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THE HISTORICAL EVENT - 18th AUGUST 2019



**Inauguration of the 30th Anniversary Celebrations of Canadian Eyesight Global
by Rotary International President (2019-20) Mark Daniel Maloney**



1989 - 2021

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SURREY, BURNABY & NEW WESTMINSTER

**AUGUST
2021
NEWSLETTER**

OUR COMMITMENT GRACEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED



On 18th August 2019 Founder CEO & President of Canadian Eyesight Global made the commitment to organize 100 Free Eye Camps in India in honor of the then Rotary International President Mark Maloney, the Chief Guest at the 30th Anniversary Celebrations, witnessed by Federal Minister of National Defence Honorable Harjit Sajjan, VIPs and Guests.

At his Keynote Address, Rotary International President Mark Maloney said “Canadian Eyesight Global has been an ideal partner in service through the years—and if any of you in attendance who are not yet Rotary members feel inspired by the great work we have done, that is even better. Our doors are wide open. Canadian Eyesight Global has been an ideal partner in service through the years—and if any of you in attendance who are not yet Rotary members feel inspired by the great work we have done, that is even better.”

19 AUGUST 2018

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FREE EYECAMP IN AMRITSAR





With endorsement from



High Commissioner of India
Ottawa



#AzadikaAmritMahotsav

commemorating
75 years of Independence

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Marking the commencement of the 75th year of independence, we too join the nation in celebrating *Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav*. We are joining the special year of celebrations by releasing our book, *Jewels of India: leading Indo-Canadian personalities* in October/November 2021. The book is memorabilia of Indo-Canadians who have been the ambassadors of the nation for decades. We feel obliged to have you with us on our journey.

Regards

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Jewels of INDIA

Leading Indo-Canadian Personalities



Anup Singh Jubbal, MSM, President and Saroop Kaur Jubbal Co-Founders of Canadian Eyesight Global convey their heartfelt Greetings to Maneesh Media for releasing the Souvenir Book 75 Years Independence, AzadikaAmritMahotsav *Jewels of India: leading Indo-Canadian Personalities* in October/November 2021.



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Honor and Pride

ROMEO LEBLANC
Former Governor
General of Canada
Former Prime
Minister of Canada

"The Meritorious Service Medal was

conferred to Anup Singh Jubbal. His Leadership and initiative have brought credit to the Rotary Club and honour to Canada."

Service Humanity Friendship

David Johnston
Former Governor
General of Canada of
Canada



"All those involved in building this organization into what is 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."
Taking Pride



JEAN CHRETIEN

Former Prime Minister of Canada

"Those who've had their vision restored, or who can now see for the first time, they never know of Mr. Jubbal, this fund raising dinner, or even Canada itself, they simply rejoice in being able to see their loved ones and the world around them. You can, however, take great pride in imagining what your support means to them."

Unwavering Commitment



STEPHEN HARPER

Former Prime Minister of Canada

"I would like to commend all those associated with Canadian Eyesight Global for their unwavering commitment to the fight against

global blindness. You may take great pride in your accomplishments and in the profound difference you have made in the lives of so many. On behalf of the Government of Canada please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening for every success in meeting your fundraising goals."

Instrumental Service



PAUL MARTIN

Former Prime Minister of Canada

"The work of Rotary Project Eyesight - India has been instrumental."

Life's Most Precious Gift



MIKE HARCOURT

Former Premier of BC

"Thanks to the goodwill and hard work of your club and sister club in Lucknow, India, 1000 people were given back one of life's most precious gifts - their eyesight."

Eyes to the World

PENNY PRIDDY

Former Minister of Health, BC
and Acting Mayor,
Surrey BC

"Canadian Eyesight Global is indeed the "Eyes to the World."



Real Happiness is Helping Others



CLIFFORD L. DOCHTERMAN
Rotary
International
President
(1992-93),

"Through this Service Above Self Award you are being recognized for the contributions you have made through the years to Rotary.

Your selfless service and love for your fellow man have distinguished you in a time of turbulence and change.

Through your actions, you have clearly demonstrated the real happiness in helping others."

Outstanding Program of Rotary



RAJENDRA K. SABOO

Rotary International President 1991-92
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation 1992-98
Director, Rotary International 1981-83

"I am pleased that your good work in this fine Rotary Project is being recognized in this way. I also commend your plans to sponsor thousands of cataract surgeries the coming years. It is the active involvement of Rotarians such as yourself that make it possible the outstanding programs of Rotary and its Foundation."

Being a Friend



BILL HUNTLEY,

Rotary International President 1994-95,

"I extend to all those participants in this project my heartfelt congratulations and hope that the good work will continue for many years to come."

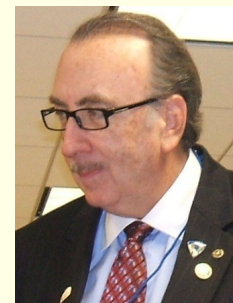
Create Awareness and Take Action

Congratulations on the success of your Rotary Project Eyesight - India.

The gift of sight is a powerful way to reach out to others in Rotary service. I commend all those who support this project in Canada and in India. There are thousands of people who are now seeing because of your efforts.

You have clearly demonstrated the importance of working to CREATE AWARENESS and TAKE ACTION.

I encourage you to continue this fine work.



FRANK J. DEVLIN

President
Rotary International
2000-2001



INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
15th AUGUST

Anup Singh Jubbal, MSM President | CEO and Saroop Jubbal (Co-Founder), and the Board of Directors of Canadian Eyesight Global would like to wish Happy Independence Day to all Indian nationals and all people of India-origin

A HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Let us do our bit to make India a better place...
A Legacy to live for and a Legacy to die for.

*May the Sun in His course visit no land
more free, more happy, more lovely,
than this our country!*

Sardar Bhagat Singh

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Mahatma Gandhi was not present at the celebrations of the country's first Independence Day? Yes, He was actually at a hunger strike that was conducted to hinder the communal killings that were triggered due to partition.
2. India became an independent country much before August 15th. Surprising? Isn't it? So let us tell you that India became independent on July 18, 1947 but Lord Mountbatten declared 15th August as the date of Independence because this date observed the second anniversary of the surrendering of Japan to the Allied Forces during World War II.
3. There was no president or prime minister heading the country. Independent India lacked in having a structured government. The Governor General was the only and the most authoritative person in India at the time of independence and the political framework developed much later when India became a republic.
4. Now you would be surprised to know that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, hoisted the national flag 17 times from the fortification of the Red Fort on the Independence Day.
5. Last but not the least, India shares its Independence Day with five more countries, Bahrain, North Korea, South Korea, Congo, and Liechtenstein on August 15, but with different years.



Hi Anup,

Thank you for the July Newsletter. I enjoyed reading about so many friends.

Please keep up the very good work.

The world needs it today more than ever.

Sincerely

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



Happy belated birthday Anup.

Very best wishes for a long and continued fruitful life.

GEORGE PEDERSSON
Member Rotary Club Surrey, Canada.

Covid will meet its match in Rotary: Bruce Aylward

You have a vital role to play in changing the course of this pandemic. You have the knowledge and experience honed from decades of battling polio. There are many things we still don't know about Covid but we do know that in Rotary even this virus will have met its match," said Dr Bruce Aylward, senior advisor to the -director-general, WHO, addressing attendees during the closing session of the virtual Rotary convention.

He encouraged Rotarians to raise their voice for an equitable distribution of Covid vaccines among nations. "More than a quarter of a century ago you saw a similar inequity and, you challenged the world. You said that no child should be paralysed by polio anywhere. You have worked with us to mobilise communities to vaccinate every child and successfully challenged world leaders to finance the largest internationally coordinated effort in history. Rotarians, history needs you again and the world needs you now."

Their voice and advocacy were needed on the equitable sharing of Covid vaccines, production know-how, and the full funding of these vaccines, he said. "We need your on-the-ground persons and know-how to help communities prepare for vaccination. We need your stature with national leaders to ensure people get vaccinated in the right order. And we need your perseverance to see this through. While the rich world is almost awash in Covid 19 vaccines, health workers are falling ill and older people are still dying in the poorest countries. This is unacceptable and this is our challenge."

Rotary needed to teach the world what social justice really means and to "challenge the world to ensure that everyone everywhere has access to the vaccines, tests and treatments," he added.

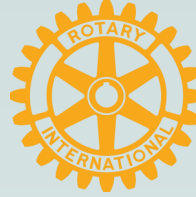
Although there are new affordable vaccines and tests that can rapidly diagnose Covid anywhere, equitable access to these tools was missing. Covid-19 Vaccines Global Access, abbreviated as COVAX, is a worldwide initiative aimed at equitable access to Covid vaccines. Covax coordinates international resources to enable low-to-middle-income countries get equitable access to Covid tests, therapies, and vaccines. "Two numbers illustrate our challenge — 1.5 billion doses of Covid vaccine have been administered around the world, but only 5 million of those doses — less than half a per cent — have gone to the world's poorest countries. This is not right and this is not equity. Rotarians can play a crucial role in changing this," said Aylward.



BRUCE AYLWARD, senior advisor to director-general, WHO



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GOLDEN TEMPLE, AMRITSAR,
PUNJAB, INDIA

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IN HONOUR OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT (2019-2020)

MARK DANIEL MALONEY

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

SPREADING THE LIGHT INDIA-CANADA CONNECTION



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- Dr. Shamim Ahmed, Mewat, Haryana.
- Mr. Amrajeet Singh, Faridabad.
- Mr. Gurcharan Singh, Faridabad.
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- 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 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.



29 FEBRUARY 2020

AMRITSAR, PUNJAB



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NUH, MEWAT, HARYANA



15 SEPTEMBER 2020

BILVA



15 DECEMBER 2019

AJAY NAGAR, AMRITSAR



For 30 years, Canadian Eyesight has helped make the world a healthier place by providing no cost eye exams and surgeries to those who need it most.

Your work fighting against preventable blindness in Canada and rural India has made a tremendous difference. Anup Jubbal is proof that one person

can make a difference. He started in 1989 with eight eye camps in Lucknow, India, and the program was so successful that, to date, tens of thousands of needy and helpless people's eyesight has been restored.

I am proud that Rotary Clubs in India have played such an important supporting role in this effort.

This kind of dedicated service is exactly what I had in mind when I presented the theme for this Rotary year -

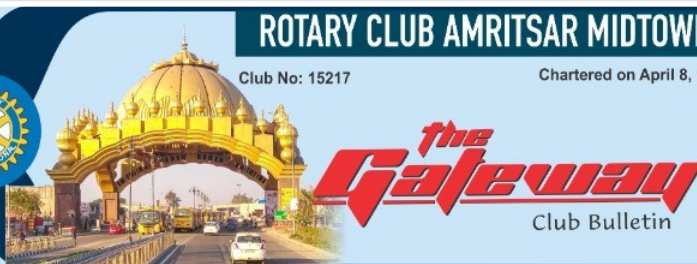
ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD.

When I say that Rotary Connects the World, it is not just a slogan for me. I really believe it. Rotary Connects the World in a description of how and why Rotarians achieve so much.

ROTARY CLUB AMRITSAR MIDTOWN

Club No: 15217

Chartered on April 8, 1983



The Gateway

Club Bulletin



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RI President



Rtn. U. S. Ghai
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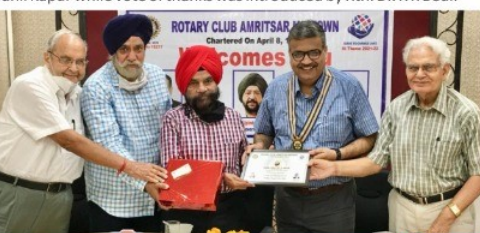
PAUL P. HARRIS
RI President



Wishes A Very Happy Independence Day to its Readers

Weekly Musings

Meeting no. 1976 was held on Friday 6th August, 2021 at Bhavan's SL Public School at 7 pm. Dr.H.S. Bedi, Chancellor, Central University, HP was the guest speaker. The learned speaker is an authority on Hindi literature in the country and gave a talk on Punjab Vich Prapt Ram Katha. The speaker gave a very powerful presentation of the facts and narrated how between 15th and 20th century, more than 500 authentic manuscripts were found in Punjab. He related that names of Lahore and Kasur were derived from Luv and Kush, sons of Lord Rama. Lahore had the only temple of Luv and Kasur of Kush, who is still considered the ruling deity of that city. His talk enthralled one and all. He was introduced by Rtn Sunil Kapur while vote of thanks was introduced by Rtn. Dr. R K Bedi.



Official Announcement - President Nominee

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Trustee Chair's Message - Aug. 21

In August, we focus on membership — exploring ways we can expand Rotary's ranks and reach. As we form new clubs and answer RI President Shekhar Mehta's call of Each One, Bring One, let's consider how these efforts will have a positive impact at every level of our organization.

Rotary's two greatest assets are its members and The Rotary Foundation, and they are linked. Our organization is made up of more than 48,000 Rotary and Rotaract clubs, and without our dedicated club members, we can't perform service. Our members also carry out the Foundation's mission of doing good in the world, by working on grassroots projects and making contributions that support countless Foundation programs and grants.

With more members in Rotary, the Foundation could do even more good in the world. We would have more hands to set up water, sanitation, and hygiene projects, so that more people could access clean water. We would have more minds to plan global grants projects that support prenatal services, so that more babies could live. We could fund more district grants that support literacy, so that more people could learn to read.

Today, roughly a third of our members actively support the Foundation through annual giving or other means. Imagine how we could extend Rotary's reach if we were to increase that engagement, even by just a little. More Rotarian contributions would mean additional funding for the Rotary Peace Centers, as well as more matched contributions to help eradicate polio, thanks to our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation is a powerful force that efficiently carries out impactful and sustainable projects around the world; Charity Navigator has recognized The Rotary Foundation with a four-star rating annually for 13 consecutive years. All Rotary members can be proud of this. And how great it would be if all Rotarians would support the Foundation in whatever way they could.

I have a simple request this month. Please take 10 minutes during your next club meeting to discuss ways to get more involved in the Foundation this year. It could be planning an online fundraiser to benefit the Foundation or partnering with other clubs for a global grant project.

Whatever you do, remember that our members — all of us — drive Rotary's efforts and sustain our Foundation.

John F. Germ
Trustee Chair 2021-22

Raj Kiran - Is he in mental asylum?

Raj Kiran Mahtani (born 19 June 1949) is a former Indian actor who is recognized for his work in Bollywood. Born in a Sindhi family in Mumbai, he made his debut opposite Sarika in B. R. Ishara's Kaagaz Ki Nao (1975) and achieved the crest of his career in the 1980s, having appeared in more than 100 films. He had a major flow in his career in the 1980s. In 1980, he hit the screen with his successive eight releases — Karz, Bambai Ka Maharaja, Maan Abhiman, Manokamna, Nazrana Pyar Ka, Patita, Saajan Mere Main Saajan Ki and Yeh Kaisa Insaaf.

Throughout his career, he accepted leading as well as supporting roles. He was often typecast as a romantic as well as kind hearted hero which was considered as his most loved image by viewers. Sometimes his roles were apparently flawed but at the end they turned out to be generous. His role as Gopal in Justice Chaudhury (1983) abandons his wife to blackmail his father-in-law, but it is later revealed that he has been trapped into doing so. In his role as the womanizer and alcoholic businessman in Ek Naya Rishita (1988) he falls in love with a sex worker and marries her.

Since the beginning of 1990s, his career began to slow down. Further, he made his television debut in the Shekhar Suman starrer, much acclaimed TV series Reporter (1994). Raj Kiran went into acute depression after his career had taken a nosedive. Reportedly, the actor also went through a series of domestic crises. Later, he was admitted to Byculla Mental asylum in Mumbai. He disappeared from the industry and was thought to be living as a recluse in America for many years. Deepthi Naval endeavored to look for the missing actor through Facebook writing on her timeline, "Looking for a friend from the film world his name is Raj Kiran - we have no news of him - last heard he was driving a cab in NY city if anyone has any clue, please tell..."

In June, 2011, Rishi Kapoor, on a trip to USA made a phone call to the missing actor's brother Gobind Mahtani, who told him that the actor was in Atlanta in an asylum where he was living due to a mental illness. He refused to give any more details.

In 2011, his daughter Rishika issued a public statement negating the reports of Raj Kiran being found in Atlanta. She and her family have been looking for him with the assistance of New York police & private detectives for years. However he is missing for last 19 years. **Tragic But True!**

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| NEXT MEETING NOTICE | Day & Date : Friday 20th August, 2021 | Meeting no. 1978 <i>Please join with your spouse</i> |
| | Speakers : Ms. Vaishali Joshi & Mr. Rohit Joshi | |
| | Topic : Benefits of Vastu in Modern Living | |
| | Time : 7:00 PM Venue : Bhavan's SL Public School, Amritsar | |

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has had to make. But, he adds, "face-to-face meetings remain important, as they encourage greater interaction."

The best way to increase membership is engagement, according to McInally. To better support clubs, he says, Rotary International, regional leaders, and district teams all need to engage with them. Engagement through social media will reinforce Rotary's brand and showcase the opportunities that come with it. And, he says, engagement with governments, corporations, and other organizations will lead to meaningful partnerships.

With better engagement, McInally says, "We will grow Rotary both by way of membership and in our ability to provide meaningful service."

He adds, "Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I would encourage the use of the flexibility now available to establish new-style clubs that would appeal to a different demographic."

McInally, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned

and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, chair of Queensferry Parish Congregational Board, and commissioner to the church's general assembly.

A Rotary member since 1984, McInally has been president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served Rotary International as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and vice chair of the Operations Review Committee.

McInally and his wife, Heather, are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

To learn more about McInally, read his [interview](#) and [vision statement](#), which outline his goals for Rotary.



BEVERLEY HARRINGTON
District Governor 2021-22

Rotating the Wheel

One of the many strengths of Rotary is the annual change of leadership, bringing with it new perspective and enthusiasm. Year after year, we witness our fellow Rotarians stepping forward to selflessly give of their time, energy, and expertise to guide their club.

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta told the 535 DGE's at the International Assembly last February that we need to challenge established thinking and ideas, and never get comfortable doing things the way they have always been done. He said, we have the power to change and working together we can make positive changes.

At every level, the Rotary wheel rolls. A few weeks ago, the incoming District Leadership Team spent three hours on a beautiful Saturday morning to begin to set the direction for our journey together. We started with WHY.

Why does the District exist?

Every Rotary District is administered by a District Governor, District Officers and District Committee Chairs.

These District committees reflect the committees which each individual Rotary Club maintains.

We decided our District Leadership Team's purpose is to provide information, support, and encouragement for the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in District 5050.

Then we moved to HOW.

How will we achieve that?

Everyone has been asked to write a SMART

goal on how they will fulfill their leadership role. A strategic planning session is also in the works.

Many years ago, the following quote attributed to Goethe was on my desk calendar. It changed the direction of my life.

**Whatever you can do
Or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power, and
magic in it.
Begin it now!**

As we rotate the Rotary wheel again this year, I encourage each of you to dream big, be bold, and capture the magic as together we serve to change lives. It is such an honor to be on this journey with all of you.

DG Bev

What D5050 is doing to help out with the Lytton wildfires



For those that might not be aware a wildfire levelled the village of Lytton, BC last week, as well as a number of surrounding first nations communities.

How to help out residents in Lytton: D5050 is teaming up with D5060 and D5040 and will collect funds to provide gift cards to help residents with immediate needs they may have. You and/or your club can help.

If you are a club president reading this, please consider this an official request for a donation from your club and members to support this cause.

Non tax receiptable donations can be made by clubs or individuals by e-

transfer to aurorarotarymembership@gmail.com, D5060, or by cheque/check to: **Aurora Centennial Rotary Club, P.O. Box 3201 Kamloops, V2C 6B8, British Columbia.**

D5040 has set up a donation transfer as well, **Canadian tax receipts available:**

Please indicate in your e-transfer that your donation is for BC Wildfire Relief 2021. Also, tax receipts are available on request. E-Transfers can be made to:

society@stevestonrotary.ca.

**Cheques/checks can be sent to:
Rotary Club of Steveston-Richmond Charitable Society (RCoSRCS)
12111 - 3RD AVENUE
RICHMOND, BC, V7E 3K1**

All funds will be transferred to Aurora Rotary for distribution.

This is the initial and most immediate need. There is the possibility that Rotary will be asked for volunteers to assist in staffing the Emergency Operations Centres. More information on that will be coming shortly.

**If you have any questions, please contact
Linda Mross - lindamross10@gmail.com.**

Thank you!

**On behalf of District 5050
Linda Mross
HIP Coordinator**

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Rotary Projects Around the Globe

by Brad Webber



UNITED STATES

After hundreds of Rotary clubs in Zones 33 and 34 provided millions of meals to community members in need during the inaugural year of their Feed 10 Million initiative in 2019-20, District 6910 in northern Georgia is serving up a generous portion in the food drive's second year. As of late April, the district had provided more than 2 million meals. District 6910 coordinated with the Farmers to Families Food Box program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which was designed to address the waste of produce that was left to rot in fields as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, says Randy Redner, a past president of the Rotary Club of Duluth, Georgia. "The food is paid for by the government. We provide the organization, the volunteers, and the connectivity in the local community to make sure it goes to the people who need it."

NICARAGUA



In the city of Chinandega, impoverished children scavenge at a garbage dump in search of items to resell. Frank Huezio, now a member of the Rotary Club of Kingwood, Texas, introduced his former club, the Rotary Club of Lake Houston Area, to the work of a local nonprofit called Fundación Chinandega 2001, which helps the children. Rotary members helped build a trade school, which trains students in practical skills such as woodworking, metalworking, welding, digital photography, and sewing. Funding from an expanding network of Rotary members in Texas and elsewhere also supported a hospital, a shelter for pregnant women, and a group home that helps blind children transition to mainstream schools.

LITHUANIA



To lift the spirits of health workers responding to the pandemic, members of the Rotary Club of Vilnius sv. Kristoforo treated the staff of Vilnius City Clinical Hospital with pastries "to make them feel appreciated and, hopefully, make them smile a little more often," says club member Giedrius Sulnius. Over the course of 10 Fridays concluding in late March, the club ordered 600 pastries, at a cost of \$825, from a local bakery. "We cannot visit medics, but we can help them feel appreciated," Sulnius says, while noting that documenting the "Smiles for Doctors" project proved to be a challenge. "As soon as someone tried to take a photo, the pastries were already gone."

RWANDA



The Rotaract Club of Kie is devoted to helping schoolchildren. The club, which has raised money for the Rwandan unit of SOS Children's Villages through T-shirt sales and a charity walk, heard about pupils whose families were having a hard time meeting the expenses of public school; although education in Rwanda is ostensibly free, costs still add up. The club donated books, pens, a mathematics set, and a schoolbag for each of 15 students at the GS Gahanga I School, and covered fees and school uniforms, says Musa Kacheche, club president. The club also does smaller projects, such as street cleaning and building toilet facilities for senior citizens.

JORDAN



The Rotary Club of Amman Jordan River is making beautiful music. Club member Rana Rizkallah, maestro of the Youth Orchestra at the National Music Conservancy, assembled talented musicians for a Rotary-sponsored orchestra. For musicians who do not read music but can play by ear, the orchestra offers special classes in music reading, which Rizkallah notes might open up career opportunities. For the time being, all the members are Rotaractors, but Rizkallah hopes to open the orchestra to non-members in the future. Socially distanced rehearsals began in early 2021. With its repertoire of both Western and Arabic pieces, "the goals of the orchestra include offering in-house entertainment for all events and activities we organize, to save the cost of getting outside entertainment," says Rizkallah.

HONDURAS



Food bags fill void left by pandemic

Members of the Rotary Club of Roatan, Bay Islands, Honduras, check names off a list as they distribute food bags on the island of St. Helene.

FRENCH WEST INDIES



Volcanic ash in West Indies puts animals in need

Rotary members organized a large-scale collection to feed, shelter, and provide medicine for animals affected by the volcanic ash that destroyed pastureland on the island of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

BANGLADESH



Club turns masks to bricks

The Rotaract Club of Dhaka Orchid has been collecting and cleaning used masks and gloves to mix with cement and create new products from the waste.

VENEZUELA



Venezuelan refugees find help, meals

Volunteers from Albergue Douglas distribution center provide food for people in Pamplona, Colombia in the winter of 2021.

BANGLADESH



Stopping the spread of COVID-19 in Bangladesh

Rotaract and Rotary clubs in Dhaka distributed 25,000 masks in April.

UGANDA



The 10-week session in Kampala "enabled the peace fellows to network and share experiences in and out of class," says Helen Nambaliwa Nkabala, the peace center's director.



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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we *Serve to Change Lives*, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be

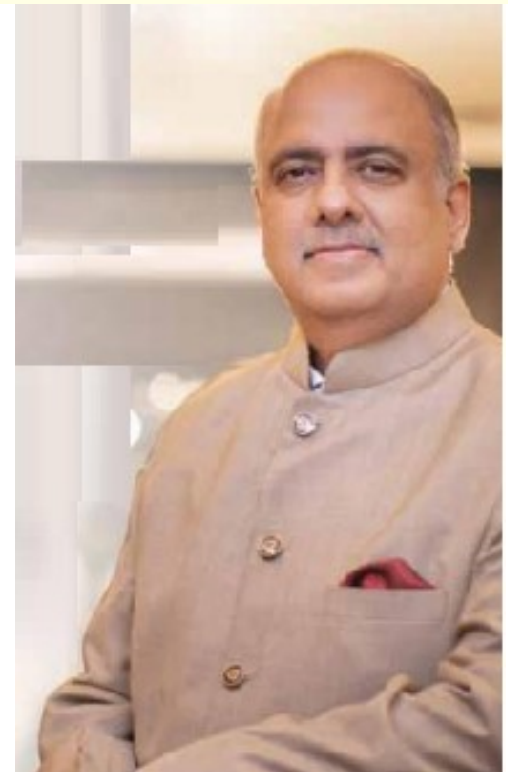
personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you *grow more*, you will be able to *do more*. Let us keep *empowering girls* through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit rotary.org to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to *Serve to Change Lives*.



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ROTARY'S NEW PARTNER ROTARY & TATAS come together for mega projects

It is a perfect match between the two legacy organisations — Rotary in the field community service for over 116 years and the Tatas, a 130-year-old corporate group — as they come together to execute grand projects across the RI's seven focus areas of action throughout India over the next five years, said RI president Shekhar Mehta, presiding over an MoU signing event between Rotary India Humanity Foundation (RIHF) and the Tata Trusts on a virtual platform.



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Rotary 2022 International Convention to be held from June 4th to June 8th in Houston

The event will bring more than 20,000 participants from around the world and deliver \$30 million in local economic impact.

The coveted international event is returning to Houston for the third time, marking the 50th anniversary of the 1972 international convention. The Bayou City also hosted the 5th Rotary convention in 1914. The event is expected to deliver \$30 million in economic impact for the city's hotels, restaurants, retailers and attractions.

Houston Host Organization Committee chair, Rhonda Kennedy, representing 62 Houston-area clubs and its 2,400 members, said, "as a proud member of the Rotary Club of Sweeny, I am excited not only to welcome our fellow members from around the world to our beloved city, but also to show how Houston-area clubs are taking action to make the world a better place at home and abroad."

"As a global membership organization that brings people from all continents and cultures together to share, learn and take action to bring positive and lasting change to communities around the world, we are thrilled that our first in-person international convention since 2019 will take place in Houston,"
 said Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta.

"And for the first time ever, our annual event will be open to members of the public who want to connect, learn and be a part of our work to grow and change lives."