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My dear Rotary Surat West family,

January is #CervicalCancer Awareness month

Why so many people are still dying of cervical cancer, and what Rotary is doing about it ???

Women diagnosed with cervical cancer are almost twice as likely to die than those diagnosed with breast cancer. Yet cervical cancer is a disease that is preventable and treatable. What's going on?

About 90 percent of the women killed by cervical cancer — more than 340,000 in 2020 — live in low- and middle-income countries, where access to prevention, screening, and treatment is severely limited. And reproductive care remains a taboo topic, even when it means people are dying as a result.

The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than \$10.3 million in global grant funding for cervical cancer projects since 2014, and other Rotary projects, such as an initiative in Alabama, have tackled this issue outside of global grant funding. In addition, \$2 million was awarded to United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt as part of the third annual Programs of Scale competition. The Foundation awards these grants to evidence-based programs that align with at least one of Rotary's causes and are ready for expansion to create larger-scale change.

The four-year program in and around Cairo will vaccinate more than 30,000 girls ages 9 to 15 to prevent infection with the human papillomavirus, which causes the disease. It will provide cancer screenings for 10,000 women — allowing for early detection and treatment — and launch a public awareness campaign to reach 4 million people, helping address cultural misconceptions that may deter people from seeking care.

Lets us Join Hands to spread awareness about Cervical Cancer and ways to prevent it...

Regards

Rtn Mausam Jalan

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Game Night – 17.01.2024

Rotary Club of Surat west Organised a super fellowship Event – Game Night hosted by Rtn Mausam Jalan and supported by Rtn Sanjay Jalan.





Members had a Gala time with delicious food at the Centre Court Garden and exciting games and wonderful fellowship.

Welcome speech by President Rtn Sonal Shah

Birthdays and Anniversaries gifts for the month of December and January were also given to the members

Recognition for Clubs of Surat for their Contribution to TRF during the Tenure of PDG Rtn Santosh Pradhan – 25.01.2024

President Sonal, PP Bhavesh and PP Mitesh attended the ceremony by PDG Santosh Pradhan to recognise clubs of Surat area for their contribution to TRF, during his tenure as the DG.

Specially designed Rotary school bags for each contributing member, were handed over to the clubs.

RC Surat West was the second highest in Surat, with 71 members, achieving EREY status.

Once again, congratulations to PP Mitesh and team !!

PP Bhavesh was also called to the stage, for his support as the District Secretary for the year. Looking forward to the school bags distribution, and happy faces of beneficiary kids !!!



Republic Day Celebrations at our adopted school SMC school 199 , Vadod .

Members of Our Club attended the Republic Day Celebration at SMC School under Project Chair – Rtn Ritu Goel



Movie Day – 28.01.2024

Rotary Club of Surat West organised a special Show for the Movie Fighter at Valentine Multiplex for its members under Event Chair – Rtn Kinjal Mehta.



70 Rotarians and family members gathered for the movie "Fighter". Almost everyone came in the dress code of "**Blue and White**"

That shows how well connected and aligned we are, as the West family. People started gathering around noon, and then followed an hour of banter, hugs, cheers, photos.

Kudos to the dynamic pair of Hon Secretary Meeta, and President Sonal for another memorable fellowship

RI President's Message- February 2024

Light the path out of dark days



In difficult times like these, it's impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction.

Rotary always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times.

But we also take our position as an international, nonpolitical, nonreligious organisation seriously. To respect the global perspectives and experiences of our members, and to work most effectively in our peacebuilding efforts, we do not choose sides in conflicts.

Rotary is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive

to ensure that our words and actions prioritise the health and safety of our global –membership and the communities where we live and serve.

Our members seek to offer humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict, and our global reach requires that we promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention with cross-cultural, cross border connections and friendship through Rotary.

For decades, Rotary has harnessed these connections to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, and –establish programmes like Rotary Peace Centres to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Rotary members who wish to wage peace can use district grants and Rotary Foundation global grants to support projects with other Rotary members that help refugees and displaced people, provide medical support, and more worldwide. Members can also work with or join peace focused Rotary Action Groups, Friendship Exchanges, Fellowships, and intercountry committees. And District Designated Funds or district cash can support our peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.

Members and non-members alike can learn more about peacebuilding through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy, a free online course available to anyone with an internet connection. You can find it at positivepeace.academy/rotary.

There is no denying that incidents of violence and atrocities being perpetuated around the world seem to be escalating. Global peace is fragile, and the stakes are getting higher.

Still, we know that it is possible to bring all people together to work toward a shared goal. Rotary members do so every day in every part of the world. May our ability to unify in common purpose be a spark that helps light the path out of these dark days.

Together, let's Create Hope in the World.

Gordon McInally

President, Rotary International



Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million members who strive to make positive change. From protecting the environment to fighting disease, our mission is to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and ourselves.

What is Rotary.....What we Do



WHAT IS ROTARY

- #1 **SERVICE ORGANIZATION** the PLANET
- Instrumental in the CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
- THIS CLOSE to eradicating POLIO FROM THE WORLD
- Is a community of **1.4 MILLION MEMBERS** in over 200 countries
- Brings people together from all backgrounds, religions & nationalities as a collective whole to **SERVE & TRANSFORM** the world
- Charity Navigator has ranked the "The Rotary Foundation" with a 4-star rank for over 13 years in a row

Together, we see a world where **people unite and take action to create lasting change** — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

WHAT WE DO

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water & sanitation
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment
- Share cultures



Rotary is a **trusted partner and resource**. With members and projects in almost every part of the globe, **there's no limit to the good we can do**. Come join us!

Rotary International Data :

Courtesy PDG Rtn Devendra Shastri

Rotary at the start of the United Nations



Rotary and the United Nations have a shared history of working toward peace and addressing humanitarian issues around the world.

During World War II, Rotary informed and educated members about the formation of the United Nations and the importance of planning for peace. Materials such as the booklet "From Here On!" and articles in *The Rotarian* helped members understand the UN before it was formally established and follow its work after its charter.

Many countries were fighting the war when the term "United Nations" was first used officially in the 1942 "Declaration by United Nations." The 26 nations that signed it pledged to uphold the ideals expressed by the United States and the United Kingdom the previous year of the common principles "on which they based their hopes for a better future for the world."

Officials from Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the United States met in Moscow in 1943 and called for the creation of an international organization to maintain peace and security.

The next year, representatives of those countries plus China held conferences in Washington, D.C., to discuss how to go about this monumental task. Those sessions became known as the Dumbarton Oaks conference, where delegations from the four countries developed a proposal for the structure of the new organization.

After the conference, Rotary published “What Can Rotarians Do Following Dumbarton Oaks?” It included the proposed charter, talking points, and suggestions for discussing with club members how the United Nations would relate to Rotary’s goal of advancing international understanding.

It also emphasized the importance of having a plan ready for when the war ended, rather than waiting until the fighting stopped. From April to June 1945, delegations from 50 nations attended the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco (often known as the San Francisco conference).

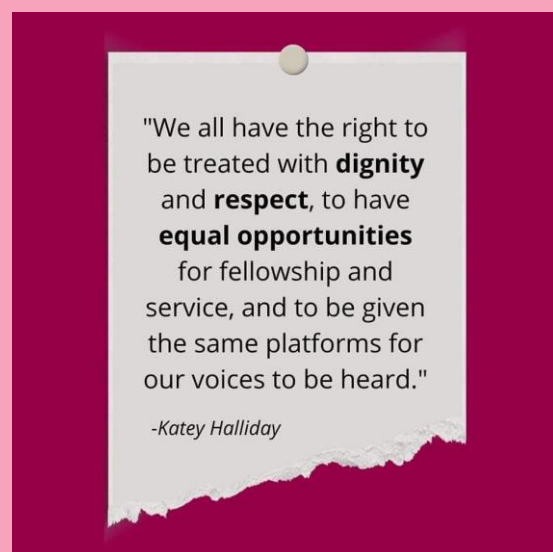
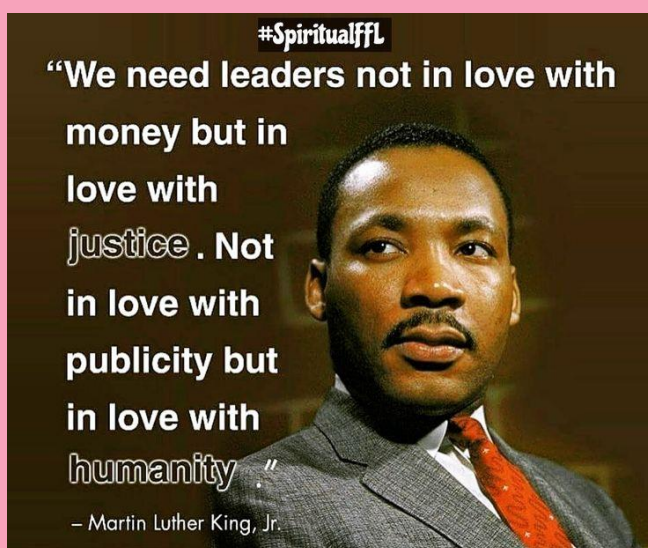
Their task was to write a charter acceptable to all of them. The delegations were assisted in this historic effort by a large number of staff, advisers, and consultants.

Rotary International was one of 42 organizations the United States invited to serve as consultants to its delegation at the San Francisco conference. Each organization had seats for three representatives, so Rotary International’s 11 representatives served in rotation.

The people officially representing Rotary included the general secretary, the editor of The Rotarian, and several past presidents. Other Rotarians from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America served as members of their own nations' delegations. Rotarians also served as consultants to their national delegations.

Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. The Rotary Representative Network maintains and furthers its relationship with several UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies. This network consists of Rotary International representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

Rotary Day at the United Nations each year celebrates the organizations' shared vision for peace and highlights the critical humanitarian activities that Rotary and the United Nations lead around the world.



Rotary Wisdom..

Rotary Club of Surat West wishes you Happy Republic day



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