 9 am for the eye camp, and continued growing until 4 pm. It was astounding to me that the doctors and volunteers were not overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of people they helped. I felt extremely privileged to be part of such an amazing charity. Aside from the Faridabad Camp, I attended multiple camps in many villages and cities in Punjab. The lack of health care and rampant poverty remained the same throughout all the camps I visited, and it was truly remarkable to witness Canadian Eyesight Global's initiative in providing assistance.

In addition to the weekly eye camps, I had the opportunity to visit Dr. Bhupinder Singh's hospital in Amritsar, Punjab, India, where many of the patients from the eye camp were sent to receive cataract surgery in order to restore their eyesight. This was likely the most overwhelming experience for me. Following their operations, many patients would cry from happiness, bless us for doing such a charity and thank us for everything we have done. Canadian eyesight Global not only

provided these people with a free eye camps to have their vision tested in the first place, but they then provided them with consultations, any necessary medication, cataract surgery, and even rides so that they would be able to reach their destinations. All of this was given for no charge, with the help of donations and volunteers.

I would urge everyone to get involved with Canadian Eyesight Global. Conducting free eye camps not just across India, but across Canada, is truly an amazing service that often goes without consideration. The work they do and the services they provide the impoverished citizens of India have changes lives immeasurably. Vision is so often taken for granted, especially in places where health care is far more accessible and affordable. It is crucially important for Canadian Eyesight Global to continue their efforts in India so that treatable conditions can receive the help they deserve. So much of the help relies on volunteer work and generous donations, so consider whatever you might be capable of contributing. I am blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with Canadian Eyesight Global, and look forward to my future involvement.



**Munsa K. Rana, (2nd from left), with other Rotarians and doctors after the cataract surgeries in the Operation Theatre of Nirmaljot Eye Hospital Amritsar, Punjab.**

## "PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARD" TO MUNSA RANA

**A dedicated volunteer of  
Canadian Eyesight Global**



**In the Photo: Anup Singh Jubbal, MSM, Rotary International President 2019-20, Mark Daniel Maloney and Munsa Rana, PHF.**

**At the celebration of 30th  
Anniversary of the  
Canadian Eyesight Global,  
on August 18, 2019, Surrey,  
BC, the Rotary  
President 2019-20,  
Mark Daniel Maloney,  
presented the Rotary's  
Highest "SERVICE ABOVE  
SELF AWARD"  
to Munsa Rana, PHF,  
supported by Rotary,  
exemplifying the highest  
ideal in placing  
"Service Above Self",  
by helping Free Eye Health  
Clinics in Canada and India.**

Munsa joins some of the world's most renowned people like President Nelson Mandela, Mother Theresa, President Kennedy, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and others, who have received this prestigious Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award.



**Mona Kaur Rana, Munsa Rana, Mohinderpal (Sahib) Singh Rana**



## Canadian Eyesight Global Holds successful eye health clinic in Mississauga, Ontario



MUNSA KAUR RANA (Now Dr. Munsa Kaur Rana), Coordinator of Eastern Events for Canadian Eyesight Global, with a dedicated team of volunteers and committee members organized a free eye health clinic at the Ontario Khalsa Darbar (Dixie Gurdwara) in Mississauga, on Sunday, April 3, 2016 which was attended by 200 people.

Canadian Eyesight Global, formerly known Project Eyesight-India, comprised of surgeons, doctors, business leaders and numerous volunteers, has been recognized by the Government of Canada, Rotary International, Rotary clubs and NGOs in Canada and India. Canadian Eyesight Global has successfully sponsored and completed thousands of free cataract surgeries and treated thousands of people for avoidable blindness in rural parts of India since 1989.



Canadian Eyesight Global has also held many successful free eye health clinics across Canada since 2004. These free eye health clinics allow for the general population to recognize how important vision and regular health and eye checkups are. These eye camps provide people with blood pressure measurements, sugar testing, physician consultation, eye pre-screening, dietary recommendations from dietitians and nutritionists and lastly, check-ups by optometrists and ophthalmologists.

The successful eye camp which took place on Sunday, April 3rd 2016 had numerous volunteers donating their valuable time. Canadian Eyesight Global thanked to Dr. Apreet Singh, Dr. Surinder Mahil, Dr. Navidetha Danda, Dr. Sarabjeet Kohli, Dr. Amrit Sehdev, Dr. Harpreet Bajaj of STOP Diabetes Foundation, Dr. Parminder Singh Bahra, our numerous volunteers, dignitaries and administration of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar for their timeless hours put into this event, their cooperation and support.

Anup Singh Jubbal, MSM, President of Canadian Eyesight Global, extended special thanks to all the doctors, volunteers and administration of the Ontario Khalsa Darbar (Dixie Gurdwara), Mississauga, Ontario, for their cooperation and generous support.



*All those involved in building this organization into what it has become today deserve to be recognized for their skills and dedication; your generosity, both of time and heart, is truly remarkable. Let this occasion be an opportunity to recognize the values of service, humility and friendship that you so frequently demonstrate and to which we all aspire.*

*~ David Johnston, Former Governor General of Canada  
Message on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary Celebrations  
of Canadian Eyesight Global*

# An Individual Mission to Heal Eyes in India

On June 10, 2009, Anup Jubbal and his wife, Saroop, left Vancouver, B.C., for an extended trip to India in order to establish an eye hospital and take delivery of a mobile van.

At the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England, they hosted a booth for their club, and promoted the work of Canadian Eyesight Global.



Anup Jubbal pictured at the Installation of the president of Rotary Club of Amritsar Central.



The Mobile Medical Van donated through Rotary Matching Grant by District 5050 Rotary Club of Surrey-Guildford and District 3070 Rotary Club of Ludhiana North East, India.



Anup Jubbal, Karola Stinson, Saroop Jubbal, and PDG District 5050 Larry Stinson, at the 2009 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England

On August 9, 2009, an eye check-up camp was organized in the village of Chabba, Amritsar, which was attended by more than 525 people from neighboring villages. Approximately 108 people were selected for free cataract (IOL) surgeries, which were funded by Canadian Eyesight Global and performed by the team of Dr. Bhupinder Singh and associates at Nirmaljot Eye Hospital in Amritsar. He noted that five (5) more free eye camps for free cataract (IOL) surgeries will be scheduled in the coming months in various parts of Punjab.

An air conditioned Mobile Medical Van, TATA's 407, equipped for eye check-ups in the rural areas of Punjab, has been delivered. It has a slit lamp and an auto refractometer that were provided by Canadian Eyesight Global. The van will be travelling in the rural areas of Punjab for eye screening and will support the Prevention of Blindness program. Rotarian Anup said that funds for the van equipment were provided through a Rotary matching grant, in coordination with the Rotary clubs of Surrey-Guildford, BC., and the District 3070 Rotary Club of Ludhiana North East, India.

On June 30, 2009, they arrived in Delhi, India, where he met with a representative of the government of India, and also with Mr. Arun K. Arora, President and CEO of Shroff Eye Hospital, New Delhi. They discussed assistance available from his institution, as well as from governmental agencies, for restoration of eyesight and prevention of blindness. On July 3, 2009, they rode a train to Amritsar, Punjab.

The cost of sponsoring an eye camp for approximately 100 cataract (IOL) surgeries is \$4,200. Anup said that they are seeking support for the establishment of the Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Mata Sulakhani Eye Hospital and Prevention of Blindness Centre in Chabba.

Anup reported that he was invited by the Rotary Club of Amritsar Central, District 3070, to be the installing officer for the new club president and slate of officers for 2009-2010.



Anup Singh Jubbal speaking at the Mega Eye Camp in Chabba, Amritsar



Donation of Medical Equipment.



Eye surgery in progress at Chabba Eye Camp



Screening Patients



**FREE EYE CAMP IN CHABBA  
JUNE 2009  
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Anup and Saroop Jubbal pictured next to the Mobile Medical Van



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**GOLDEN TEMPLE, AMRITSAR,  
PUNJAB, INDIA**

**10 FREE EYE CAMPS  
500 IOL SURGERIES IN INDIA  
IN HONOUR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
PRESIDENT (2019-2020)  
MARK DANIEL MALONEY**

**200 SURGERIES COMPLETED  
300 SURGERIES TO BE COMPLETED  
AFTER COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED**



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## **OUR DEDICATED SUPPORTERS**

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## **OUR SPECIAL THANKS TO**

- Rtn. Manjit Singh Sawhney, PDG, Delhi.
- Dr. Shamim Ahmed, Mewat, Haryana.
- Mr. Amrajeet Singh, Faridabad.
- Mr. Gurcharan Singh, Faridabad.
- Mr. Sukhdev Singh, Faridabad.
- Rtn. Dr. S.P.S., Grover, PDG, Jalandhar.
- Rtn. Dr. Amandeep Singh, MS, Jalandhar.
- Rtn. Dr. D.P.S. Chawla, Jalandhar.
- Rtn. Kuldeep Singh, Jalandhar.
- Rtn. Dr. Bhupinder Singh, MS, Amritsar.
- Rtn. Surjit Singh, PP, Amritsar.
- Rtn. K.K Dhand, IPP, Amritsar.
- Mr. Santokh Singh, Amritsar.
- Mr. S.P.S.Lahri, Advocate, Taran Taran.
- Mr. Gian Singh Saggu, Amritsar.

**WE ARE  
COMMITTED!**

We are continuously in touch with our sponsors and partners in India and Canada. It is our commitment to continue our charity work after we are all free of the Covid-19 pandemic. We thank our beneficiaries for their patience and understanding. We reassure you that we will continue the Free Eye Camps and Eye Clinics as planned when the respective governments have lifted the restrictions.

## OUR BENEFICIARIES IN INDIA



Volunteers from Rotary Club of Amritsar and the doctor and a patient

## OUR PARTNERS IN INDIA



Volunteers from Rotary Club of Amritsar and the doctor and a patient

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**CHIRAYATH MOHANAN** has served Canadian Eyesight Global since 2018 and has been helping us with his media design and publication expertise.

Mohanani has been a Rotarian since 1990 and has served various position at club and district levels as Club President, Club Webmaster, International Service Director, District 5050 Newsletter Editor, and District 5050 Rotary Global Rewards Chair.

Mohanani regards "Service to Humanity as his religion", and believes that with a little help anyone can rise to highest level of excellence.

*Thank you Rotarian Anup Jubbal for sharing another excellent edition of Canadian Eyesight Global with its many interesting stories and pictures.*

*Sincerely*

**Wilfrid (Wilf) Wilkinson**

**Rotary International  
Past President (2007-2008)**

**The Rotary Foundation Trustee  
1997-2001 and 2002-2003**

**Chair of Convention Committee  
2005 Rotary International Centennial  
Convention in Chicago**



**Here's what The Rotarian magazine wrote in July 2007. It is still holds true today.....**

*Rotarians are a hard-working, idealistic breed. We all care about people and believe in the values captured by The Four-Way Test. And many Rotarians perform incredible acts of generosity. Nevertheless, if I may go out on a limb here, I'll make a prediction: My brother, Wilf Wilkinson, is going to impress a lot of Rotarians as the new president of Rotary International by his intense devotion to Service Above Self.*

***But let's just say that the fellow who convinced the Canadian government to give more than US\$180 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative might be someone special.***

*"It was Wilf's unstinting application of both persistence and patience that persuaded the government to release the money," says Past RI Director John Eberhard, chair of the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development.*

*"Wilf is a very persuasive person when faced with a cause he truly believes in. He spent a lot of time developing the relationships necessary to get the job done."*



## SURREY ROTARY CARES

It was great to see the Surrey Rotarians at the Rotary Shred-A-Thon & raise funds for excellent causes. The customers who brought papers for shredding, all the volunteers, helpers, supporters, donors & organizers who made Rotary Club of Surrey's 1st Annual Shred-A-Thon so successful deserve to be commented.

***Surrey Rotary truly cares about the community!***



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**THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT WAS DEDICATED TO THE STARFISH PACK - FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN IN SURREY**

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### FEED MY CITY

A project of the Rotary Club of White Rock in cooperation with the City of White Rock

We are grateful to the donors pictured and many anonymous donors, including Rotary Club members who support Feed My City. This program has provided an estimated 16,000 hot lunches to the public at Rotary Hut, Johnston Road & Russell Avenue for the past year.

Categories have been established for various levels of generous donors.

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Donate at Rotary Hut or call Gordy 604-783-6450. Mail address: Rotary Club of White Rock, Box 75005, Surrey V4A 6G3. 100% of donations go to Feed My City. Tax receipts issued.

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# WE BELIEVE IN FATHERS

WE BELIEVE THAT FAR FROM BEING SUPERFLUOUS, FATHERS ARE UNIQUE AND IRREPLACEABLE

D. Todd Christofferson

ROTARIANS ARE WORLD'S BEST FATHERS FOR THEY ALSO TAKE CARE OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NO ONE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.

## Shekhar Mehta: Dreaming big, bringing smiles



The first thing that strikes anyone who watches, or works closely with incoming RI President Shekhar Mehta from RC Calcutta Mahanagar, RID 3291, is that his dreams are king-size. His boundless energy is legend in the Indian Rotary world and those who work with him whisper: 'But when does he sleep?' RI Director

Kamal Sanghvi, who put together the centennial celebrations of Rotary in India in January 2020 in Kolkata, shared that Mehta had landed up at the venue at 2.30 am to check on the final touches!

Senior Indian Rotarians have got calls from him at 2 am asking:

"I adjust myself extremely fast to changing situations, it takes me very little time to adjust my mind to anything in life."

'What are you doing', before he plunges into the next big idea/project that is bubbling inside him. His planning is detailed and meticulous, the hours he puts into any project long and arduous, and the delegation is bang on. All this comes together beautifully in timely and perfect execution of the mega projects he undertakes and the events he organises. The South Asia Summit that he organised in Hyderabad in 2013 had nearly 6,000 participants. The literacy conferences, addressed by intellectuals, celebrities and senior politicians, followed. Under his guidance, Rotary celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> year in India through the grand Centennial Summit in Kolkata in January 2020.

In our frequent chats, he has always told me: "A leader has to dream big. And he has to choose the right people to create more leaders." Just as happened to him in his Rotary journey.

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What is it that makes him so approachable; so that any Rotarian can just pick up a phone and call him, despite his seniority in Rotary.?

Shekhar Mehta says:

"To me the biggest quality of a leader is humility. I admire this in leaders and have tried to imbibe it, and I suppose that makes me easily approachable. I have no airs, nor do I see myself as an 'RI president'. I see any high position as an added responsibility and I do the work required willingly.

What quality of her husband she finds most endearing.

As he perks up his ears, she smiles and

Rashi Mehta says:

"He speaks from the heart to everybody and for everything. He is very emotional but also very practical. He connects very easily to people because he makes heart-to-heart connections. He is a team player and because of that people love to work with him, even if that work stretches from the night to the morning and beyond. They work with him, and stand by him and that must be because of his love for them, and the passion he has while working for others. And he works absolutely selflessly.

Courtesy Rasheeda Bhagat  
EDITOR | ROTARY NEWS (INDIA)

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### RC Amritsar North East

Three tricycles and one wheelchair were donated to needy persons at Maqbool Pura, a slum colony in the city. The project costing ₹31,000 enhanced the public image of Rotary in the neighbourhood.



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### RC Jalandhar Midtown

A cataract surgery was done for a needy patient, Ashok Kumar, a resident of Bhargav camp in Jalandhar, at the Oculus Eye Hospital in the city. The project was sponsored by club members. The beneficiary thanked the club for this kind gesture.

## Swiss Rotary clubs help young refugees start new lives

The program matches refugees with training to get them settled and fill a need for skilled workers

Eid fled war-torn Afghanistan at age 14, leaving his family and his small motorcycle repair shop behind. He sold the shop and gave most of the money to his parents and siblings before leaving on an eight-and-a-half-month journey to Switzerland.

Like many refugees, Eid — identified here by his first name only, for his safety — took a path that was complicated and at times harrowing. He stayed in Iran for two months, working as a bricklayer, but discovered that his situation there was no safer or better than in Afghanistan. In Turkey, he found passage to Greece on a rubber transport ship with about 60 other refugees. But when they were halfway across the sea, the engine failed — and the boat's pilot didn't know how to fix it.

"Thanks to my knowledge as a motorcycle mechanic, I was able to get the engine going again," Eid says matter-of-factly, omitting the detail that he likely saved the lives of all the passengers.

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MICHAEL GRAVES, member of the Rotary Club of Plainview, Texas, USA, past district governor, and world president of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians



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FELIX HEINTZ, founder and chair of the Rotarian Metalhead Fellowship, with Manouchehr Shamsrizi, co-founder and the fellowship's director of partnerships.

### [Rotary Peace Fellow sheds light on minorities in Japan](#)

FARRAH HASNAIN's aim is to change my students' perception of the U.S. There is a hegemony of whiteness in English language teaching, and I want to represent how diverse and multifaceted the American identity truly is."



### [SURF's up: Who says Rotary can't be fun?](#)

BRETT MOREY, chair of Surfers Unite Rotarian Fellowship and past president of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, USA



## Leading, in Rotary, means you are leading your equals:

Greeting the district leaders world over, he said,

***"We are all connected today uniquely, only through our computers, iPads and cell phones, and in circumstances that are not only unusual but unprecedented. Let's hope to see the end of this dreadful pandemic and rejoice together in a brave and safer new world."***

Reiterating the significance of Rotary's core values and referring to the medical missions carried out by Indian Rotarians in Nigeria, and the American Rotarians in the Caribbean countries to help them recover and rebuild their homes after disastrous hurricanes, he said that friendship, diversity, integrity and "above all, our leadership, have all motivated us to engage in the service that we provide."

Rotarians have always been leaders, he said, and highlighted the leadership of past RI presidents Rajendra Saboo "who conceptualised our unique peace scholarship programme, producing committed ambassadors to work for lasting peace around the world"; Sir Clem Renouf "who inspired Rotary to take up very large international projects for the first time"; Luis Giay "who helped make our Rotary Foundation programme more focused, more impactful"; and Cliff Dochtermann and Carlos Consecro "who helped Rotary engage in our quest to banish polio from the world."

In Rotary, part of the leadership is about being a role model. "Leading in Rotary is different because here you are leading your equals. You are

not there to give orders; you are there to lend support," said Banerjee.

Great leaders don't ever set out to be a leader. They set out to make a difference. "It's never the role. It's always the goal," he said, adding that good leadership is to help those doing poorly, to do well, and those doing well, to do even better. "If you take all the qualities of a good leader, and sum them up in one word, then that word would be 'trust'. Whatever happens, great leaders are never going to take more than their share of the credit or less than their share of the blame. He or she may not have all the answers, but they will tell you where to find them. They listen, motivate and inspire you."

He left the district leaders to ponder and act on the thought: "Be the kind of leader of whom Rotarians in the district say, 'if I am ever a district governor, I would like to be someone like him or her'. That is the gold standard of leadership."

"When you start the 2021-22 year — and hopefully the new vaccines would have stabilised lives by then — the best thing you can do is to leave your district stronger than you found it. In the end, we need to remember that it does not matter who gets the credit," he said.

Quoting former PM Indira -Gandhi's words:

***"There are two kinds of people in our world — those who do the work and those who take the credit,' Banerjee advised the district leaders saying, "Try to always belong to the first group. There is much less competition there."***



**Kalyan Banerjee**

**Rotary International Past President**

Your office is only for one year and you would want to leave your mark. But if you try to start from scratch, to achieve something monumental in one year, you are going to fail. You need to look beyond yourself, and your year, at the long-term health of your clubs, communities and our organisation. That is how we get closer to achieving our vision," said Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee, motivating the DGEs and DGNs at a session in the International Assembly which went virtual in February this year.

## MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



We need a younger, more diverse Rotary at every level to keep our clubs strong. What diversity means is different from region to region, but I encourage you to welcome people from all backgrounds. Another step we can all take is to increase the number of women and amplify their role everywhere.

I am glad that many now see Rotary and Rotaract clubs as equals. Let's keep going in this direction by inviting Rotaract clubs to be a part of everything we do. Let's not squander any opportunity to reach young leaders, but partner with Rotaract and invest in our many new approaches.

I am very proud of the work Rotary is doing to fight COVID-19 by supporting vaccination campaigns through advocating for fair distribution and combating misinformation. But we must also continue to do everything we can to end polio. And we now have opportunities to work in a new area of focus: the environment.

The world is a different place today from when I first announced that *Rotary Opens Opportunities*. We can all be proud of how we updated what Rotary can be this year. Let's continue on this path, always taking care of our clubs and of our friends in those clubs. They are precious, and they keep Rotary alive and thriving.

Susanne and I are thankful for all the opportunities to serve the organization during this special year, a year of finding new meaning in Service Above Self. We see Rotary as a community of people who live their values by putting them into action. In these extraordinary times, there is no doubt that we must place increased emphasis on service. This is our opportunity to show the world what Service Above Self means for Rotarians.

There are so many opportunities waiting for us that will help us change the world. Let's seize them together and get ready to open doors to achieving greater things. And as we open these doors to new ideas, our minds and our hearts also open. Remember that everything we do in Rotary opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere.

*Holger Knaack*  
Holger Knaack  
President,  
Rotary International

## “Hop on the bus” gets children to school in Liberia



The Rotary Club of Harrisburg Keystone is partnering with YesLiberia to provide a bus for children to attend one of several YMCA-sponsored schools, where they receive tuition assistance from YesLiberia.

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## Saving Life in the Pacific



Senerita Pouvi, 9, receives a measles vaccination in December 2019 as part of a UNICEF-supported National Vaccination Campaign in response to a measles outbreak in the Pacific region. Photo Courtesy UNICEF.

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## Why was Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia awarded the first \$2 million grant?

- ⊙ Is expanding on an innovation that is backed by clear evidence and has worked in the past.
- ⊙ Has a high likelihood of working on a larger scale.
- ⊙ Is logically organized and grounded in experience.

- ⊙ Has partners that have the experience, trust, and strong respect needed to successfully scale up the program with Rotary.
- ⊙ Has co-funders — the Gates Foundation and World Vision U.S. — with the ability and desire to support the program with Rotary.
- ⊙ Is set up for sustainability and aligned with government efforts.
- ⊙ Has clear indicators of program success

and systems set up to measure them.

- ⊙ Has strong demand; malaria is a leading cause of death in Zambia.
- ⊙ Allows Rotary members to interact with the program by volunteering, raising money, mobilizing communities, and conducting national-level advocacy work.
- ⊙ Has the potential to expand further to combat malaria across Africa.

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# Coronavirus: What's happening in Canada and around the world

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## B.C. provides back-to-school plan for September as Ontario further accelerates vaccination

Officials in British Columbia outlined the province's plans to have all kids in school full time in September. For the most part, students in the province stayed in classrooms throughout the past school year, with a number of safety measures, like distancing, masks and handwashing stations in place.

Many of those measures are expected to be continued in the fall.

"Guidance on mask-wearing in school settings will be confirmed later this summer and will align with broader provincial direction," said Jennifer Whiteside, of B.C.'s Minister of Education. "What will remain the same is that we will expect students and staff to continue to complete daily health checks, stay home when they feel sick and practice diligent hand hygiene."

More than 50 per cent of kids aged 12 to 17 years old in B.C. have

already received their first dose of vaccine and the province expects all eligible British Columbians will have the opportunity to receive a second dose by September.

While most students will return to full in-class learning, online learning programs will remain available for students.

But provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry emphasized that "being in school is about more than education," pointing to the social benefits. "We know it is about social, physical, emotional and mental health as well, and it is so, so important."

The province is providing \$43.6 million to support ongoing health and safety measures, First Nations and Métis students, mental health services, rapid response teams and to address learning impacts of the pandemic on students.

## What's happening across Canada

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) is now recommending provinces stop administering the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine in most cases — even as booster shots for people who've already received first doses of it.

All provinces ended the use of AstraZeneca for first doses in early May. But many continued to offer it for second doses.

NACI said Thursday that people who already have had two doses of AstraZeneca "can rest assured that

the vaccine provides good protection against infection and very good protection against severe disease and hospitalization."

As of 6:25 p.m. ET on Thursday, Canada had reported 1,406,253 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 13,444 considered active. A CBC News tally of deaths stood at 26,012. More than 30.6 million COVID-19 vaccine doses had been administered so far across the country, according to [CBC's vaccine tracker](#).

## What's happening around the world

The database of COVID-19 cases showed more than 177.2 million cases reported worldwide. The Johns Hopkins University tracker put the reported global death toll at more than 3.8 million.

**Japan** on Thursday announced the easing of a coronavirus state of emergency in Tokyo and six other areas from next week, with new daily cases falling just as the country begins final preparations for the Olympics starting in just over a month.

In the **Americas**, Costa Rican health authorities said that after studying the available clinical studies they had decided to reject the delivery of Sinovac Biotech's vaccine for the time

being, saying it was not effective enough.

In **Africa**, some of the poorest countries in the world are seeing a two-headed crisis: [a surge in COVID-19 cases and a critical shortage of vaccine](#). Fears are running high in African nations such as Zimbabwe, Zambia and Uganda.

In **Europe**, the U.K. has recorded more than 10,000 daily coronavirus infections for the first time in nearly four months, likely the result of the spread of the more contagious delta variant. Government figures on Thursday reported 11,007 daily cases, the highest daily amount since February, 2019.

COVID RELATED LINKS	COVID STATS 18 JUNE 2021	CANADA	USA	GLOBAL
<a href="#">CURRENT SITUATION IN CANADA &amp; PROVINCES</a>	<b>CONFIRMED</b>	1,408,123	33,516,175	177,824,707
<a href="#">CURRENT SITUATION INTERNATIONAL</a>	<b>DEATHS</b>	26,014	604,571	3,851,497
<a href="#">RISK TO CANADIANS</a>	<b>RECOVERED</b>	1,369,844		
<a href="#">COVID UPDATES</a>	<b>ACTIVE</b>	12,225		
<a href="#">VARIANTS OF CONCERN REPORTED PUBLICLY IN CANADA</a>				
<a href="#">VACCINATION</a>				
<a href="#">HOW TO REGISTER AND GET VACCINATED</a>				
<a href="#">LATEST TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS IN CANADA</a>				
<b>COVID-19 IN CANADA 18 JUNE 2021</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> DOSE ADMINISTERED</b>	6,792,499 (20.2%)	<b>TOTAL POPULATION</b>	33,679,000
	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> DOSE ADMINISTERED</b>	25,043,879 (74.4%)	<b>DOSES PER 100 PEOPLE</b>	94.53