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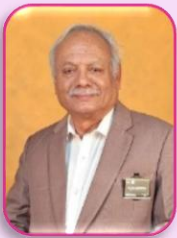
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PRESIDENT...Speaks.....




Namasthe to all my fellow Rotarians,
One month is already over in the year 2026. We, 21 members of our Club attended the district conference at Mysore from 30th Jan to 1st Feb 2026. It was one of its kind experience to have. Beautiful venue, Highly appreciated speakers and what more.... delicious food and fantastic fellowship. It was like a tour to many of us with travelling in one vehicle, enjoying every bit of it. Thank you all the members, who are all made it happen.

It is business again, District Governor Rtn Ramkrishna PK will be in Mangalore on 26th Feb, that is for his official visit to our club. So let us get ready to welcome him. There are few more service projects in line of completion, which needed members support. Finally I earnestly request the members, who have assured to donate generously to Rotary Foundation, to pay the amount by 26th Feb.

That's it, Yours in Rotary

Rtn Raghavendra Nellikatte
(President RCME 2025-26)

**WE MEET FORTNIGHTLY ON FIRST & THIRD THURSDAY
7.30 PM @ TANDOOR FAMILY RESTAURANT MANGALORE**

Rotary  **4 Way Test**
of the things we think, say, or do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Upcoming events

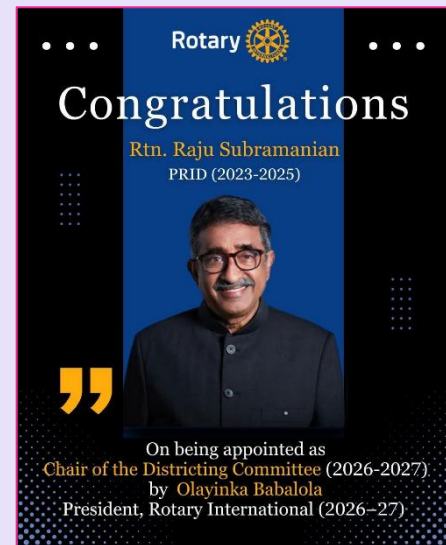
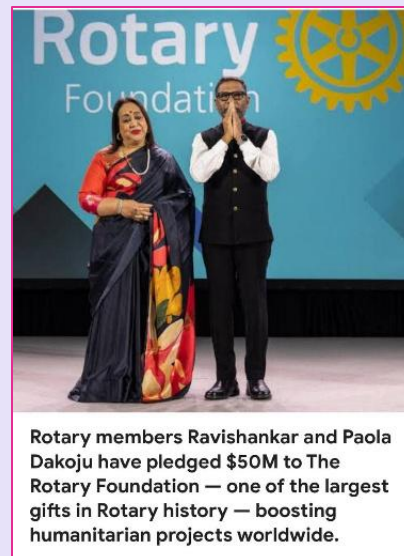
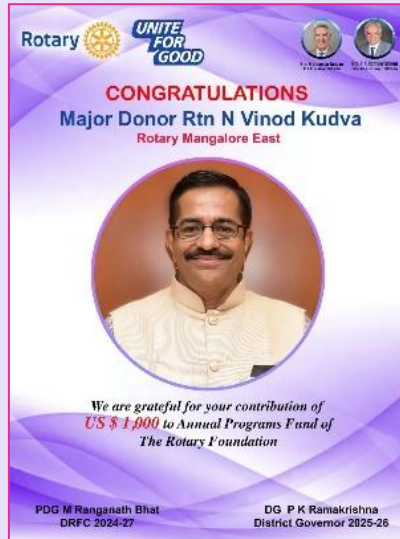


*Rotary Club of
Mangalore East
District Governor's
Official Visit*

26th Feb 2026

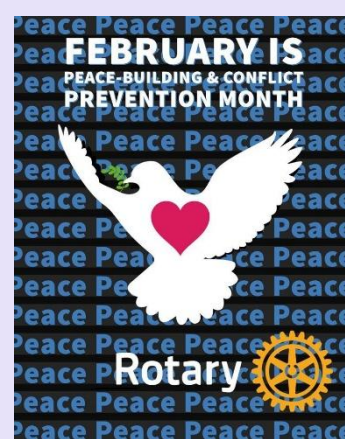
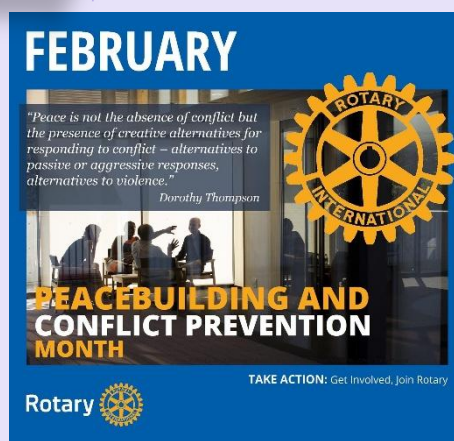


NEWS..... Around



Rtn AKS Er Muruganandam M (MMM) has been appointed as the Vice President of Rotary International for the 2026-27 term, announced in January 2026. He will also serve as a Rotary International Director from 2025-2027. He is a prominent Rotarian from Trichy, India, known for his work in business and community service.

Designated Month - February



February is Rotary International's designated month for Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, a special time in their calendar that also celebrates the anniversary of Rotary's founding on February 23, 1905, known as World Understanding and Peace Day, encouraging clubs to promote goodwill and service to build peace globally.

In today's world, divisions, whether political, religious, or ideological, often seem insurmountable. But peace begins when

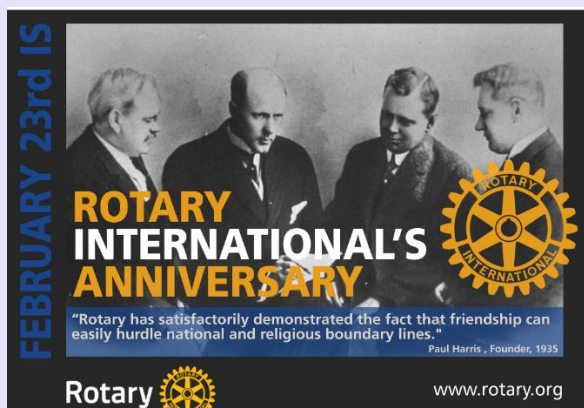
we recognize that those who see the world differently than we do, who vote for the other party, or belong to another faith, are not our enemies. They are our neighbours, our colleagues, and, in Rotary, our fellow members in service. One of Rotary's unique strengths lies in the fact that it eschews politics and religion, allowing people of vastly different viewpoints to come together in common cause to make the world a better place. This is more valuable than ever in an era when civil discourse is often lacking.

Rotary has long been at the forefront of peace building, and as Rotarians, we have the power to make a real difference. Here are some ways we can take action:

- ◊ **Promote Peace through Dialogue** – Engage in conversations that bridge differences, whether in your workplace, your club, or within your community. Hosting community dialogues or cultural exchange events can foster understanding and mutual respect.
- ◊ **Educate for Peace** – Partner with schools to introduce peace education programs that teach conflict resolution skills, emotional intelligence, and global citizenship to young people.
- ◊ **Volunteer for Mediation and Conflict Prevention Initiatives** – Consider supporting local mediation programs, participating in restorative justice initiatives, or helping to resolve disputes in your community.
- ◊ **Join or Support a Rotary Peace Project** – Whether it's building a peace garden, sponsoring a Rotary Peace Fellow, or collaborating with Rotary Peace Centers, your club can contribute to long-term peace efforts.
- ◊ **Spread Kindness in Daily Life** – Small acts of kindness—listening with empathy, offering support to someone in distress, or simply promoting a culture of respect—can help create an environment where peace thrives.

Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," reminds us that every act of service contributes to a more peaceful world. This month, let us reflect on how we can play a role in building peace—locally and globally. Let's be intentional in fostering tolerance, understanding, and cooperation.

ROTARY---ANNIVERSARY DAY 23rd FEB



Founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, Rotary is now a global organization with 1.17 million members dedicated to making the world a better place.

Since its inception, Rotary has carried out countless humanitarian and professional initiatives. Its PolioPlus program has reduced polio by 99.9%, protecting millions of children. The organization also works in the fields of health, access to clean water, education and literacy, peace, the environment, and economic development. These 121 years are an opportunity to celebrate these achievements and to continue our commitment to the most vulnerable.

Each club, each Rotarian contributes, in their own way, to writing this story of solidarity. Together, let us continue to apply "Service above self" and promote Rotary's values around the world.

EARLY YEARS OF ROTARY

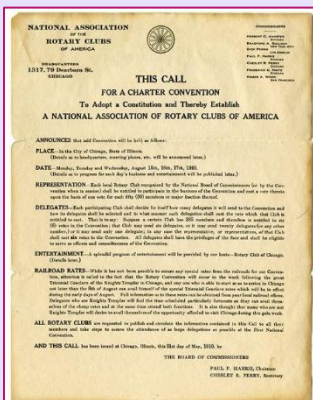
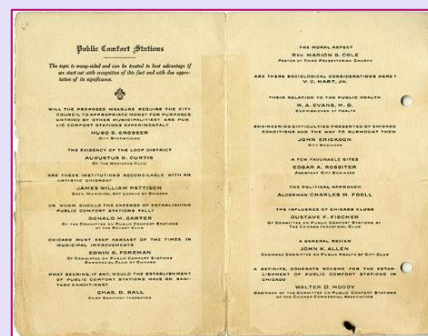


The first four Rotarians: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris.

Attorney Paul P. Harris convenes the first Rotary meeting on 23 February 1905 in **Chicago, Illinois, USA**. Harris envisions a professional club that brings together local men from a variety of vocations.

In 1907, the Rotary Club of Chicago meets with civic organizations to discuss the need for comfort stations (public toilets) to improve sanitation in the city.

1908: Rotary's second city, San Francisco, California, USA, becomes the second city to have a Rotary club in November.



1910: Clubs form an association, Members representing 16 Rotary clubs gather at the first Rotary Convention in Chicago in 1910. They create the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America, adopt a constitution and bylaws for the organization, and elect a board of directors. As members of the association, Rotary clubs remain autonomous but share core values.

Notice for a convention to establish an association of Rotary clubs, May 1910

EARLY YEARS OF ROTARY

1911: The Rotarian magazine

Rotary publishes the first issue of The Rotarian magazine in January 1911, with the purpose of delivering standard messages to all clubs and sharing news from clubs and members. The magazine's name changes to Rotary in 2020.

The Rotarian magazine was originally called The National Rotarian. The first issue included an essay written by Paul Harris and club news items.



1911: Our Motto

Rotarians at the 1911 convention embrace an early version of our primary motto, Service Above Self. They also adopt an early version of our secondary motto, One Profits Most Who Serves Best. Two slogans were formally approved as official mottoes in 1950: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self.

A name badge from the 1928 Rotary convention features both mottoes.



1912: Rotary becomes International

Rotary becomes an international organization with the chartering of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in April 1912. To reflect this, the organization changes its name to the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The name Rotary International is adopted in 1922.

The chartering of a club in London, U.K. in August puts Rotary in Europe. Although the Rotary Club of Dublin, Ireland, had been organized earlier, it wasn't chartered until May 1913. Rotary's presence spreads to continental Europe with the chartering of a club in Madrid, Spain, in January 1921.

In May, Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland form the British Association of Rotary Clubs to facilitate connections among the growing number of clubs there. In 1922, the name is changed to Rotary International - Association for Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) and the relationship with Rotary International further defined.

1917: The Rotary Foundation

Rotary president Arch Klumph proposes establishing an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world," which becomes a precursor to The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, makes the first donation of \$26.50. In 1928, the Foundation is formally named and a Board of Trustees is created.

Rotary expands to South America with the chartering of a club in Montevideo, Uruguay, in February 1919. In 1920, a club is chartered in Argentina. Brazil becomes the third country on the continent to have Rotary clubs in 1923.

Rotary holds its first International Assembly in Chicago, an annual training event for incoming leaders. The practice would continue yearly, building connections between incoming leaders worldwide.

A Rotary club is chartered in Manila, Philippines, in June 1919, and in Shanghai, China, four months later.

The Rotary Club of Calcutta becomes the first club in India in January 1920.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne becomes the first club chartered in Australia in April. In May, Rotary chartered clubs in Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand. Rotary reaches Africa in July with a club in Johannesburg, South Africa.

1943: The Four Way Test

Rotary adopts The Four-Way Test, one of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics. Herbert J. Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, drafted the test in 1932 to help an aluminum company on the verge of bankruptcy during the Great Depression.



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ಕೋಟೆಕಾರ್ ನ ಹೋಟೆಲ್ ಪರಿವಾರ ದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾ| 10.01.2026 ರಂದು ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಸಮಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿ PDG Rtn ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಕಾರಂತ್, ಸಾಹಿತಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಪಿಲಿಕುಳ ನಿಸರ್ಗಧಾಮ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್ ಜಿ ಮೋಹನ್, ಶ್ರೀಶ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘ ದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಹಾಗೂ ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಲಬ್ಬಿನ ಮಾಜಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಗುರುರಾಜ್, ರೋಟರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ 3181 ಇದರ RCC ಚೇರ್ಮನ್ Rtn ಆನಂದ್ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ, ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಆದ Rtn ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ನೆಲ್ಲಿಕಟ್ಟೆ, ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ Rtn ಧೀರಜ್ ಶೆಟ್ಟಿ ಮತ್ತು RCC ಚೇರ್ಮನ್ Rtn ಜೈಕುಮಾರ್ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.



ರೋಟರಿ ವರ್ಷ 2000-2001 ರಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾಗಿದ್ದ ಎಂ ಎಸ್ ಗುರುರಾಜ್ ರವರ ಸಹಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ Rtn ಜೈಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರ ಮುತುವರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆರಂಭಗೊಂಡು ರೋಟರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ 3180, 3181 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮ ಸೇವಾ ನಿರತ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ಆಗಿ ಹೊರ ಹೊಮ್ಮಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಥಮ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಗಣೇಶ್ ಇವರಿಂದ ಮೊದಲೊಂದು ರಜತ ವರ್ಷದ

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Over the years members of RCC Kolya Someshwar had done many excellent projects, which includes ongoing projects like anti rabies vaccination & pet adoption camp, supporting Abhayashrama, beach cleaning, planting, maintaining social garden etc. The bonding among the members and committed involvement of senior members like Seetharam Karkera, Anand, Jayadev, Kusumakar, Harish Shetty.....to name a few, RCC Kolya Someshwara could achieve a lot in these 25 Years of Rotary journey. **HAT'S OFF TO Rtn Jaikumar Kolya**, who mentored, nurtured, fostered RCC since its inception.

Congratulations to Rotary Community Corps Kolya Someshwara



Rotary International Assembly & RI President's message for 2026-27 revealed



It has officially begun and underway in Orlando, Florida at Rosen Shingle Creek, the International Rotary Assembly, which brings together leaders from around the world in preparation for the 2026-2027 Rotary Year. During the inaugural session the motto of the year was revealed, which will lead Rotary next year:

"CREATE LASTING IMPACT"

A strong and universal message, presented not only in English and Italian, but also in the numerous languages visible in the images, testifying to Rotary's global and inclusive dimension.

The Assembly was opened with a greeting from International President-Elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola, officially kicking off a week of training, inspiration and vision.

Also, present Lina Ricciardello Governor-Elect of District 2110, who proudly represents our district in this important international appointment.

Together, we're ready to "CREATE LASTING IMPACT" - "Create a lasting impact".

Speech of RI President Elect Olayinka H. Babalola

RI President Elect Olayinka H. Babalola urges members of Rotary to '*Create Lasting Impact*' at the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA

Rotary International President-elect Olayinka H. Babalola called on members to Create Lasting Impact by making their clubs more welcoming, carrying out impactful projects, and allowing their Rotary experiences to transform them personally.

"Rotary has changed us. It has shaped who we are and made us better people," Babalola said at Rotary's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 12 January. "We often talk about changing the world. We talk about ending polio, about building peace. We do not think enough about how Rotary transforms us."

Babalola, a member of the Rotary Club of Trans Amadi, Nigeria, described how joining a Rotaract club as a teenager enlarged his perspective beyond the limited, privileged outlook he'd once had. That change in awareness came from observing the lasting impact his club had in the community, particularly from teaching people to read and write.

"As members of Rotary, we share a vision of a better future," he said. "To make this vision a reality, we must acknowledge and unleash the change within ourselves. We must focus not only on outcomes, but on impact."

Change and impact are not the same, he added: "Change is only the beginning. Impact is what endures."

Understanding impact

Rotary members have made an impact by expanding early childhood education in Knysna, South Africa, and increasing access to prenatal care in Nigeria, Babalola said. The Rotary Club of Knysna empowered local women to open and manage early childhood education centers.

"The project has reached thousands of children and families, and it will continue to provide education in those communities for generations," Babalola said. "We can recreate this kind of impact in other parts of the world, and in doing so we can earn the trust and recognition of our neighbors in the communities we serve. And when more communities trust Rotary, more people want to join."

Babalola also described the wide-ranging impact of Together for Healthy Families in Nigeria. The initiative to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality rates received a US\$2 million Rotary Programs of Scale grant in 2022.

"Before Rotary's intervention, many women avoided prenatal care, which is essential to ensuring a safe birth for both mother and child," he said. "After working with Rotary, systems were put in place to help expecting mothers receive prenatal care. The community was involved. Attendance went up. Mortality went down. That project [will] transform lives across Nigeria for decades."

Extending a welcome

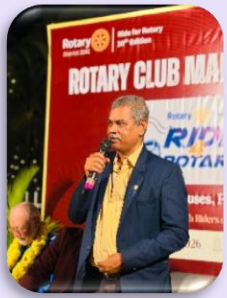
Babalola urged members to take a more open, welcoming attitude toward newcomers to their clubs. He described how, when he was a Rotaract club member eager to join a Rotary club, the president of the Rotary club treated him with scorn.

"He said, 'What audacity! You cannot just join. You need an invitation,'" Babalola recalled. "I could have walked away. Instead, I said, 'I didn't know a child needed an invitation to enter his parents' home.'"

While things have changed since that time, Babalola said, they haven't changed enough. Some clubs close themselves off instead of "embracing the world with open arms," he said. Young people aren't necessarily treated with respect, he added, and people with different ideas and backgrounds aren't always made to feel welcome. He urged members to think about how they could better welcome others. "You never know whose Rotary story might begin — or end — based on the way you make them feel at a meeting or service project," he said.

Another way members can focus on personal change, he said, is to aim to do better than their best. He urged district leaders to examine their past successes in raising funds, planning projects, and recruiting members. Then, he said, they should challenge themselves to surpass their past triumphs. "When we change ourselves, we change our clubs and districts," he concluded. "When we change our districts, we change the communities we serve. And when we change our communities, we create lasting impact across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."





Our club hosted delegates of RIDE FOR ROTARY-10 On 17.01.2026 @AJ Grand Elite Mangalore. 22 international riders from 10 different countries Were part of this event. It was started on 5th of Jan at Vizag and ended on 21st Jan at Mysore. IPDG Rtn Vikram Datta, AG Rtn Shantharam Shetty And District Chairman Ride for Rotary Rtn Vinayak Prabhu were guest for the wonderful evening. After traditionally welcoming the delegates to the Pit stop event, club President Rtn Raghavendra Nellikatte and the guests shared their views. The delegates spoke about their experiences since the Flag off and lauded the hospitality extended to them. One of our cultural heritage "Pili Nalike" was arranged to entertain the audience. Many Rotarians of different clubs of our district attended the event, which was full of fun and fellowship. Several clubs exchanged club flags with overseas Rotary clubs represented by the riders.

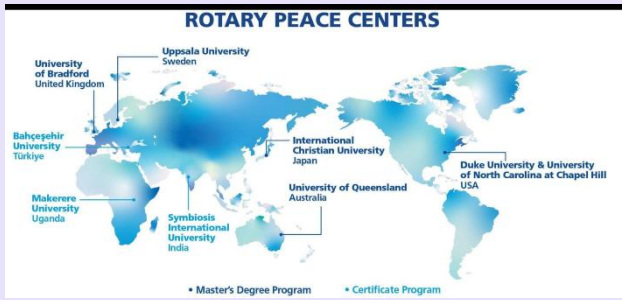
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ROTARY PEACE CENTER



On 26th Jan 2026, we celebrated the official launch of the new Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University (SIU) in Pune, it is the 1st in India and 8th in the world. It is made possible by the past, present, and future support of Rotary members, Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni, and our esteemed university partners at Symbiosis. Together, the community of Symbiosis International Deemed University and Rotary clubs and districts in

India marked the occasion with a series of meaningful events that included an inauguration ceremony and ribbon cutting, a campus peace pole unveiling, and local Rotary district celebrations. Thank you to Symbiosis Founder and Chancellor Dr. S. B. Mujumdar and Pro Chancellor Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar and Rotary International President Francesco Arrezo, Trustee Chair Holger Knaack, and Trustee Bharat S. Pandya for sharing inspiration, joy, and commitment to fostering peace in leading these memorable events.



We were also joined by several Rotary Peace Fellowship alumni from India who spoke at the inauguration ceremony about their social impact work — demonstrating the scope of peacebuilding that future SIU peace fellows will accomplish. Many other aspects of the program made it special, including cultural expressions of India through dance and music, flag presentations from SIU international students symbolizing peace, and an audience sing-along to "We Are the World" that lit up a darkened auditorium with collective lights of hope.

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Rotary International President Monthly Message

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President 2025/2026

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At last month's International Assembly, President-elect Olayinka "Yinka" Hakeem Babalola called on members of the Rotary world to live out our presidential message for the 2026-27 Rotary year: Create Lasting Impact.

This February, as we observe Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, we have an opportunity to channel Yinka's call to action into real change.

Peace is not simply the absence of war. A life free from conflict but marked by hunger, instability, or the inability to care for one's family is not true peace. Peace requires liberty, opportunity, and respect for human dignity. Yet fear often blocks that path — fear of change, of cultural loss, of people we don't understand.

Fear isn't defeated through avoidance or aggression. Knowledge is the first step toward peace. Rotary embraces this idea. Our Rotary Peace Centers and their peace fellows, along with other peace education initiatives, demonstrate how knowledge builds trust and helps communities find solutions to conflict.

In Colombia, decades of conflict have left deep wounds. The 2025 Rotary Foundation Programs of Scale awardee, Pathways to Peace and Prosperity, partners with the United Nations World Food Programme to expand opportunity, improve conflict resolution, and connect people with social services. Its goal is to break cycles of violence, poverty, and food insecurity so peace can take root.

In Maharashtra, India, People of Action honoree Swati Herkal built peace through prosperity. Her project confronted farmers' declining soil health, rising debt, and illness caused by chemical fertilizers. She and her Rotary partners launched a regenerative agriculture program that revitalized the land, lowered costs, and restored stability. More than 1,100 farmers now participate and over 50 villages have adopted the model.

Rotary also advances peace by restoring dignity. In Chad, Rotary Peace Fellow Domino Frank discovered that more than 1,500 women who fought in a rebellion had been erased from reintegration programs. His advocacy led to Chad's first Rotary Foundation global grant and the creation of Corridors of Peace. More than 100 women — triple the goal — completed literacy and vocational training and formed a cooperative to support their families.

From Colombia to India to Chad, the lesson is clear: Peace is not a dream. It is the result of sustained action with a focus on true, lasting impact. To replicate these successes, Rotary clubs can take three steps: Learn from peace fellows and other peace experts in our organization, apply a peacebuilding lens to community assessments, and prioritize impact over ceremony.

In a world filled with fear, Rotary cannot be satisfied with half-measures and empty words. If we are truly people of action, then action must define us. Together, we can Create Lasting Impact — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Accomplishments.....



Annette Rakshith Kumar J S/O Rtn Jaikumar Kolya won the Prestigious "The Ultimate Pitch XI", conducted by Reliance Corporate Park Mumbai. Contestants from all over India Participated in the competition.

Congratulations to him and his proud parents.....

From Rotary District Conference@ Mysore - SNEHA SOURABHA



