



NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH



FRANCESCO AREZZO
President 2025-26

Presidential Message November 2025

This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized

nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics — it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease.

But polio is only one story among many. Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and division into understanding. In 2023-24, nearly 100 new fellows began their studies, continuing a legacy of more than 1,800 peacebuilders from over 140 countries. When we invest in them, we are planting seeds of peace that will bear fruit for decades to come.

The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster — these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

The last mile of any great journey is always the hardest. We see this in our final steps toward ending polio, in our work for peace, and in every project that seeks to lift people out of despair. Yet every time we give, we declare that our work will continue regardless of the challenge.

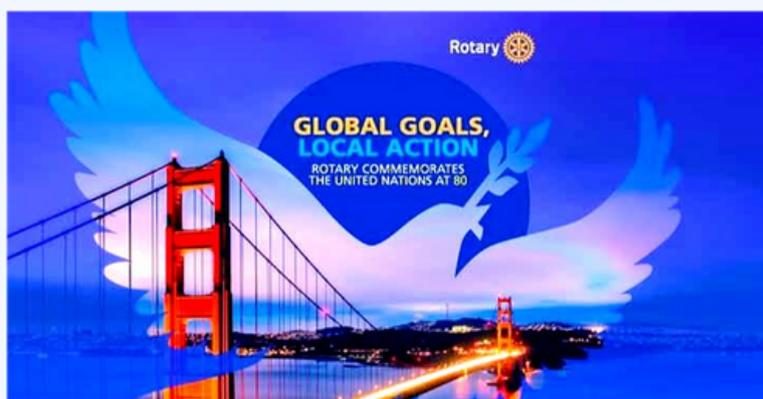
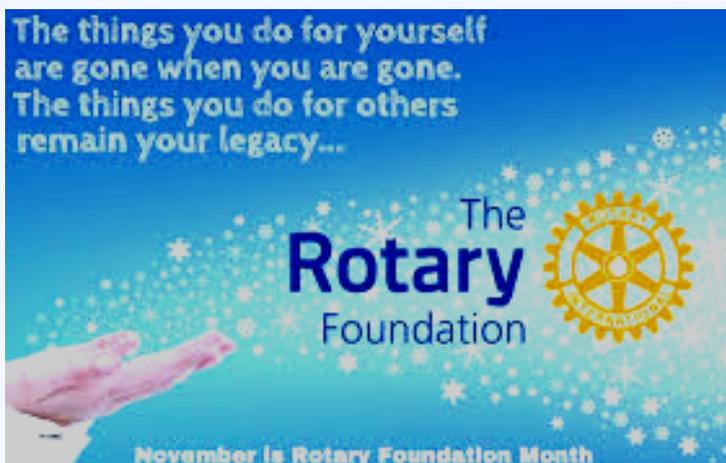
This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

Happy Birthday

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Ms. Anju Tibrewal, w/o Rtn. Anup Tibrewal which fell on November 03
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Rtn. Amrita Bhattacharya which fell on November 14
PP Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta falling on November 20
Rtn. Chandan Das falling on December 02 & Honorary
Member Rtn. Samirendu Dutt falling on December 08

Happy Anniversary

Rtn. Jayatee & Mr. Debanjan Biswas
falling on November 21
President Rtn. Sudipta & Ms. Debjani Kundu
falling on November 22
Wish you many more year of marital bliss



Global Goals, Local Action: Rotary Commemorates the United Nations at 80 - December 11, 2025 from 12 pm to 7 pm PST



HOLGER KNAACK
Trustee Chair 2025-26

Trustee Chair's Message November 2025

Many of you will remember the theme I chose as RI president in 2020-21: Rotary Opens Opportunities. I remain passionate about these opportunities and I know you do too.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, let's reflect on the many ways the Foundation makes the world better. Rotary is extraordinary, and the Foundation amplifies that impact. I encourage all of you — in Rotary and Rotaract clubs — to discover this for yourselves. Go beyond the local level and engage with

The Rotary Foundation globally. You can partner with clubs to boost literacy in Guatemala or fight malaria in Zambia. You can make a difference with clean water initiatives reaching millions or maternal health programs saving lives across continents.

It doesn't stop there. Through major impact projects like Programs of Scale, we're pursuing bold initiatives that push Rotary's potential to create lasting change further. Greater impact and greater visibility: this is our path forward.

Many of you have asked about the status of Rotary's biggest impact project in history — our long-term commitment to polio eradication. Recently, RI President Francesco Arezzo, International PolioPlus Committee Chair Michael McGovern, and I met with Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and the army leadership of Pakistan. Everyone is fully committed to eradicating polio once and for all. We were absolutely convinced by the work of Pakistan's emergency operations centers, where experts plan and coordinate vaccination.

While some governments scale back support for polio eradication, Rotary remains committed to its pledge to raise \$50 million again this year. This meeting reaffirmed our unwavering commitment to finishing this historic mission.

What excites me most is seeing how each of us can make a real difference through our Foundation. I urge everyone — especially newcomers to Rotary — to explore these opportunities. Find your passion among our areas of focus and discover projects to support, especially through global grants.

We members fund, sustain, and deliver these projects. That's why the Foundation consistently earns top ratings from Charity Navigator. If you don't want to lead a project, you can still be part of the Foundation through annual support

Our fundraising goal for 2025-26 is an ambitious \$500 million. Your gift this month will create countless opportunities. We have incredible opportunities before us, and the impact we achieve together through The Rotary Foundation is exponential. The proof is undeniable.



Today's Guest:

Rtn. Archanaa Choraria, President, Rotary club of Millennium City, RI District-3142, Mumbai.

ROTARY EXPLAINED: WHERE THERE'S A WILL

STORY BY: CHERYL LAW, ROTARY GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND ENDOWMENT / MAJOR GIFTS ADVISOR

There are many aspects to my position as Endowment/Major Gifts Advisor, but one of the ones that brings me great satisfaction is sitting down with a Rotarian and their partner (if there is one), to talk about leaving a lasting memory when they go to higher service.

Most hadn't realised that they could, and the wide variety of choices that are available. It is the satisfaction they get from knowing they will carry on changing the world, perhaps saving lives, and making a difference that is so wonderful.

Firstly, for the Rotary Foundation to be honoured in a will, is a huge privilege for the Foundation. Bequests at any level are very welcome.

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This is a fund that is in perpetuity, invested, with yearly profits that are then spent in the area chosen by the donator. Again, any amount is very welcome, but I want to talk about a Named Endowment.

A named endowment is where a minimum of \$25,000 has been gifted to the Foundation and a name has been attributed to that fund. The profits of it can go to the same choices as above, to your District or to an area of focus etc. It means your name carries on, doing good in the world, as you did in life.

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Cheryl Law with son Joshua, who died in 2023 from Sudden Death in Epilepsy. She has set up an endowment fund in his name for maternal and child health.

I wanted to do something that would carry his name on, especially for his daughter. He had always helped with Rotary projects, although not a Rotarian. When I told my granddaughter, she was so happy, so sad, so thankful and so amazed.

It's very difficult to impress a 16-year-old teenager, but this did. She asked me what happens to the reports when I die (don't you just love their directness!), and the answer is she will get them, and her children after that (if she has them). A lasting memory for her, and the family – still helping others even though Josh is no longer here.

For greater amounts, you can choose the zone, and even sometimes the area.

Donations to the Endowment Fund are welcome at any point, as a payment now or as a bequest, it can be given in memory of someone, as I did.

A named endowment can also be done in the name of a club. We have had one recently – a club closing after many years, who had funds to disperse.

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It is worth saying – if every Rotarian gave \$100 a year, that would be \$140 million a year to spend on projects. If every Rotarian were to leave a bequest, the amount of good which Rotarians could do in our communities and around the world would increase hugely.

The more governments around the world withdraw their help to those in need, both locally, nationally and internationally, the more organisation such as ours will need to step in and fill the gap. We do it with compassion and heart, but also with a solid stewardship of where the money goes, and how it is used.

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Please consider leaving a bequest to The Rotary Foundation UK (this is important, a sometimes we can claim gift aid on top of the bequest). If you already have a will, then we can provide you with a short codicil to add to your present one.

I, my team and Seamus Grant (Major Gifts Officer) would be happy to discuss any aspects of giving to the Rotary Foundation, including from non-Rotarians.

History Of The Rotary Four-Way Test

In 1932, Chicago businessman, Herbert J. Taylor was tasked with saving a company from looming Bankruptcy.

He set out to establish a list of questions employees Should ask themselves when making decisions.

Herb started with 100 words and then cut that down to 7 questions.

Still not satisfied, Herb further reduced his list of questions to a total of 4, composed of 24 words.

In 1942 the RI board adopted the Four-Way Test.

Today the Four-Way Test guides over 1.2 million Rotarians and remains unchanged from the original.

The Four-Way Test
of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Women's cricket team celebrate with the trophy at DY Patil Sports Academy, in Navi Mumbai, on 3 November 2025

Not 2025, it began in 1973. Women's World Cup win was culmination of a dream 50 years in themaking

From Shantha Rangaswamy to Jhulan Goswami & Mithali Raj, women cricketers had to fight countless battles before Harmanpreet Kaur's team lifted the ODI World Cup Sunday night

New Delhi: Social media is hailing India's 2025 ICC Women's World Cup triumph as the dawn of a new era for women's cricket. Yet few realise that this moment was built on foundations laid long ago. A journey that began in 1973 and continued over the next decades culminated in Sunday's historic victory

2025's World Cup glory belongs not only to those who lifted the trophy but also to the generations of women who, over past five decades, have fought to keep the game alive at the national and international levels, laying the foundation for this historic moment.

Former Indian women's cricket team captain Shantha Rangaswamy said that it would be "selfish" to compare the accomplishments of the 1970s with those of the current generation. However, Rangaswamy, who led the team in the late 1970s and early 1980s, emphasised that the pioneering contributions in her era will always remain an integral part of women's cricket history.

"No one can take away our credit...There were no benefits and no returns. It was our sheer love and passion for the game," Shantha Rangaswamy told ThePrint. "We laid a solid foundation for women's cricket, on which this current superstructure has been built, and today, we have won the World Cup."

India's women cricketers had fought countless battles both on and off the field before Harmanpreet Kaur's team lifted the ODI World Cup Sunday night. Pioneers such as Diana Edulji and Shantha Rangaswamy, the first Indian woman cricketer to score a Test century, played at a different time. Back then, women's cricket in India had minimal funding, visibility, or basic facilities.

The women cricketers travelled in second-class trains and slept near washrooms, and used discarded kits to play the game they loved. But there were no cash rewards or sponsorships to acknowledge their dedication.

Then came the likes of Jhulan Goswami, India's fastest female bowler and the highest wicket-taker in women's ODIs, and Mithali Raj, the world's leading run-scorer in the format, who carried that legacy forward.

They came close to lifting the World Cup twice—first in 2005, and once again, in 2017, but luck wasn't on their side. What they achieved, though, was inspiring a generation to dream of breaking boundaries in international cricket.

Celebrating the 2025 World Cup win on social media Monday, author Niranjan Rajadhyaksha posted a 1973 picture of the Indian women's cricket squad. His sister, Mukta Rajadhyaksha, was a part of the 1973 team.

TRIYA GULATI :: 05 November, 2025

Minutes of the 2160th RCM of RC Calcutta Jadavpur held on October 29, 2025, Wednesday at Casa Broadway, Kolkata at 6.30 PM.

- President Rtn. Sudipta Kundu called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests, spouses and the members present.
 - National Anthem was led by Rtn. (Dr.) Soma Banerjee and joined by all.
 - President Rtn. Sudipta briefly talked about few projects that have been carried out, in between:
 - That on October 24, 2025, the club took part in “World Polio Day Celebration 2025” at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata as a Co-Host Club where, Rtn. Manas Kumar Ghosh represented us and received the Acknowledgement Certificate. Also, the club took part in an online campaign and circulated posters to create awareness on polio and contributing to spread the message ‘End Polio Now’ for polio eradication.
 - Again on October 24, 2025, PP Rtn. Pausali Paul, Rtn. Jayatee Biswas and himself visited a home for street children in Kalikapur, Kolkata and distributed drawing books, colour pencil boxes and chocolates to these children and spent time with them. PP Rtn. Pausali Paul briefly talked about the project and suggested that if the club can plan and arrange for camps on

- On October 29, 2025, the club handed over clothes and nutritious food items to the point person to be taken over and distributed amongst the flood hit people of North Bengal. IPP Rtn. (Dr.) Mainak Sengupta coordinated the whole project.

- Further, President Rtn. Sudipta announced a few upcoming projects and requested the members to make it convenient to participate.

- On October 30, 2025, there would be a seminar cum awareness program on Thalassemia at Baruipur High School, Baruipur, South 24 Parganas led by PP Rtn. (Dr.) Chitra Mandal followed by a slogan writing competition on “Save Nature, Save Earth”.

- On October 31, 2025, the club would be taking part in a whole day program at Santospur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith, where club members would be acting as judges for different events like cooking competition, shobdojodo, debate, quiz etc. The club also would officially start a short-term course on graphic designing for the students at the precincts. Also, on the same day, cloth bags made by parents of the students from used clothes, would officially be revealed.

- On November 07, 2025, some club members will be visiting the training center at Sarenga Village, Bankura to monitor and encourage participants of the training program on tailoring, beautician course, where a water filter would also be donated. The club will also initiate a goatory project as part of its community service and donate three (3) families with two goats each, to help them to improve their financial conditions. The families have been identified and other necessary arrangements have already been made for the same.

- On November 14, 2025, on the occasion of Children’s Day, the club will be part of the celebration program at Calcutta Medical College & Hospital - LBC Unit and sponsor the food expenses. PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar briefed about the program and requested members to make it convenient to attend the program.

- President Rtn. Sudipta informed that District Bijoya-Diwali Meet “ROSHNAI” will be held on November 01, 2025 at Nicco Park, Kolkata and requested members to participate in numbers.

- President Rtn. Sudipta urged the members for TRF donation, as November is Rotary Foundation Month. He also requested members who have not yet paid the 1st half dues, to pay the same sooner than later. He also urged members to donate generously specifically for the vocational training programs that are being carried out by the club, as running these training

programs need quite a bit of funds, on a regular basis.

- President Rtn. Sudipta informed that Rtn. (Dr.) Sitaram Pal donated Rs.5000/- on the occasion of his marriage anniversary. He was presented with a potted plant and some sweets as a token of appreciation from the club.

- Next, PP Rtn. Jaydeb Banerjee informed that President Rtn. Sudipta, during his presidency, has been donating Rs. 5000.00 every month for regular club services. All those present appreciated his donation and accoladed him for this gesture. He also informed that there was an emergency need of some medicines worth Rs.12,000/-, for a LBC beneficiary at the Calcutta Medical College & Hospital, which had kindly been arranged by Rtn. Anup Tibrewal. All the attendees applauded for this kind gesture by Rtn. Anup.
- Secretary Rtn. (Dr.) Saiful Anam Mir conducted the club business and extended birthday greetings to Ms. Sucharita Das, w/o Rtn. Chandan Das falling on November 01, Ms. Anju Tibrewal, w/o Rtn. Anup Tibrewal falling on November 03, Ms. Sumita Bera w/o Rtn. Santanu Bera falling on November 05, Mr. Chandan Sengupta, spouse of Rtn. (Dr.) Sharmila Sengupta falling on November 12, Rtn. Amrita Bhattacharya falling on November 14.

Minutes of the 2159th meeting, was confirmed by the members present and the meeting was concluded, with thanks to everyone.

Finally, President Rtn. Sudipta invited all the attendees to be a part of the BIJOYA-DIWALI Meet, Fellowship and celebration of the club. The scheduled meet was enjoyed by the attendees, with fun & frolic, through a scintillating performance by team members from Banjara Notes comprising of Rtn. Shakhi Banerjee, Ms. Debjani Ghosh & Mr. Kaushik Roy.

Three Leaders of Rotary International in one frame :

President Fransesco Arezzo with President-Elect Yinka Babalola and President-Nominee Larry Lunsford, at One Rotary Center.

