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"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."
Arch Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation

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Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

We now come to the end of Rotary year 2022-23, and a good time to reflect on all our activities. Time to review all that we have accomplished and to carry forward any unfinished objectives into the new Rotary year.

June is observed as the Rotary Fellowships Month, and this is the best time to also review our membership with our favorite fellowship: the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF). Are we enjoying the benefits of our RGHF Membership? What more could we do to support the Fellowship? Have we visited the new RGHF website? Have we brought in a new member into the RGHF Fellowship? There is so much more that we can do and achieve!

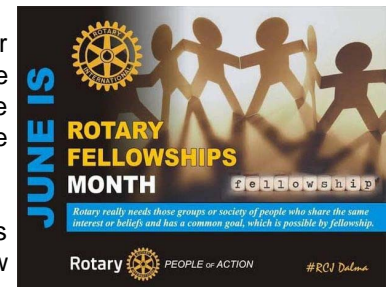
We were fortunate to have the RGHF Annual Meeting to be conducted in this Rotary Fellowships Month and that too, being conducted from the Board Room of the Paul Harris house! Details follow in this issue.

As we get ready to step into the new Rotary year, let us "Imagine Rotary" in the change we can make to transform the world!

Rotary Regards,



Jeetendra Sharma
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TRF Trustee Chair's Message

"Time can be an ally or an enemy," author Zig Ziglar once wrote. "What it becomes depends entirely upon you, your goals, and your determination to use every available minute."

Every June, as we wind down another year in Rotary, I ask myself if we have used the past 365 days well. To answer, let's look at

what we have accomplished.

Cases in the remaining wild-polio endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan, are at their lowest level in history. Challenges to global eradication remain and our work is not yet finished, but we are making encouraging progress, which wouldn't be possible without your support.

Rotary needs to raise \$50 million each year for polio eradication, and doing so during a pandemic is no easy task. But Rotary clubs adapt quickly. When in-person events weren't possible, many clubs successfully raised funds online.

We hit another memorable mark during Giving Tuesday in November, when The Rotary Foundation got a boost by raising \$1.2 million. We reached out to more current and prospective donors than ever before — almost 500,000 members across 40 countries. Some of our most engaged clubs were located in the Bahamas, India, Singapore, Taiwan, and the United States. We thank all of those members who made Giving Tuesday a success.

Due to travel restrictions this year, Rotary representatives couldn't visit potential host universities as part of our ongoing effort to establish our next Rotary Peace Center in the Middle East or North Africa. But nothing stands in the way of our pursuit of peace; plans are still on for the Rotary Presidential Conference in Houston, 3-4 June, which will focus on peace, and I look forward to being there.

This year, Rotary made another contribution in our commitment to peace, approving more than 1,000 global, district, and disaster response grants to fulfill the needs of thousands around the world. For until hungry people are fed, families have access to clean water, and children everywhere are educated, we won't truly have peace in the world.

We have used our time well this year, but our work is never complete. We always need and welcome more Rotary and Rotaract members who bring their hands, minds, and gifts so that Rotary-led Foundation projects will create lasting change for those who need it most.

As we approach 1 July, let us heed Ziglar's words, remembering that how we spend the next 365 days largely depends on us and our determination to reach our goals. So let us do the best we can with the time we have been given, today. And let us begin again, every day.



John F. Germ

Trustee Chair 2021-22

Conference highlights Rotary's commitment to peacebuilding



Peacebuilders from around the world came together before the 2022 Rotary International Convention not only to reflect on Rotary's extraordinary response to conflict this year, but to strongly reinforce our commitment to creating environments where peace can flourish.

The [Rotary Presidential Conference Houston: Serve to Bring Peace](#), 3-4 June, began with recognition of Rotary's support for peace in Ukraine and emphasized the effect that Rotary's vast network has had in providing rapid humanitarian relief in the country and to millions of people who have fled their homes.

[Read more on Rotary.org](#)

Rotary Peace Centers



Twenty years ago, the first Rotary Peace Centers opened their doors. Since then, over 1500 fellows have become more effective catalysts for peace through the education, skills, and networks they gained through the fellowship programs. This investment in peace education will continue to support future generations of world

leaders. The Rotary Peace Centers program plans to expand with the addition of a new certificate program in the Middle East or North Africa by 2025.

Rotary promotes peace. Learn more: <https://on.rotary.org/3oQagxe>

Faster, better, more equitable

World Health Assembly challenged to take urgent action before window of opportunity closes to eradicate polio; tackle cVDPVs with same urgency as WPVs



Opening of the 75th World Health Assembly – 22 May 2022. © WHO

May 2022, Geneva, Switzerland – Global public health leaders convening last week at the World Health Assembly called for urgent action to end polio once and for all before a unique window of opportunity closes for good.

Recent efforts have had a clear impact on the global epidemiology of poliovirus, with endemic wild poliovirus transmission at extremely low levels, with just Pakistan and Afghanistan remaining endemic, and efforts to curb circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPVs) showing fruit. Steps have been taken towards securing the legacy of polio eradication systems and know-how, under the Strategic Action Plan for Polio Transition. But delegates cautioned that this ‘window of opportunity’ will not remain open indefinitely, as experts pointed to recent concerning developments such as new wild poliovirus cases confirmed in Pakistan (the first cases reported in 15 months), wild poliovirus detected in south-east Africa (the first on the African continent since 2016), and polio re-emergence in Ukraine and Israel.

“Worrying developments in recent months highlight how fragile this progress is,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, addressing the Assembly. “These developments are tragic for the children affected and their families. But the reality is that in the final stages of an eradication effort, this is expected. This year, we have the real opportunity to halt wild poliovirus transmission. At the same time, we must respond faster and better to cVDPV outbreaks, to interrupt all transmission by end-2023.”

Success, however, depends on reaching remaining children who have not been immunized – the ‘zero-dose’ children at the heart of the Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030).

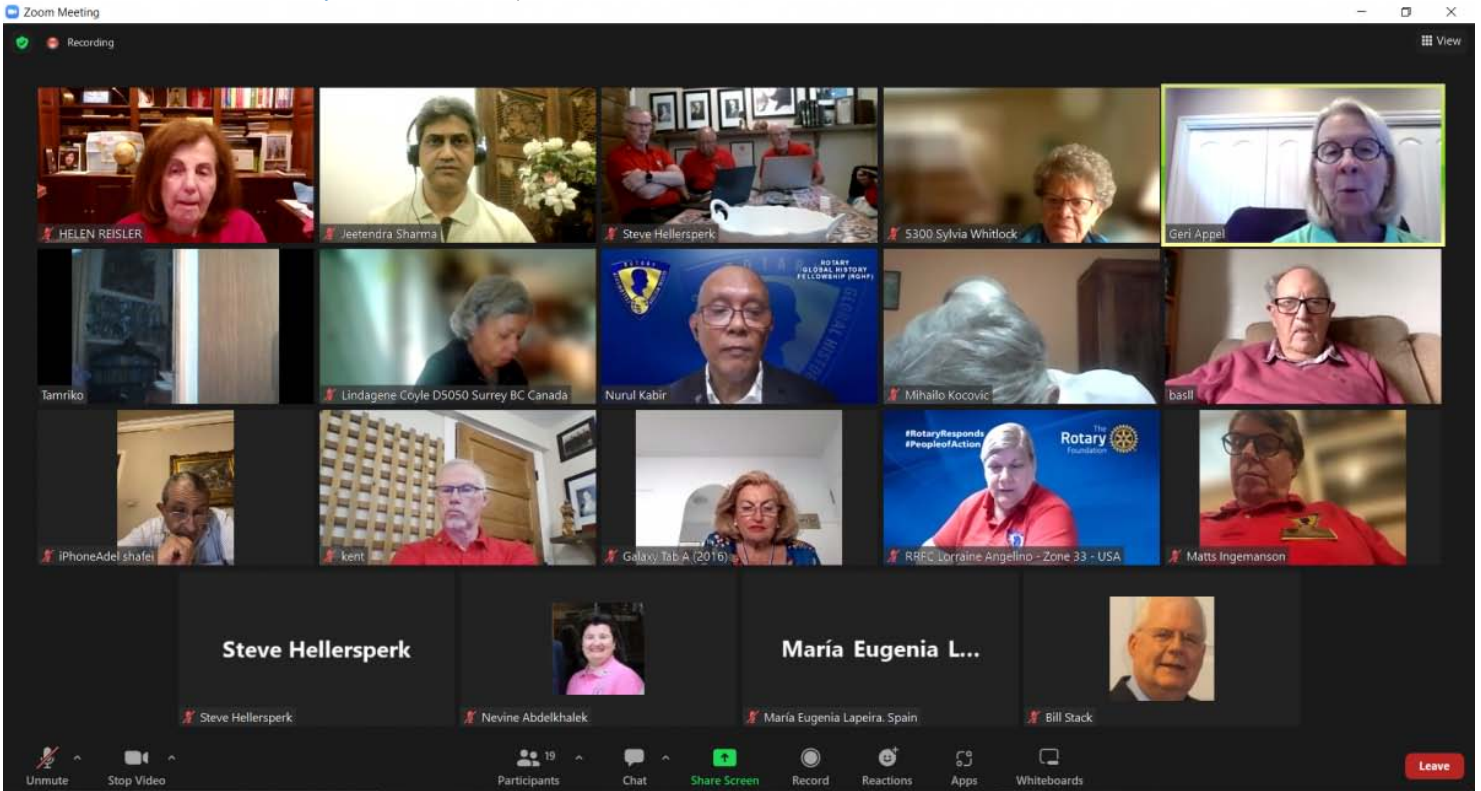
[Read more on polioeradication.org](https://polioeradication.org).

Annual Meeting of RGHF

The Annual Meeting of RGHF was held via Zoom meeting on June 12, 2022.

The special significance was that the meeting was hosted and conducted from the Board Room of the Paul Harris house. Rotary leaders from different parts of the world participated in this Annual Meeting.

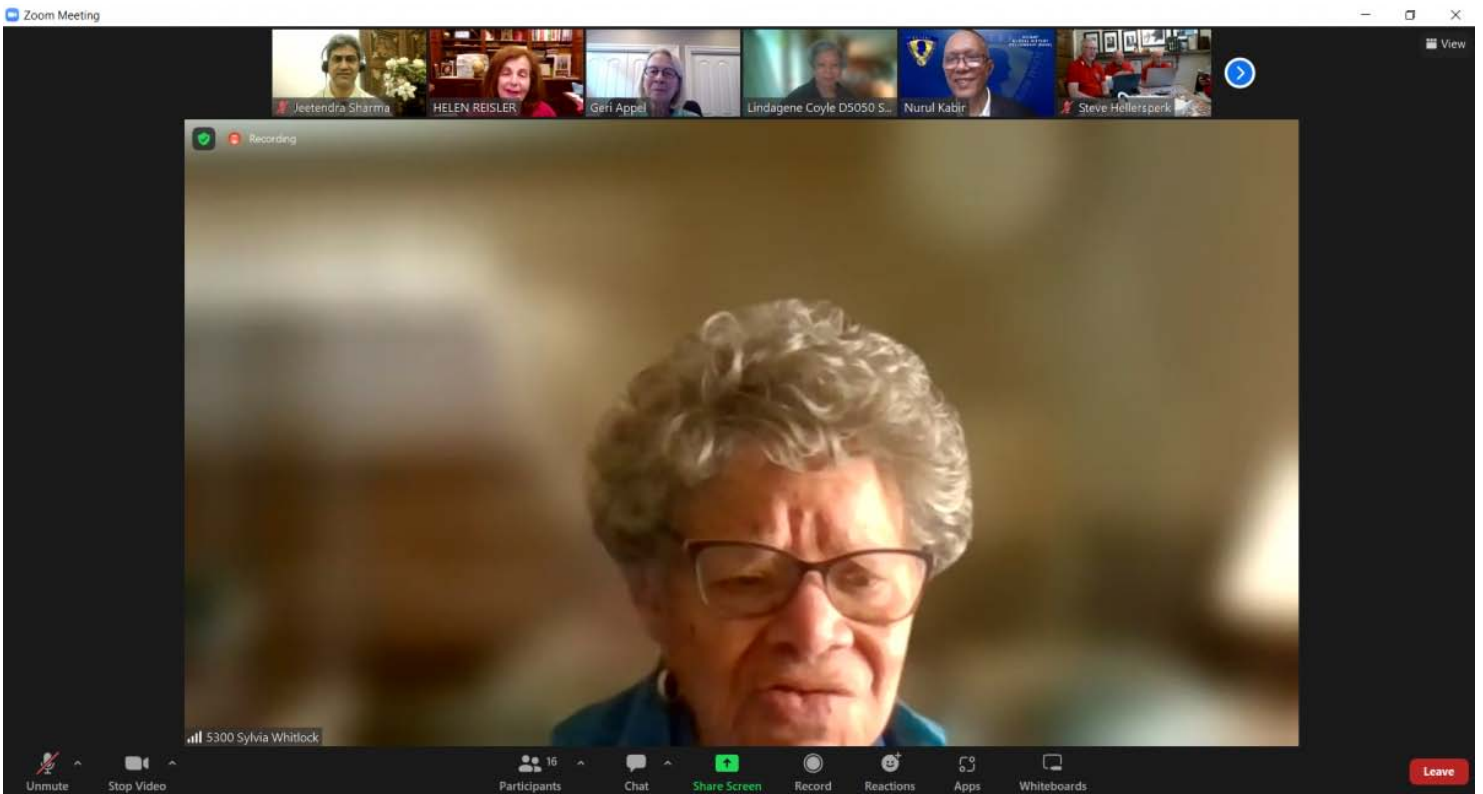
We were honored by the special presence of PDG Dr Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman Club President in the history of Rotary. ([Read more about Women and Rotary on our website](#)).



RGHF Annual Meeting



RGHF Annual Meeting being conducted from Board Room of Paul Harris House



PDG Dr Sylvia Whitlock sharing her views at the RGHF Annual Meeting

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- Enter your password OR
- Click "Forgot/Reset Password" and follow instructions
- Review and update your user data, see your dues status, etc.

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