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### Matri Raksha: fighting anemia in women

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Anemia screening and treatment camp under Global Grant 1991152 held on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Ram Krishna Biddha Asram, Panihati, North 24 Parganas in association with Rotary Aabahamaan. Eye Screening conducted also.



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The camp was meant for aged women residents of the old age home. Women on the neighborhood enjoyed the benefit.



RCSLMK gifted clothes suitable for old women.



RCSLMK members further offered simple group indoor games like Carom and Ludo. Presence of young ladies of family of Rotary Aabahamaan freshened lives of the olds.



Rotary Aabahamaan further arranged eye screening of the lady residents of the old age home.



Matri Raksha team of volunteers, as done in each camp, recorded personal details along with measured values of BP, Sugar, Hemoglobin; offered medicines and doses thereof as

prescribed by Dr Debasmita in the specific camp.



The whole program of Anemia Screening and Treatment, along with Eye Screening, sharing measured values of health parameters and offering recreation tools was supported by Sai Nath Foundation.

RCSLMK President Kusum Chamaria led effective and smooth conducting of the multi-activity camp. Dr Debasmita examined each old women, few bed-ridden, with care and patients. The volunteers offered flawless services.



In the end Sai Nath Foundation offered lunch to each Rotary member and volunteers.



As done in each camp, nutrition and personal hygiene booklets were handed over to each beneficiary of the Matri Raksha Anemia Screening and Treatment Camp.



# A celebration of 50 years in Rotary

Posted on July 26, 2023 by Michel P. Jazzar, past governor of District 2452 (Lebanon)

I will always remember 14 May 1973 for two reasons. First, NASA launched Skylab. And second, a very instrumental meeting took place that would shape my future in Rotary.



On that day, I met with the late Dr. Wahib Nini, a past district governor, who talked to me about an idea he had to form a youth-centered Rotary club. He reminded me of how I'd spoken earlier to the Rotary Club of Tripoli (where my father was a member) at the age of 20 on the topic of youth inspiration.

Tripoli had a "Club des Jeunes" in 1969, which was the first of its kind in Lebanon. We would call it a diverse club today. Events were designed to appeal to youth, which in a conservative town like Tripoli was considered a "revolution" at the time.

Nini talked to me about wanting to form a similar type of club in Rotary. Rotary International had launched a program called Rotaract in 1968 (this was prior to Rotaract being elevated to a membership status on the same level as Rotary in 2020.) He said he wanted to form a "Rotaract Club of Tripoli" and wanted my support and involvement. I had a vague idea of what Rotaract was because my father had mentioned it a few times.

The next Sunday, 20 May, I met with Nini again and we compared our visions and strategy and decided to move forward. Also present were his son, the late Dr. Nicholas Nini, and Tony Hafez, who became president of the Rotaract Club and then of the Rotary Club of Beirut before passing away from COVID-19.

I moved to France in 1974 to study dentistry and was there when the Tripoli Rotaract Club chartered. But I joined the Rotaract Club of Bordeaux and served as its president in 1976-77. Moving back to Lebanon in 1980, I joined the Rotary Club of Tripoli and oversaw the youth committee. From there, I transferred to the Rotary Club of Zgharta-Zawié and then Kesrouan, before serving as Rotary representative to the UN and District 2452 governor in 2018-19. I remain a member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.

On 14 May of this year, I was asked to moderate a session on The Rotary Foundation at the district conference held in Beirut. We were celebrating my 50 years of passion and loyal service to Rotary, counting from my role in launching the Tripoli Rotaract club and not the year I joined Rotary (1980).

What have I learned in 50 years of loyal service to Rotary? That developing a sense of belonging is as important as ever in Rotary. We've come a long way, but we still have a lot of work to do in making Rotary a welcoming and inclusive place for all.

# Improvements are coming to My Rotary: Rotary International announces

We're updating some of the core features of My Rotary to improve the site and meet our members' and participants' needs.

Throughout the year, we'll be introducing:

- An intuitive and modern design
- New site navigation
- Personalized home pages based on your role
- Improved login performance
- Enhanced search functionality to make it easier to find information, a club, or member

Discussion Groups will also be phased out by the end of 2023 and in time, replaced with a more modern online engagement forum that will allow members to make meaningful connections with one another.

These changes will occur incrementally, so visit My Rotary often to see what's new.

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#### **ROTARY HISTORY**

## Rotary's work commemorated in stamps



Members and guests of the Rotary Club of Havana, Cuba, at the printing of the commemorative stamp issued by Cuba for the 1940 Rotary convention in Havana.

Countries around the world have honored the work of Rotary with commemorative stamps since 1931, when Austria created an overprint - a later printing over an officially issued stamp - in honor of the Rotary International Convention in Vienna.

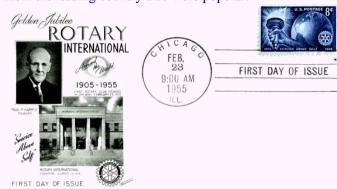


A stamp issued by Belize to honor Rotary's 75th anniversary

Stamps have commemorated other Rotary Conventions, including those held in Havana in 1940; Tokyo in 1961 and 1978; São Paulo in 1981; and Munich, Germany, in 1987.

In 1955, for Rotary's 50th anniversary, 27 nations issued commemorative stamps. Many featured familiar Rotary images such as the gearwheel, which a Greek stamp incorporated along with the number 50.

Images of Rotary founder Paul Harris and common scenes from the issuing country also were popular.



A postcard features the U.S. commemorative stamp for Rotary's 50th anniversary - the only Rotary stamp ever issued by the United States.

In 2005, Rotary's centennial inspired stamps from nations including France, Ghana, Peru, and Togo.



A stamp issued by Brazil on the occasion of the 1948 Rotary Convention in Rio de Janeiro.



A postcard and stamp issued by Monaco in honor of Rotary's 50th anniversary. The stamp appeared in the 1963 movie "Charade," starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant.



A stamp issued by Australia in 1955 in honor of Rotary's 50th anniversary.



Stamp issued by the Cook Islands in 1980 for Rotary's 75th anniversary.

Rotary's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary was honored with commemorative stamps from Benin, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Ghana, and others. The postal service of the Netherlands Antilles issued

several postcards and stamps, as well as a postage cancellation stamp in the shape of the Rotary emblem. The Maldives issued a series of stamps based on Rotary's Health, Hunger, and Humanity Grants.



One of five stamps issued by Austria in 1931 in honor of the Rotary Convention held in Vienna that year Stamps have also marked the anniversary of Rotary individual countries and depicted projects and humanitarian activities. Α 1960 Bolivian stamp bears the Rotary emblem commemorates a children's hospital sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Paz. A 1976 stamp honors 40 years of Rotary in Fiji by highlighting a club project that raised money to buy an ambulance.



A stamp issued by Japan in honor of the 1961 Rotary Convention in Tokyo.



A stamp issued by India in 1987 to commemorate the Asian Regional RI Conference in New Delhi and to promote polio immunization.

Many Rotarians collect commemorative Rotary stamps. Since 1955, a group now known as the International Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps has collected and researched Rotary-related philatelic material.

August is Membership & New Club Development Month

Upcoming Anemia screening and treatment camps under Global Grant 1991152 titled "Matri Raksha"

The 23<sup>rd</sup> camp shall be on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at Dishari. Salt Lake with Rotary Labanhrad.

The 24th camp shall be on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at Howrah in association with Spandan.

The 25<sup>th</sup> camp shall be on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at Godkhali, Sunarban with Young Indians Kolkata. Rotary Young Indians Health Clinic shall also be inaugurated. The 26<sup>th</sup> camp shall be on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at Bankura with prof Tamonash Choudhary.

The 27<sup>th</sup> camp shall be on Sunday, August 20, 2023 near Kalyani with Rotary Calcutta Galaxy.

The 28th camp shall be on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at Uttarpara with Rotary Serampore.

#### Peace Walk by the Interact club of DPS New Town

The Interact club of DPS New Town shall hold a Peace Walk in Salt Lake on Friday, August 4, 2023 from 10.00 to 11.00 hours. Rotary Salt Lake Metropolitan shall join.



IPP Archana Goyal on August 11, 2023 Priyanka Agarwal on August 21, 2023 President Kusum Chamaria on August 23, 2023

## OUOTE

"After every preterm death is a trail of loss and heartbreak. Despite the many advances the world has made in the past decade, we have made no progress in reducing the number of small babies born too soon or averting the risk of their death. The toll is devastating. It's time we improve access to care for pregnant mothers and preterm infants and ensure every child gets a healthy start and thrives in life." Steven Lauwerier, Director of Health (a.i.), UNICEF

#### UNWIND

"Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it."

# TAILPIECE

#### The Hiroshima Day

On 6 and 9 August 1945, the United States detonated two atomic bombs over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively.

Hiroshima Day is celebrated on August 9 to promote peace among nations and to create awareness about the devastating results of nuclear weapons. The day is observed every year as a reminder of the brutal killings of innocent civilians In Japan, Nagasaki Day is observed on August 9 annually.