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Health and Literacy initiative at a school by RCSLMK on Saturday, August 20, 2022



RCSLMK, on Saturday, August 20, 2022, had its second scheduled Eye Screening and Dental Checkup of students in another school in association with Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI) West Bengal Child care council.



The second Dental checkup and Eye Screening was held at Siddhartha Nagar Vidyasagar Uchho Bidyalay, Siddhartha Nagar, Kestopur, Kolkata 700102 on Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 11.30 hours onward.



Rtn Rajesh Chirimar's effective coordination with the School and concerned Social Activists could let 125 students and teachers stay back to assure accomplishment of student-centered projects that included eye screening, dental health awareness, and distribution of Chocolates and pens.

Planned activities started immediately after initial briefing and explaining the modality of work.



In absence of specialists in dentistry, Dr Ajit Majumder, club member and ophthalmologist, inspected oral health of students, while supervising Eye Screening by optometrists from Titan Eye. Dr Ajit Majumder explained necessity of dental and eye care and related hygiene.



On reaching the school campus, WICCI WB CCC Secretary Payal Goenka, RCSLMK members that included President Archana, Secretary Kusum, Dr Ajit Majumder and Rajesh Chirimer were greeted by school representatives.



We meet calendar months' 2nd & 4th Saturdays at GPT Group, JC 25, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700098 at 6.00 PM

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During Eye Screening 25 students were found with low vision.



The next program of Eye Screening, Health Checkup and educational supports shall be held at Dashadrone Free Primary School, about 2 kilometers from Chinar Park Crossing of Rajarhat. on Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 11.30 hours onward. Target number of students would be about 150. Crayons and drawing books shall be distributed among the students aged 5 to 8 years.



The fourth program of Cataract Screening, Health Checkup and educational supports shall be held at Bidyadhari Vidyalaya Duttabad EA Block Bidhannagar. Opposite to DA 49, Salt Lake, near Metro Rail Pillar no 50. on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 11.00 hours onward. Target number of students, in age group of 5 to 11 years, would be about 150.

Simple ideas for creating international connections

Posted on August 23, 2022 by Randy Bretz, Rotary Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, USA

If you think there's not much your local Rotary club can do to foster international relations, think again. I have some ideas for you that are relatively simple and can help establish positive relations not just among individuals but entire countries.

My club is located in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska, home of the University of Nebraska. In fact, we have four universities and colleges in Lincoln. Each semester and often during the summer, these institutions host international scholars and students. Typically, people visiting or studying at a local institution are very interested in connecting with people in the community.



An international student marks her home country on the map during a picnic organized by the Rotary Club of Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

Our club is involved in "incidental international relations" in several ways. For example, each fall after the academic year begins, we work with representatives at the campuses in our area and invite international students to participate in a picnic. We cook hot dogs and hamburgers, baked beans and corn on the cob, organize a few activities and games and just enjoy a fun Sunday afternoon at a local park in Lincoln.

One activity is to give each student an ear of corn still in the husk and ask them to prepare it to be boiled for the meal. After all, we ARE known as the "Cornhusker" state. Our members often make friends with some of the students and those friendships last even after the international students have returned home. We've shared some videos of picnics on our Youtube channel.

Another activity has been to invite international students to visit our club meetings. Recently, the University of Nebraska has hosted a number of African leaders as part of the U.S. State Department's Mandela Washington Fellows project. Each year, our club invites the 25 Mandela Fellows to join us for a meeting, and we spread them out at different tables to mingle with our members. Without a doubt, lasting friendships are made which result in ongoing communications between young African leaders and Rotarians willing to offer an idea or suggestion.

Like clubs around the world, our club and District 5650 participate in Rotary Youth Exchange programs. These exchanges have resulted in life-long family like relationships not only for the visiting students, but for the host families on both ends. It's not at all unusual for us to have visitors to our club from young men and women who were exchange students, returning to visit their Rotary families.

Bob Rauner, who helps coordinate District 5650 Rotary Youth Exchange noted, "One of the best ways to world peace is building international relationships, and Rotary Youth Exchange builds lifelong relationships between countries. It's amazing how connected former Rotary Youth Exchange students become. The Rotary Youth Exchange students develop an extensive network of connections with students from around the world during their exchanges."

It's my hope these simple ideas have sparked a thought in your mind. After all, peace is one of the cornerstones of our mission. If you use one of these ideas, or come up with your own. I'd love to hear about it below.

2022 Rotary-Peace Corps Week: Peacebuilding on the Ground

Posted on August 25, 2022 by Partnering for Peace, a group of Rotary members and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

The service partnership between Rotary International and The Peace Corps is the focus of the second annual Rotary-Peace Corps Week taking place 19-23 September 2022. Partnering for Peace (PFP), a group of Rotary members and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, is hosting the week-long virtual celebration. The Rotary community is invited to join and learn about how the partnership can support your peacebuilding and service projects.

The year's theme is Peacebuilding on the Ground and will start on Monday, 19 September at 10.00 CDT with a panel webinar including:

- **Keevon Baten**, Chief Financial Officer of Open Doors Asheville, founding Rotaract Club President and Returned Peace Corps Volunteer;
- **Charles Dambach**, President Emeritus of the National Peace Corps Association, Former President of the Alliance for Peacebuilding, 2017 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, 2017 Institute for Economics and Peace Leadership and Service for Peace Award Recipient;
- **Peter Kyle**, 2020-22 Rotary International Director, active peace builder and former chair of the Rotary Peace Center Committee;
- **Ana Patel**, U.S. Representative for Frontline Defenders, Rotary Peace Fellow, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Rotary Representative to UN Women.

The week's other events include:

Rotary statement on recent polio detections in U.S., Europe



The recent detection of the vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 case in New York, USA, and isolates in several environmental samples collected in London are stark reminders that as long as polio exists anywhere, it is a threat everywhere.

It also highlights the importance of vaccination as the only form of protection against polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases and the work that needs to be done in our communities to encourage the uptake of vaccines. Also, as the world gets closer to zero wild poliovirus cases, it is increasingly important to track all forms of the virus wherever they may appear, including in polio-free regions.

The U.S. is still considered low risk for paralytic outbreaks of polio due to the high level of vaccine coverage across the population. If a child has received the entire course of vaccines, the risk of becoming paralyzed by polio is negligible. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 92.6% of children aged 24 months are fully vaccinated against polio, slightly below the 95% World Health Organization target.

The best things countries can do to protect themselves from polio until the disease is eradicated from the world are to: maintain high vaccination coverage and robust disease surveillance and be ready to respond in the event of an outbreak to minimize the risk and consequences of polio re-introduction or re-emergence anywhere.

The world currently has a unique opportunity to stop virus transmission for good. Still, all parties, including donors and country governments, must re-commit to polio eradication by fully supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) 2022-2026 strategy. This focuses on adopting an emergency posture while generating greater accountability and ownership from country governments to eradicate wild polio and end variant poliovirus (cVDPV) outbreaks.

Rotary, a global service organization with over 1.4 million members, has been at the center of the worldwide effort to eradicate polio for over three decades. Every year, through our funding partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary commits \$150 million to the global effort to eradicate polio. We have contributed more than \$2.6 billion and countless volunteer hours to end polio forever. Together with our partners, we engage communities everywhere to encourage high vaccination rates, immunizing over 400 million children annually. More than 20 million people are walking today who otherwise would have been paralyzed because of our efforts and those of our partners in the GPEI.

The time for urgent action is now. A new vaccine has been deployed – novel oral polio vaccine 2 (nOPV2) – which is more genetically stable to stop outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus effectively. With sustained political and financial commitments, the GPEI is confident that we can achieve a world in which no child is paralyzed by polio again.

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2ND ANNUAL ROTARY- PEACE CORPS WEEK
SEPTEMBER 19 - 23, 2022
EVENT SCHEDULE

Presented by:

For more info:
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PEACEBUILDING ON THE GROUND: HISTORY OF PEACE WITHIN ROTARY AND PEACE CORPS
MONDAY | 19 SEPT 2022
WEBINAR | 11:00 AM EDT
FEATURING:
• Peter Kyle, Former RI Director
• Charles Dambach, RPCV and Nobel Peace Prize nominee
• Ana Cutter Patel, RPCV, Front Line Defenders U.S. Rep
• Keevon Baten, RPCV, CFO OpenDoors Asheville
SUMMARY:
Kick off the week learning background and current status on the theme for this week, "Peacebuilding on the Ground", through a dynamic discussion where you are sure to find inspiration for your own projects. **REGISTER HERE.**

WHAT DOES PEACEBUILDING ON THE GROUND MEAN TO YOU?
TUESDAY | 20 SEPT 2022
ONLINE DISCUSSION | ALL DAY
Visit PFP social media channels:
• [LinkedIn: partneringforpeace](https://www.linkedin.com/company/partneringforpeace)
• [Facebook: @partneringforpeace](https://www.facebook.com/partneringforpeace)
• [Instagram: @partneringforpeace](https://www.instagram.com/partneringforpeace)
SUMMARY:
Share your thoughts and discuss with others interpretations of the theme "Peacebuilding on the Ground". Participants are encouraged to comment, like, and share to get conversations around peace going across the internet. **VISIT PFP SOCIAL MEDIA.**

STRATEGIES FOR DESIGNING A ROTARY- PEACE CORPS PARTNERSHIP PROJECT
WEDNESDAY | 21 SEPT 2022
WEBINAR | 11:00 AM EDT
UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE EVENT
FEATURING:
• Leaders from three projects that demonstrate the design of a joint Rotary-PC project
SUMMARY:
Hear from those who have planned and implemented successful Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership projects. This interview-style webinar is geared toward addressing the critical details to begin a Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership project. **REGISTER HERE.**

OPEN OFFICE HOURS: QUESTIONS ABOUT ROTARY-PEACE CORPS PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS
THURSDAY | 22 SEPT 2022
DROP IN Q&A | 10:00 AM EDT
FEATURING:
• Carrie Golden, Partnerships Manager, PFP Rotary Liaison
• Ted Adams, Acting Director/Office of Strategic Partnerships, PFP Peace Corps Liaison
SUMMARY:
Drop in and visit with our Rotary and Peace Corps Liaisons, Carrie Golden and Ted Adams, and ask your questions for live responses. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to connect with Carrie and Ted during this dedicated time! **JOIN HERE.**

FRIDAY | 23 SEPT 2022
FROM ROTARY TO PEACE CORPS: CONTINUING YOUR LEGACY OF SERVICE
INFO SESSION | 2:00 PM EDT
FEATURING: a dynamic panel of Rotarians and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who discuss how a lifetime of service can be found with Peace Corps and Rotary. **REGISTER HERE.**

DEEPEN YOUR IMPACT. BECOME A ROTARY PEACE FELLOW
INFO SESSION | 3:00 PM EDT
FEATURING: current and former Rotary Peace Fellows demystify the first critical step in the Rotary Peace Fellow application process: connecting with your local Rotary District for sponsorship. **REGISTER HERE.**

CULTURAL HAPPY HOUR
SOCIAL EVENT | 4:00 PM EDT
FEATURING YOU! Bring a talking piece (traditional clothing, photo, background, etc) from your service experiences to share with others after brief remarks from PFP President, Kim Dixon, and Kim Herman, Interim President and CEO of National Peace Corps Association followed by social discussion. **REGISTER HERE.**

City of Evanston celebrates 68 years as home to Rotary International World HQ

EVANSTON, Ill. Aug. 23, 2022 With ten commemorative signs posted throughout Evanston this week, the city proudly marks its 68th year as home to Rotary International World Headquarters, where a diverse global team of 700+ professionals support the work of Rotary's 46,000 clubs worldwide to strengthen communities and improve lives.

"Rotary has been an economic anchor for decades, not only as one of our largest employers, but surprising to some, one of the largest property taxpayers in our city," said Paul Zalmezak, City of Evanston's Economic Development Manager. "Rotary's reach goes beyond corporate staff shopping and dining at local businesses. With its global membership, Rotary contributes over \$1 million to our local economy with more than 2,000 international visits annually. We are proud to house an organization that is transforming communities and positively impacting lives around the world."

The commemorative signs are located on the east side of the Sheridan Road curve and the intersections at Dempster and McCormick; Sheridan and Lake; Sheridan and Ridge; Howard and Ridge; Howard and Chicago; Golf and McCormick; Golf and Crawford; and near the Metra and CTA hubs at Davis and Church.

"We are honored to have our world headquarters recognized by the City of Evanston," said John Hewko, Rotary International CEO. "We hope these signs will make it easier for people to find us and engage those who may be curious about our organization. Evanston has been a great place to call home and our visitors are always impressed with its stunning lake views and small-town atmosphere."

On display in the lobby of One Rotary Center, located at 1560 Sherman Ave., are exhibits that are open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm, Mon-Fri. and 8 am – 12 pm Saturday, except on major US holidays, that showcase Rotary's causes, including promoting peace, fighting disease, providing safe water and sanitation, supporting education, saving mothers and children, growing local economies, and protecting the environment. Rotary's top priority is the global eradication of polio. Rotary launched its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985 and in 1988 became a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

One Rotary Center is open to tours by appointment and conference rooms offering fully-equipped, state of the art spaces and capabilities for a wide variety of safe, COVID-compliant gatherings and meetings, events, seminars, panel discussions, corporate gatherings and more are available.

About Rotary: Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.4 million members of more than 46,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

For 117 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world. It started with the vision of one man: Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on Feb. 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members. Rotary first came to Evanston in 1954, when its original building was erected on 1600 Ridge Ave.

About the City of Evanston: The City of Evanston is home to approximately 75,000 residents and is located just north of Chicago. Bordering Lake Michigan and home to Northwestern University and Rotary International, Evanston's unique beauty and character delights visitors and residents of all ages. With a vision to create the most livable city in America, Evanston celebrates the diversity of its opportunities and residents.

Brief outline of the Global Grant 1991152

Purpose: 'Fight against Anemia in Women'

Objectives: Treat women of Anemia by screening and treatment and prevent by educating them

Title: 'Matri-Raksha' - protection of mothers

Scope of work: Provide screening camps, minor and major surgeries, medicines, awareness training, healthcare professional training and providing diagnostic equipment at community health centers

Coverage: Both districts of 24 Parganas, West Bengal, India

Sponsors: Rotary clubs of Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata of District 3291, India and Nidau-Biel, Biel-Bienne, Biel-Buttenberg of District 1990, Switzerland:

Grant Partners: Rotary Foundation India, the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International,

Associates: Related Government and civic bodies, NGO's

Upcoming Matri Raksha Health Camp

Camp 7 on Sunday, August 28, 2022 at CB Block Community Hall, Salt Lake

QUOTE

"Do or do not. There is no try." -Yoda

UNWIND

From Washington DC Airport ticket agent:

An Illinois Congresswoman (Jan Schakowsky) called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m. and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m.

I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that

Birthdays of club members in August 2022

Club President IPP Archana Goyal on August 11, 2022

Club Secretary PP Kusum Chamaria on August 23, 2022

August Is Membership & New Club Development month

TAILPIECE

Clubs awarded 2021-22 Rotaract Giving Certificate

Congratulations to the 270 Rotaract clubs that have earned the 2021-22 Rotaract Giving Certificate! This award recognizes clubs in which five or more members contributed a combined total of at least US\$50 to The Rotary Foundation during the year. Each club will receive a certificate signed by 2021-22 Foundation Trustee Chair John F. Germ.

In 2021-22, these clubs contributed over US\$79,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Since 2019-20, Rotaractors have contributed more than US\$454,000 to our Foundation, which supports the life-changing work of Rotary members around the world.

Two Rotaract clubs within RI District 3291, named Rotaract clubs of Central Calcutta and Geetanjali Kolkata received the award.

25-Aug-2022