



Rotary International - New Theme Announced!

By George David Waechter

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RI President-elect announces 2021-22 presidential theme

by Ryan Hyland

Incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming district governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. The assembly, a yearly training event for district governors-elect, was originally set to take place in Orlando, Florida, USA, but was held virtually because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mehta spoke about how participating in service projects through Rotary changed him as a person and made him empathize more with the needs of others. Soon after joining his club, he helped carry out projects that benefited rural communities in India.

Some of the poor conditions he saw in those communities strengthened his commitment to service. "I truly understood the plight of my brethren," he said.

Mehta participated in initiatives that brought artificial limbs to children, clean water and sanitation to homes, and better health care facilities to communities.

"Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," he said. "Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"

Mehta encouraged district governors-elect to lead by example during their term and inspire Rotary and Rotaract members to participate in projects that have measurable and sustainable impacts. He's asking each club to conduct a Rotary Day of Service.

"At the end of your term as district governor, you should feel that because of your leadership, because of your inspiration to Rotarians and Rotaractors, the world has changed for the better because of the service done by them during the year," he said.

Focusing on diversity, membership

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed. Mehta asked members to use Rotary's belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work.

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"There are many issues that girls face in different parts of the world, and you as leaders will ensure that we try and mitigate the disadvantage of the girl that they may have," he said.

To be able to do more through service, Rotary needs to increase membership, Mehta said. Membership has hovered around 1.2 million for the past two decades. He challenged the incoming governors to be catalysts in their districts to help increase membership to 1.3 million by 1 July 2022. Mehta's *Each One, Bring One* initiative asks every member to bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months.

Increasing membership while also continuing our commitment to eradicating polio, fighting COVID-19, and serving our communities is an ambitious goal. "And that should excite you," Mehta said. "Rotarians love challenges."

Follow this link to download the new Presidential theme:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-theme>

Club Leaders



Fred Jones
President



Angela Dills
President-Elect
Club Admin Chair

Mainspring Conservation Trust and their water programs

By Angela Dills on Thursday, March 18, 2021



Jason Meador and Jordan Smith of Mainspring Conservation Trust spoke about their water program in the region. Thank you for your service to the community!

Welcome new member, Ben Rodriguez

By Angela Dills on Thursday, March 18, 2021

Kristy and Luke Smith pinning our newest member, Ben Rodriguez. [#HereWeGrowAgain](#) Welcome, Ben, as Rotary opens Opportunities.



Welcome Grayson Garrett

By Angela Dills on Sunday, February 28, 2021



Welcome to the newest member of our Rotary family, Grayson Garrett! Born on February 25th, Grayson and mom, Tiffany, are doing great. Please wish Rotarian Aaron Garrett the best as he and his family welcome their new son.

The Rotary Foundation

By Angela Dills on Wednesday, October 21, 2020

ROTARY'S POLIO CHALLENGE

Since 2013, the Gates Foundation has matched every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication 2-to-1. In January 2020, the Gates Foundation announced that they will continue to match 2:1 every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication up to \$50 million per year through 2023!



Rotary has contributed more than \$2 billion to fight polio, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation,



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and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985.

Thank you for supporting Rotary and leveraging your generosity!

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Updated Safer-at-home guidance raised in-person gatherings to a max of 25. We will meet in the hall of FUMC beginning on Tuesday, March 2, for those who want to meet in person. You may also join us via Zoom at the regular link: <https://wcu.zoom.us/j/98420426924>

March: Water & Sanitation

March 23:

Program: Teresa Murray; Greeter: Ron Winecoff; Invocation: Ed Shatley

April: Maternal & Child Health

April 6:

Program: Chuck Sutton; Greeter: Bill Meyers; Invocation: Rick VanGilder; 50/50: Angela Dills

April 7: Board meeting 8 am

April 13

Club Assembly; Greeter: Dale West; Invocation: Hunter Strickland

April 20

Program: Rick Van Gilder; Greeter: Aaron Garrett; Invocation: Beverly Mason; 50/50: Rachel Hoskins

April 27

Program: Bryson Burt; Greeter: Mike Martone; Invoation: Tiffani Tallent

Events

No Events found

Birthdays



[Fred Jones](#)
March 22nd



[Beverly Mason](#)
March 28th



[Rick VanGilder](#)
March 31st



[Emily West](#)
April 10th



[Kristy Firkins Smith](#)
April 14th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Timothy S Hubbs](#)
March 19th



[Jeffrey Eagin Butler](#)
March 27th



[Arthur L Phalo](#)
March 30th

Years of Service



[Roger Plemens](#)
23 Years



[Charles Sutton](#)
23 Years

[Teresa Murray](#)
6 Years

[Ward Collins](#)
3 Years



[David E. Hood](#)
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