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Presidential Message



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The International Day of Peace takes place 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

It is not enough, as People of Action, to simply avoid making war. If we are to Create Hope in the World, we must aggressively wage peace.

Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of violence and hardship seem endless.

My advice is to start small but think big. I look to Rotary members in Pakistan and India for inspiration.

In March 2020, about 50 Rotary members from Pakistan met about 50 Rotary members from India at Kartarpur Sahib, a shrine in Pakistan. The sanctuary honors Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, a religion practiced in both countries. Tensions between the two countries barred many religious pilgrims from India from visiting the shrine. That is, until Pakistan opened a visa-free pathway to them in 2019.

Earlier this year, Rotary members from opposite sides of the border again met at the shrine, this time with about twice as many participants.

Any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold. What these Rotary members have done is just that. The Pakistani government took an important step toward peace when it admitted Indian pilgrims to the Kartarpur Sahib shrine, but Pakistani Rotary members took the next step when they welcomed Rotary members from India as friends and family. That is Positive Peace at work.

These peacebuilders did not stop there. Club representatives at this year's meeting signed twin club certificates to recognize their long-term commitment to continue to learn from each other and to work together on more peacebuilding efforts, and they have held joint meetings via video chat.

The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated, and Rotary is making it even easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible.

A virtual exchange uses online platforms to connect people from different parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values, and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact.



New Member Mr. Ajoy Chakraborty
inducted by PDG Rajani Mukerji

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New Member Mr. Amit Pal
inducted by PDG Rajani Mukerji



We felicitated 12 teachers of Bidhannagar Ramkrishna Vivekananda school on the celebration of Teacher's Day on 8th September 2023



Sit & Draw competition at Bidhannagar Ramkrishna Vivekananda school. 75 students participated in the competition. Students was divided 4 groups. Drawings materials distributed amongst the competitors (Pencil, Rubber, Sharpener, Scall, Drawing Paper). There were 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize and Certificates for all participants.

Happy Birthday



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| Rtn. Susanta Banerjee | 14th September |
| Rtn Suchimita | 14th September |
| Rtn Ashok Guha | 24th September |
| Rishbh Verma | 28th September |

