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May is here.
That means it's **SPRING!** I wish that the weather agreed with the calendar!

The Rotary theme for this month is
Youth Service.

Our District has a great history of involvement in projects and programs that support Youth in our district, elsewhere in Canada and in many other countries. Most notably on the international front is the Rotary International District 5550 Ripple Effect Program (RFP) in Guatemala. RFP, The Ripple Effect Program, is "a Basic Education and Literacy program in Guatemala, which includes building or renewing school infrastructure, including washrooms and kitchens, and providing furniture, supplies, computers and playgrounds, focusing on the primary grades. The Ripple Effect Scholarship Fund, encourages Guatemalan students to attend middle school and high school." I urge you to go to the RFP web site at: [Welcome | Rotary District 5550 \(rotary5550.org\)](https://www.rotary5550.org) to learn more concerning this great program, to find out who the committee members are or what individual projects have been accomplished.

Many Rotary Exchange Students from other countries have learned about Canada and Canadians by spending a

year going to school in our District. Some learn to speak or improve their English. The Rotary Exchange students that are sent from our District to other countries also benefit from being educated in their hosting country. Many also learn to speak the language of their hosting country. One of the main things that these students learn is that we are all alike and all different in many ways. How we differ should not be a reason to not get along with each other.

On the district level we provide leadership learning experiences for senior high school youth through the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA). Go to : [Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly | Rotary District 5550 \(rotary5550.org\)](https://www.rotary5550.org) to check out what is happening with RYLA 2022.

What I have referenced is but a portion of the many projects that have been and are being run by Clubs in our District. There are far too many for all to be listed in this article.

Youth Service is addressed in our newly revised District Action Plan by Goal 3: Eliminate child poverty in District 5550

The 2022 Virtual District 5550 Conference also supports **Youth Service** through the youth themed session on May 5th.

I commend all District Rotarians who have supported and continue to support **Youth Service** as you **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.**



Foundation: Ukraine

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

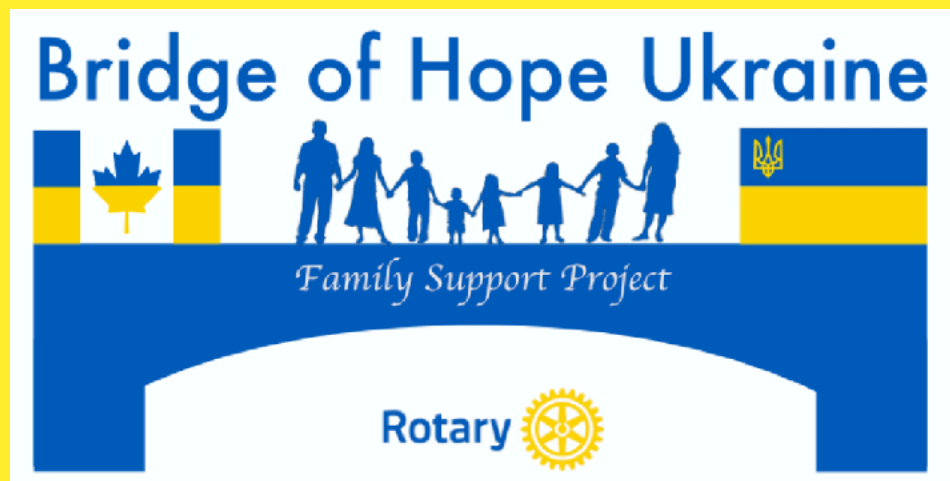


Funds raised to date for The Rotary Foundation's Disaster Response Fund currently total \$9,469,262. Last week a Rotarian from Ukraine attended Rotary International's Council on Legislation in Chicago and was interviewed about Rotary's relief efforts as well as the outpouring of support. If you haven't seen the feature story from the Chicago news, please see the video link below.

<https://abc7chicago.com/ukraine-news-russia-war-fundraiser/11748518/>

Please share with your fellow Rotarians and everyone that you know! 😊
Thank you!

Chris Etienne
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We are all seeing the current devastation in Ukraine and the current refugee crisis. The need is continuing to grow and many Canadians and people around the world are considering ways they can help.

There are reports of families currently serving in military needing safe temporary homes for their children to stay in. This is the main focus of our project as these children are left vulnerable and in need of loving safe homes to take refuge in.

The Rotary Club of Winnipeg – Charleswood is working to bring Ukrainian children safely to Canada through the Bridge of Hope Ukraine – Family Support Project. All funds raised will be used to help Ukrainian families.

[READ THE WHOLE ARTICLE](#)

Council on Legislation**Rotary Global Democracy votes to engage in Positive Peace Building- District 5550 Resolution passes to change Standard Constitution of Rotary Clubs Worldwide.**

Rotary's parliament, the Council on Legislation (COL) is a triennial meeting of delegates from all Rotary districts around the world. Normally meeting In-person in Chicago every third year, the Council considers proposals from districts and the Rotary Board that change the way Rotary does business. This year the Council met from April 10 – 14 in a hybrid format, with 325 delegate in person and 198. D5550 was represented virtually by PDG Jim Forestell.

This year District 5550 successfully proposed that the Standard Club Constitution be amended to reflect Rotary's Avenues of Service dedication to Positive Peace, rather than simply the avoidance of violence or fear of violence. It was one of 95 resolutions presented for debate, 28 of which were adopted.

Many Rotarians are familiar with Positive Peace, something RI has embraced in several ways. It occurs in societies where there is:

- Well functioning government;
- Sound business environment;
- Equitable distribution of resources;
- Acceptance of the rights of others;
- Good relations with neighbours;
- Free flow of information;
- High levels of human capital; and
- Low levels of corruption.

To date though, the concept had not been enshrined in any of Rotary's governmental documents.

With Positive Peace now specified in the Avenues of Service listed in Article 6 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, it will be incumbent on club leadership around the Rotary world to pursue Positive Peace and direct our efforts, locally and internationally, in ways that meet the obligations of Rotarians, to engage in Rotary's Areas of Focus.

District Council Representative Jim Forestell and Peace Partners Leader David Newman have been working on this resolution for more than four years. The enactment was proposed by the Charleswood Club and endorsed by the other D5550 Clubs at the 2020 annual meeting. Yes, even in Rotary the wheels grind slowly. But now the Avenues of Service will reflect our commitment to the concept of positive peace.

Jim and David continue to work toward positive peace with a draft resolution to the Council on Resolutions (COR), which meets annually when the COL does not, requesting that the RI Board endorse the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). That resolution, put forward by the Rotary Clubs of Winnipeg and Charleswood, has been circulated to D5550 Clubs and will be presented at the AGM in May in order to seek District endorsement.



RESOURCES

RESOURCE LINKS


[DISTRICT APRIL BOARD MEETING](#)

[ZONE 28 & 32 BEYOND BORDERS
APRIL NEWSLETTER](#)

[ARCHIVED NEWSLETTERS](#)

PLAN AHEAD

May 2

DG Team Chats

May 5

District Conference
Day 1

May 10

District Board Meeting

May 12

District Conference
Day 2

May 14

Annual General
Meeting

May 16

DG Team Chats

May 18

Assistant Governor
Meeting

May 30

DG Team Chats

2021-2022 Assistant Governors

	Mandate Clubs		Home Rotary Club
Art	Beselt	Estevan, Weyburn	Estevan
Carole	Bryant	Regina, Regina Eastview, Regina Industrial Parks	Regina
Prabh	Dhiman	Portage la Prairie, Winnipeg-Assiniboine, Winnipeg-Transcona	Winnipeg-Assiniboine
Kirk	Drew	Dryden, Kenora, Sioux Lookout	Sioux Lookout
Bob	Durston	Brandon, Brandon Sunset, Minnedosa, Neepawa	Neepawa
Mark	Fenny	Winnipeg East AM, Winnipeg-Fort Garry, Winnipeg-St Boniface-St Vital	Winnipeg - Fort Garry
Mona	Graham	Hudson Bay, Melfort, Nipawin, Prince Albert	Melfort
Jean-Louis	Guillas	Dauphin, Swan Valley, Yorkton	Dauphin
TBA		Assiniboia, Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw Wakamow	
Doug	McKenzie	South Eastman, U of M Rotaract, Winnipeg-Charleswood, Winnipeg West	Charleswood
Ruth	Marritt	Saskatoon Meewasin, Saskatoon Riverside, Watrous	Saskatoon North
Bill	Pauley	Flin Flon, The Pas, Thompson	Flin Flon
Asit	Sarkar	Saskatoon, Saskatoon North, Saskatoon Nutana	Saskatoon Nutana
Richard	Taylor	Regina Auxillium Rotaract, Regina Oskaya, Regina South	Regina Oskaya
Rob	Tisdale	Gimli, Selkirk, Winnipeg Downtown	Winnipeg Downtown

May 5, 2022

7:00pm **"Kick Off" to the conference"**

Andrew Greenie



"Football

and the
Community"



Troy Westwood

with

Cassidy
Nicholls
Manitoba
Kidsport
Representative



Session #1 **"Reducing Child Poverty"**

7:30 - 8:30pm

MC - Noelle DePape



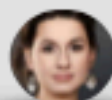
Niigaan Sinclair PhD, Native Studies, U of M

"Beyond Philanthropy: How to Engage Child Poverty"



Shauna MacKinnon PhD, Chair Urban Studies, U of W

"Born into poverty in the Canadian context: What does it take to break the cycle?"



Dorota Blumczyńska, CEO, Manitoba Museum

"Starting over from below the poverty line;
the experiences of migrant children."

Q and A session for speakers

8:45 - 9:45pm

Showcase of Projects by Rotarians



Presented by the **Rotary**
Club of Winnipeg West



May 12, 2022

7:00pm **"Kick Off" to the conference" Part 2**



Choloé Chapple; Rotary Peace Fellow

"Building climate resilience and peace go hand in hand at the top of the world"

and featuring Jorrell Camuyong;

"Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA) 2021"

Session #2 **"Saving the Environment for Our Youth"**

7:30 - 8:30pm

MC - Mandy Kwasnica



Alex Crawford, PhD, Centre for Earth Observation Science, U of M

"Climate Change in Canada: Research at the Centre for Earth Observation Sciences, U of M"



Matthew Loxley and Izabella Robak, Prairie Climate Centre, U of W

"The Climate Atlas of Canada: a tool for visualizing climate change"



John Dove, MD, CM, Dryden, ON

"Electric Vehicles: Coming of Age in a Changing Climate".

Q and A session for speakers

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BIOGRAPHIES

SESSION 1		
Cassidy	Nicholls	Cassidy is the Provincial Coordinator for KidSport Manitoba as well as the Marketing and Communications Chair for KidSport Canada. She works closely with her colleagues across the country to ensure that ALL Kids Can Play and get the chance to experience the joys and triumphs of sport. Cassidy graduated with a Kinesiology degree from York University where she played 5 years of varsity field hockey for the York Lions.
Noelle	DePape	Noelle DePape has spent her career working, both locally and globally, for more equitable, inclusive and just communities. Whether in her current role in municipal government or her previous leadership roles in community based organizations, such as the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba Inc (IRCOM) and the Social Planning Council (Immigration Partnership Winnipeg), Noelle takes a community development and collaborative approach to working for social change. Noelle holds a Masters degree in Peacebuilding from the University of Queensland, in Australia, where she was a Rotary World Peace Fellow. Noelle was also the recipient of a number of awards, including the YM-YWCA Woman of Distinction Award.
Niigaan	Sinclair	Niigaan Sinclair is Anishinaabe (St. Peter's/Little Peguis) and a professor at the University of Manitoba, where he holds the Faculty of Arts Professorship in Indigenous Knowledge and Aesthetics and is currently Head of the Department of Indigenous Studies. Niigaan is also an award-winning writer, editor and activist who was recently named to the "Power List" by Maclean's magazine as one of the most influential individuals in Canada. In 2018, he won Canadian columnist of the year at the National Newspaper Awards for his bi-weekly columns in The Winnipeg Free Press and is a featured member of the Friday "Power Panel" on CBC's Power & Politics. A former secondary school teacher, he won the 2019 Peace Educator of the Year from the Peace and Justice Studies Association based at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He is also a former Rotary one-year exchange student who was hosted by District 9270 by the Rotary Club of Umkomaas, South Africa.
Shauna	MacKinnon	Shauna MacKinnon is Professor and Chair of the Department of Urban and Inner-City Studies at the University of Winnipeg, and Principal Investigator of the Manitoba Research Alliance (MRA). The MRA is a community-led research consortium first established in 2003. In 2020 the MRA was awarded its 4 th multi-year SSHRC Grant, a 7-Year Partnership Grant for the project: Community-Driven Solutions to Poverty: Challenges and Possibilities. Dr. MacKinnon's research focus is on poverty reduction through multiple approaches with a particular interest in public policy and intergenerational poverty.
Dorota	Blumczyńska	Dorota was born in Poland; six months later martial law was declared, her family struggled under an oppressive regime, eventually fleeing to eastern Germany. Her family lived in a refugee camp for over a year, before they landed in Canada in 1989. Dorota was the Executive Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba Inc. (IRCOM), for thirteen-years. In 2021 she became the Manitoba Museum CEO. She had personally experienced the Manitoba Museum as a child refugee and she believes it can contribute to inclusivity and community cohesion. She has a double major in Business Administration and English. In 2019 she completed the Executive Education Program at the Smith School of Business at Queen's University. She has extensive past board experience. She serves as member - at - large of Hospitality House Refugee Ministries Inc. and as Past President of the Canadian Council for Refugees, the largest national refugee rights advocacy group in Canada.
SESSION 2		
Choloe	Chapple	As a Rotary Peace Fellow Choloe holds an MA in Peace, Security and Development. Choloe has worked with NGOs in Canada, Southern Africa, South East and Central Asia. Focusing on supporting community-led initiatives for conflict prevention and resolution. To address the impact of climate change in conflict, Choloe is now completing the University of Edinburgh's MSc in Carbon Management.
Jorelle	Camuyong	Jorrel is a teacher and member of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg Satellite Club. He began working at the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA) camp as a counsellor in 2012, and in 2018 became the RYLA Chair for the district. Outside of work and Rotary, he fills his time with choral music.
Mandy	Kwasnica	Mandy Kwasnica is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Charleswood, Paul Harris Award Recipient, co-host of the Talking Rotary Podcast, Manager of a national team for Manulife Bank, and mother of 2 recently adopted children from Ukraine. Mandy and her husband Ryan share a passion for helping families in need.
Alex	Crawford	Dr. Alex Crawford is a climate scientist at the Centre for Earth Observation Science at the University of Manitoba. His primary research focus is Arctic storm systems, how they interact with sea ice, ocean, and land surfaces, and how these storms respond to long-term warming.
Matthew	Loxley	Matthew Loxley is a Research Associate at the Prairie Climate Centre. He has a Bachelor of Science (Ag.Env.Sc.) in Renewable Resource Management from McGill University and a Master of Environmental Science in Climate Change Impact Assessment from the University of Toronto. His work at the Prairie Climate Centre revolves around climate model data and climate change adaptation.
Izabella	Robak	Izabella Robak is a Senior Research Assistant at the Prairie Climate Centre. She graduated from the University of Winnipeg with a Bachelor of Science in Geography (Hons.) At the Prairie Climate Centre, her work has focused on the health impacts of climate change as well as educating youth on climate change.
John	Dove	John Dove is a former Dryden Rotarian. Graduated in Medicine from McGill, post-graduate training in Family Medicine and Anesthesia at McMaster. Full time practice in Dryden for 35 years; locum anesthesia practice for 10 years after. Lived off-grid (wind and solar) 2001-2012. Established commercial solar project selling to grid 2012. Have driven hybrid vehicles since 2000; purchased full electric vehicle 2020.

SHOWCASE of Presentations by Rotary Clubs

TIME SLOTS	SPEAKER	TITLE	COMMENTS
SESSION 1 - May 5th			
8:45 - 8:55	Wyatt Brisson	"The Many Benefits of Air Cadets"	RC Winnipeg West
8:55 - 9:05	Fraser Oakes - Stormie Duchnycz	"Cecil Rhodes School Literacy Project"	RC Winnipeg West
9:05 - 9:15	Strini Reddy	"Literacy Supports for Our Remote Indigenous Partner Communities"	RC Winnipeg Downtown
9:15 - 9:25	Cliff Rose	"Indigenous Literacy Development"	RC Nipawin
9:25 - 9:35	RC Brandon	"Programs Which Reduce Child Poverty in Brandon & Western Manitoba".	RC Brandon
9:35 - 9:45	Q & A		
SESSION 2 - May 12th			
8:45 - 8:50	Mandy Kwasnica	Bridge of Hope Ukraine	RC Charleswood
8:50 - 9:05	Jaydon Gan, Nardin Soliman, Wei-An Lau	"A Youth Perspective: How to Save the Environment"	University of Manitoba Rotaract
9:05 - 9:20	Michael Dudar	"The Assiniboine Forest – Proposed Enhancements"	RC Charleswood
9:20 - 9:30	Lionel Pang	"Breakfast Program During Covid Lockdowns and Restrictions"	RC Winnipeg West
9:30 - 9:45	Q & A	including the raffle draw for 3 football jerseys	

RIPPLE EFFECT

R. I. District 5550 Rotary Ripple Effect Program



Please visit the Ripple Effect Program Quarterly Report for the period January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 for your review and comments. This report describes the activities of the Ripple Effect Program during the 3rd quarter of the 2021/2022 Rotary year.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to your continuing support in 2022.

You are making a difference and you are changing lives for the children and communities in Guatemala with the hope for a better future by providing educational opportunities!!

Gord LeMaistre

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MONTHLY THEME



4 ways to celebrate Youth Service Month virtually

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Youth Service Month is a special time in Rotary. Throughout the month of May, members of Rotary clubs, Rotaract, Interact, and those involved in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotary Youth Exchange celebrate the opportunities Rotary provides to connect, grow through service, develop leadership skills, mentor or be mentored, and have fun.

Although COVID may prevent some of us from celebrating Youth Service Month in person, it need not dampen our enthusiasm, excitement, and gratitude for these programs and the volunteers who make them possible. Here are four ways you can safely celebrate:

1. **Serve.** Make the month special by identifying needs in your community, and getting creative with ways to meet them with local guidelines. This could include sewing masks for essential workers, collecting and distributing supplies for shut-ins, or creating a phone chain to offer a message of encouragement to seniors who are isolated and alone. [Check out this list of projects](#) being conducted by Rotary clubs around the world for inspiration.
2. **Stay Connected.** Schedule an online meeting with your sponsor Rotary club, or with program participants and alumni. Recognize past accomplishments and discuss ways to work together in the future to strengthen participation. Visit the [Meeting Online](#) learning topic to find and share resources, join discussions, and ask for expert advice about creating online meeting spaces.
3. **Unite behind a fundraiser.** Empower Rotary's response to the pandemic by donating to the [Disaster Response Fund](#). Grants from this fund are providing hospitals in Ukraine, Belgium, Croatia, and Italy with lifesaving ventilators; and equipping frontline healthcare workers with personal protective equipment in Korea, Nigeria, the Philippines, Spain, and the United States. In India, disaster response grants are providing disinfectant sprayers, beds, and mattresses for healthcare facilities.
4. **Set and achieve goals.** Brainstorm sustainable service projects, ways to increase giving to The Rotary Foundation, and build awareness of Rotary in your community. Young people are looking for a way to make a difference. Show them how Rotary equips them to do so, especially in this time of crisis. And watch your membership grow.

FOUNDATION

Rotary Foundation Highlights

What are Rotary Peace Centres?

Teaching peace is no different than any other skill. It can be cultivated with the right practice, passion, and guidance.

The seven Peace Centres – located in Bangkok, Thailand, Durham and Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA, Bradford, England, Tokyo, Japan, Brisbane Australia, Kampala, Uganda, and Uppsala, Sweden – guide peace fellows to become catalysts of peace. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities the Rotary Peace Fellowship leads to fulfilling careers that involve building peace in their everyday lives.

- 93% of working alumni have a job connected to peace development.
- 90% of alumni have opportunities to connect & collaborate with Rotary networks and partners.
- \$188 million has been contributed to the program.

Learn more about Peace Fellows and the Rotary Peace Centres here: <https://lnkd.in/eN7TPeEp>

In the Spirit of Peace

By: Yulia Zharikova, secretary of the Rotary Club of Kyiv Advance

The history of the Rotary Club of Kyiv Advance began at the end of 2013, when several like-minded people formed the Rotary Club of Donetsk Advance. We were united by the idea of community service and our passion for art and music. The club supported young talents and devoted its energies to the development of educational programs in the city.

In 2014, after the outbreak of military conflict in eastern Ukraine, many members of our club fled to different parts of the country and even abroad. Subsequently, four club members who had moved to Kyiv decided to resume our club activities under the name Rotary Club of Donetsk Advance. Four other members who had ended up abroad or remained in Donetsk subsequently decided to keep their membership as well. So, we retained eight members. In 2020, our club officially changed its name to Rotary Club of Kyiv Advance in accordance with the policies of Rotary International. Since relocating to Kyiv, our club has attracted many new members and even received an award from the District 2232 governor for adding the most new members in the 2019-20 Rotary year.

Given our experience from the conflict in eastern Ukraine, we have made peacebuilding and conflict prevention a main focus of our community projects. One such project, running since 2017, offers training to various groups to promote dialogue toward reconciliation at multiple levels of Ukrainian society. In addition, for the past five years, club members have been involved in a large international project for the psychological rehabilitation of children affected by war and military conflict in the east.

Rotary Unites to Deliver Aid to Ukraine

Rotary members in North America, Argentina, and Europe are collaborating with a U.S.-based association of Ukrainian health care workers and using their connections to collect and ship more than 100 tons of critical medical supplies to Ukraine. Two cargo planes packed with tourniquets, blood-clotting gauze, blood pressure equipment, and other items have already been flown from the city of Chicago in the United States to Europe, where members help unload the supplies and get them to Ukraine. Rotary members in Ukraine, where Russia's military action has caused a humanitarian crisis, are in daily contact with hospitals to determine what supplies are needed most.

North American and Argentine Rotary clubs are combining their resources to purchase items from the list of needed supplies. They're also working with contacts at pharmaceutical companies and medical equipment manufacturers to arrange donations. A hospital in Peoria, Illinois, sent an ambulance, and members in Maine, USA, secured a C-arm, a mobile imaging device that can be used to X-ray people for shrapnel.

Contributions to the Disaster Response Fund in support of Ukraine can be made [here](#). All funds need to be received into the Disaster Response Fund by 30 April 2022 in order to qualify for use in support of the Ukrainian relief efforts.

HELP WANTED

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needs you to



MAKE A
difference

DISTRICT 5550 BOARD POSITIONS

Secretary – 10 hour commitment/month and great opportunity to be on top of everything that is happening in the District.

Legal Council – Mostly one hour per month attending the Board meeting with some follow up if any issues arise (Rare).

Archivist – very light time commitment as most Clubs are archiving digitally.

Public Image Committee Chair – The opportunity to work with creative genius of Ken Singer and Ron Nordstrom.

Assistant Governor for Moose Jaw and Assiniboia – Fred Wright says AG is the best position he has had in Rotary.

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Rotary Rogues Gallery

Lobsterfest served with side of community betterment

Annual fundraiser continues with second curbside pickup



Of 80-year-old Jim Forestell's many roles at Charleswood Rotary Club over the years, helping out with Lobsterfest always stands out. (Ruth Bonneville / Winnipeg Free Press)

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INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION

The 2022 Rotary International Convention 4-8 June in Houston, Texas, USA, is fast approaching. After two years, this is an opportunity for us to meet new friends and reunite with old friends.

The convention organizers have been working tirelessly to prepare a world-class live program for everyone in the Rotary World. Now we need **your** help to promote the Convention – to your fellow club members at meetings and through all your communications throughout your district.

This will be a convention like none before, showcasing Rotary's ability to bring people together, connect, share ideas, and strengthen our friendships as we ***Serve to Change Lives***. We have overcome so many obstacles in the past two years, and this is our chance to show the world what Rotary does best. We look forward to welcoming you to Houston in 2022!

Regards,

Shekhar Mehta
President, Rotary International, 2021-22

[Share the registration link today](#)



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