

# HIGHLIGHTER

## Register Now for the 2021 Rotary International Virtual Convention

Friday, April 30, 2021



Registration is open! Don't miss your chance to connect with fellow Rotary members at the [2021 Virtual Convention: Rotary Opens Opportunities](#) which will take place from June 12 - 16, 2021. The registration fee is \$65.

You can also join early at a pre-convention, June 10-11, for InterCountry Committees, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange officers. Each pre-convention costs an additional \$20.

The 2021 Virtual Rotary Convention and pre-conventions are open to all Rotary members and participants and registration includes access to the virtual House of Friendship.

## District Conference Recording Now Available

Thursday, June 10, 2021



The recording of the 2021 District 5300 District Conference is now available to view on the [District 5300 website](#). This was a special event featuring presentations by your clubs reviewing the lives changed in your communities and around the world in the last Rotary Year through your club projects.

Also available now is the recording of the Dan Stover Music Contest finals. You can watch our three finalists as they competed live for the honors. All three delivered amazing performances that made the decision very difficult for our judges.

We expect the zoom recording of the Four Way Speech Contest Finals to be available soon. This year we featured five finalists who gave us inspiring and thoughtful messages.

Here is a link to the [District 5300 Website](#).

## 2021 District 5300 Contest Results

Tuesday, June 1, 2021



### 2021 Hensel Ethics Essay Results:

Winner: Aylan Martin Garcia  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Las Vegas West  
Essay Title: Less  
Teacher: Mrs. Kayla Coleman, West Prep Academy

Finalist: Sandy Membreno  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Montebello  
Essay Title: Weather Maker  
Teacher: Lauren Hancock, Applied Technology Center

Finalist: Jay Wang  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alhambra  
Essay Title: The Reflection of a Leader  
Teacher: Janet Lees, Mark Koppel High School

Thank you to 2021 Chair Manny Franco

### 2021 Four Way Speech Contest Results:

Winner: Grace Liang  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glendora  
Attends Glendora High School

Finalist: Ashley Kelly  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lancaster  
Attends Lancaster High School

Finalist: Charlie Heatherly  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Monrovia  
Attends Monrovia High School

Finalist: Eleanor Reynolds  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Las Vegas Summerlin  
Attends Palo Verde High School

Thank you to 2021 Chair Ginny Hsiao

### 2021 Dan Stover Music Contest Results:

Winner: Phillip Chen  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Arcadia  
Attends Arcadia High School

Finalist: Nicole Lam  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Marino  
Attends Los Angeles County High School for the Arts

Finalist: Alyssa Salto  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Green Valley  
Attends Coronado High School

Thank you to 2021 Chair Craig Stratton

## International Convention in Houston in 2022

Tuesday, June 1, 2021



Dear Rotary District 5300 family

On behalf of RI president Eclat Shekhar Mehta and his wife Rashi we would like to invite you to the international convention in Houston. As the official promotional committee member of the convention, I will be happy to answer any of your questions in the future.

The early registration will open June 12 during the 2021 Virtual International Convention and registering early will save you money.

Discover New Horizons is the theme of the convention and the connections you make with the Rotarians and the programs are valuable resources.

Houston has plenty of activities to keep you entertained. Visit Space Center Houston, the home of Johnson Space Center and the Astronauts. Enjoy a night at the theater. Houston features a world class symphony, opera, ballet and permanent theater company. World class museums are within a short ride from the convention center. Of course, you can watch the 2017 World Series Champion Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park which is walking distance from the Houston Convention Center.

Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the world with a vast range of cultures. Houston's diversity has resulted in some of the world's best cuisine. Houston's vast array of restaurants includes Greek, Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese, Italian, African, Caribbean, Argentinian and of course our very own Tex-Mex and world famous BBQ, to name a few.

Thanks and looking forward to having fun together,  
Shab and Bricia El Awar

To check on registration that will be coming soon <https://convention.rotary.org/en/2ajpo1>

To check out events please <https://www.houston2022.org/events/>

Top things to do in Houston <https://www.houston2022.org/texas-experiences/>

To sign up as a volunteer <https://signup.com/invite?invitation?secure=957014268745584031&site#/invitation>

Promotional video

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t0x5T111774L\\_7760n11yeq8Qz7F070/view?usp=drive\\_s](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t0x5T111774L_7760n11yeq8Qz7F070/view?usp=drive_s)

## Polio Plus Update

Tuesday, June 1, 2021



Donate Now [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)



By Bob Rogers, Rotary Zone 27 Polio Plus Coordinator

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT - The number of days since the last case of the wild poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Afghanistan.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE - The number of days since the last case of the wild poliovirus Type 1 occurred in Pakistan.

TWO - The total number of cases of the wild poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in the world since New Year's Day.

FIFTY-NINE - The number of cases of the wild poliovirus Type 1 that occurred in 2020 on this date.

Last week marks the SIXTEENTH WEEK IN A ROW that there have been no reported new cases of the wild poliovirus in either Pakistan or Afghanistan. And on top of that, the SECOND WEEK IN A ROW that there have been ZERO positive environmental samples. This is definitely the first time I can remember both no new cases and no new positive environmental samples occurring in the same two weeks in a row. We are in uncharted territory!

Last week saw eight cases reported of the vaccine-derived poliovirus, five in Afghanistan, and one each in Pakistan, Mali and Nigeria. However, the case in Mali occurred in 2020, but is just being reported now. That brings us to 85 total cases for the year, compared to 113 at this time last year. Although definitely more than we would like to see, the number of cases year to date compared to last year at this time did improve. 4 positive environmental samples of the vaccine-derived poliovirus were also discovered, two in Liberia and one each in China and Nigeria.

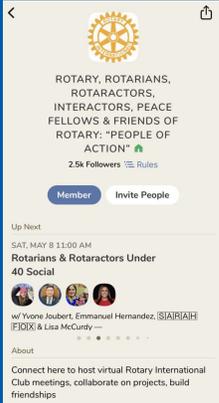
GPEI announced the virtual launch of the 2022-2026 Polio Eradication Strategy at an online event on Thursday, June 10, 2021. There's a 4-page publication version of the strategy that was published last month at this [link](#). Publication link here. This document is GPEI's chart to roadmap us to our destination - the elimination of Polio worldwide. It states GPEI's two primary goals and the strategies to achieve them: 1. Permanently interrupt all poliovirus transmission in the endemic countries. 2. Stop sVDPV (circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus) transmission and prevent outbreaks in polio-free regions. You might find of particular interest the timeline chart on page 10 (X) with its goal of certifying the eradication of polio by 2026. And, as the advocates and funders in this battle, you also might find the section on Finance and Costing on page 12 (XII) of interest. To put the stated numbers in perspective, the 2020 budget for polio (before the pandemic) was forecast at \$951 million to vaccinate 400 million children.

## Upland Club Beautifies the City of Upland

Thursday, June 10, 2021

## Rotary Clubhouse App

Tuesday, June 1, 2021



We have been hearing about a new app that allows Rotarians to Connect. This app is an audio only method of having meetings. The image above is a screen shot of the app. You may want to take a look at the website for the app. The link is here: [Rotary Clubhouse Website Link](#)

Here is an email that we received recently with an example of how this app can be used to discuss potential global grants:

Hello Rotary District Leadership,

My name is Caleb LaPlante. I am a member of the Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley, and a member of the leadership team of the largest Rotary family community on Clubhouse.

Have you heard of the new audio-only, invite-only social media app, Clubhouse? Learn more about the app here: [RotaryClubhouse.Club](#)

Rotarians are hosting monthly forums on the app where Rotarians whose Rotary Clubs are sponsoring district-approved Global Grant projects (but are still raising funds for the projects) are able to connect with Rotarians interested in partnering and supporting eventual TRF application submission.

- Does your district have grants at this stage of development?
- Are there clubs in your district with funds in need of a grant?
- Are clubs in search of an international or host partner club?

Learn more about the opportunity here: [RotaryClubhouse.Club](#)

Please share this message with any of the above, and have them email [RotaryClubhouse@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryClubhouse@gmail.com) to inquire about appearing in an upcoming Clubhouse virtual room dedicated to "Global Grant Matchmaking".

Thank you for your help in utilizing new technology to further Rotary's work.

And as always, thank you for your Rotary service and commitment.

Caleb

P.S. We have 1000 Clubhouse app invitations to provide for Rotarians. Help us spread the word, in particular by forwarding this email to your district personnel in charge of social media. Also, the app is now available to Android users. It was previously iPhone-only. Lastly, our next Global Grant room will be on June 18th... following a week of Clubhouse broadcasts from the Rotary International Convention.

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Upland Rotarian Joe Hernandez developed and accomplished a Rotary sponsored beautification and service project along the historic walking trail through Euclid avenue in the City of Upland. After five months of hard work, Joe and the Upland Rotary Club donated three granite benches worth almost eight thousand dollars to the people of the City of Upland on behalf of the Upland Rotary Club. The benches will be a long-lasting monument and gift to the people of Upland and provide rest and relief on even the hottest Southern California days!

### Starting New EClub

Wednesday, May 12, 2021



We are forming the first E-Club in District 5300! An E-Club is a club that meets primarily online. It is perfect for Rotarians who live outside of the District and want to maintain membership in the District and for Rotarians who find it more convenient to attend club meetings on-line.

We will do live projects in the San Gabriel Valley on our own or in partnership with other local Rotary Clubs.

If you would like more information or are interested in joining the E-Club of San Gabriel Valley, contact [Craig Jones \(email\)](mailto:Craig.Jones@smvalley.org)

### Update from Global Grant Scholar Kelsea Jeong

Tuesday, June 1, 2021



Kelsea Jeong

I hope this message finds everyone well. I am well into the final term (Trinity Term) of the 2020-2021 academic year at Oxford! The last five months feel like a blur, partly because for the majority of the time, the nation was under lockdown. Since late-March, however, places in the UK have started to open and restrictions on how many people can meet outside have slowly eased. If all continues to go according to plan, the government announced that it will be lifting all restrictions on June 21.

As I write this post, I am still in disbelief that it is already May and that the halfway point of 2021 is just a few weeks away. Many of my friends have had exams or will be taking exams in the coming weeks. Some of them will be returning home by June or July. My dissertation, which I am in the midst of writing now, is due in September and my viva voce (oral) examination takes place shortly after I hand in my paper. I luckily have a few more months to enjoy my time here, but it recently occurred to me that I only have a few months left. If I were to hop on a plane back to LAX now, I would feel as though there were so many things I wish I had seen or done during my time in the UK.

With this realization in mind and with restrictions easing, I will have to get busy crossing things off my bucket list over the next couple of months!

Luckily, Rotary has already gotten busy with planning and organizing events for Global Grant Scholars. We went to Blenheim Palace, the birthplace of Winston Churchill and only non-royal house in England to hold the title of "palace." My host Tessa organized a field trip to the village she resides in, Long Hanborough, to walk through the woodland there and see the English Bluebells in bloom. In a few weeks, I will be walking 15km along the Thames River with a few other Scholars and in late-June, there is an end-of-year social event for the Scholars at the historic Witney Blanket Hall, where weavers created the wool blankets that made Witney the center of the English blanket making industry.

Though I mentioned that these last few months have felt like a blur, there are a few things that I will remember for a lifetime. One of which was the transatlantic Arcadio Eynsham Rotary Club meeting that took place on March 23, 2021. It was the first transatlantic meeting between the two groups, and it was such an inspiring evening. Presidents of each club shared the histories of their Rotary clubs. Cabinet members described their respective communities; and District Governor's pleasantly discovered that they had already met one another in past conferences. Despite the fact that the Eynsham and Arcadio clubs may invoke different traditions and, arguably, even speak different languages, one of the beauties of being a part of Rotary is our shared interest in public service, a bond strong enough to bridge communities across the world. When I spoke with Eynsham Rotarians about the event afterwards, some of them mentioned that it was the best meeting in the history of their club. I am honored and grateful to have been a part of that history. I am in the midst of continuing to look for ways to create channels between the US-UK, specifically within the realm of legal aid reform.

I am looking forward to enjoying the final five weeks of the academic year and to the summer months that will follow.

Kelsea Jeong  
May 10, 2021  
[Kelsea's Blog](#)



