



DIWALI
Festival of Lights

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Presidential message



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.

“ My Dear TiTEN Rotarians,



November resonates deeply within the Rotary movement — it is our moment to celebrate The Rotary Foundation, where every contribution becomes a catalyst for a better tomorrow. This is the time when every Rotarian is encouraged to pause, reflect, and reaffirm our commitment to the very heart of Rotary — The Rotary Foundation (TRF) — the engine that fuels our humanitarian dreams and converts compassion into sustainable action.

“ My Dear Rotarian Family members

As we step into the crisp, reflective month of November, our hearts fill with gratitude for all that Rotary continues to make possible. November holds a special place in the Rotary calendar as we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month — a time to honor the generosity, compassion, and vision that fuel our mission to create lasting change across the world.

The Rotary Foundation stands as the heart of all meaningful service — a beacon that transforms contributions into hope, and hope into action. Every rupee, every effort, and every idea you share strengthens this pulse of humanity, reaching lives in villages, schools, hospitals, and disaster zones across the globe. This month, I humbly appeal to all Rotarians to contribute generously to TRF. Your donations empower education, eradicate disease, and pave pathways for peace and prosperity.

As the season of thanksgiving and light dawns upon us, let us also take a moment to reflect on the immense joy of giving. Each project you undertake, each hand you extend, becomes a ripple in Rotary's ocean of goodwill.

With the joyous festivals of Diwali still illuminating our spirits and Children's Day reminding us of our responsibility toward the next generation, let us continue extending care and warmth wherever needed. May this month inspire us to strengthen our bonds of fellowship and intensify our collective resolve to build vibrant, self-reliant communities.

The Rotary Foundation stands as our collective promise to create lasting change. Its contributions have illuminated countless lives through literacy programs, polio eradication, water and sanitation projects, heart surgeries for children, and empowerment of communities across continents. Each dollar given transforms into hope for someone in need — building bridges of peace, trust, and progress across the world.

This November, as we honour the Foundation's legacy, let us each embrace our duty as Rotarians — to give generously, to serve wholeheartedly, and to lead with compassion. Our contributions to TRF are not merely donations; they are investments in humanity, ensuring that Rotary's good work reaches where it's needed most.

I urge every Rotarian of our District to contribute to The Rotary Foundation — be it through the Annual Fund, Polio Fund, or Endowment Fund — and to participate actively in club projects that mirror Rotary's areas of focus. Let every project we undertake this month carry our shared spirit of Service Above Self.

Together, let us strengthen our legacy as torchbearers of goodwill and champions of hope. In giving, we truly enrich the world — and ourselves.

As we move through this season of gratitude and celebration, I extend warm festive greetings to all Rotarians and their families. May this festive season—filled with lights, joy, and togetherness—inspire us to continue serving with renewed enthusiasm and compassion. Let the festive spirit illuminate our commitment to building stronger, kinder, and more inclusive communities.

With warm regards and Rotary spirit,
Harsh Makol
District Governor, Rotary Year 2025-26

Together, through the flame of the Rotary Foundation, we are lighting lives. Let us keep that flame alive — brighter and warmer than ever. Wishing you and your families peace, prosperity, and a heartfelt season of giving.



With warm regards,
Priya Makol
First Lady, District 3142



President Rtn. Daly's monthly message

My dear Skyliners,

As the lights of Diwali fade, their glow continues to warm our hearts and remind us of the deeper meaning of illumination, the light of kindness, compassion, and togetherness. Though the festival has passed, its message remains alive in our Rotary spirit.

This Diwali season was truly special for our club. We had the privilege of bringing light to the visually impaired through our White Cane Distribution program, a moment that touched every heart and reaffirmed our purpose of service. Adding to the joy was our Diwali Night celebration, which was a grand success. The laughter, fellowship, and vibrant energy shared that evening reflected the unity and warmth that define us as Rotarians.

As we look ahead, may we carry forward this light, serving with joy, celebrating togetherness, and working towards a future filled with hope, compassion, and purpose. Let's continue to spread the brightness of Rotary in every way we can.

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Rtn Daly John



Ending polio forever
Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 35 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. We started in 1979 with vaccinations for 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic.

Help us in the final push.

Glimpses of Diwali celebrations



Our club came alive for a spectacular Diwali function that truly embodied the spirit of the Festival of Lights. Members and their families enjoyed an evening of delicious traditional cuisine, mesmerising cultural performances, and the joy of exchanging sweets and good wishes. It was a wonderful time for our club to come together, celebrate the victory of light over darkness, and strengthen our bonds.





PP. Satish Watwe donated a fully equipped computer lab, consisting of six setups, to our adopted Anmol School to upgrade an outdated system.



IPP. Murli and Rtn. Reetu delivered an engaging presentation in our "Tapestry of Life" series, sharing their experiences and the joy of their life story.





Our club proudly celebrated its annual White Cane Day with nearly a hundred visually impaired attendees. To promote safe and easy mobility, we distributed 400 canes to them, a vital tool for their daily lives. The guests were also treated to refreshments and gifts, making it a memorable and impactful occasion.



Value of Intuition

Intuition is important for a variety of reasons, playing a crucial role in decision-making, creativity, and personal well-being. It is often described as an instinctive understanding or "gut feeling" that arises without conscious reasoning. While it may seem mysterious, modern psychology views intuition as a cognitive process that relies on our brain's ability to quickly and unconsciously process a vast amount of information from our past experiences and stored knowledge. Here's a breakdown of why intuition is so valuable:

Fast and Efficient Decision-Making: In situations where there is limited time or a lack of complete information, intuition allows for rapid decision-making. It enables us to make quick judgments based on patterns our brains have recognized from previous similar experiences, even if we can't consciously articulate the reasoning. This is particularly useful for professionals in fields like medicine or business, who often have to make complex, time-sensitive decisions.

Aiding Rational Analysis: Intuition and rational analysis are not mutually exclusive; they work best when used together. Intuition can serve as a "launchpad" for more deliberate thought, providing an initial direction or hypothesis that can then be backed up with facts and data. It can also help when there are two seemingly equal alternatives, guiding you toward one over the other.

Enhancing Creativity and Innovation: Intuition is closely linked to creativity. It allows us to make connections and see patterns that a purely logical approach might miss, leading to new ideas and innovative solutions. Artists, writers, and entrepreneurs often rely on their intuition to guide their creative processes and inspire new ventures.

Promoting Personal Safety and Well-being: Your "gut feeling" can act as an internal warning system, alerting you to potential danger or toxic situations. This could be a sense of unease in a particular location, or a feeling that something is "off" in a relationship. Paying attention to these signals can help you make choices that protect your physical and emotional health.

Building Self-Trust and Confidence: Learning to trust your intuition is an act of self-confidence. By listening to your inner voice and seeing how it guides you, you build trust in your own abilities and judgment, which can be empowering and lead to a more purposeful life.

It's important to note that intuition is not infallible. It can be influenced by cognitive biases, emotions, and past traumas. The key is to use intuition as a valuable tool in conjunction with critical thinking and rational analysis, rather than relying on it blindly.