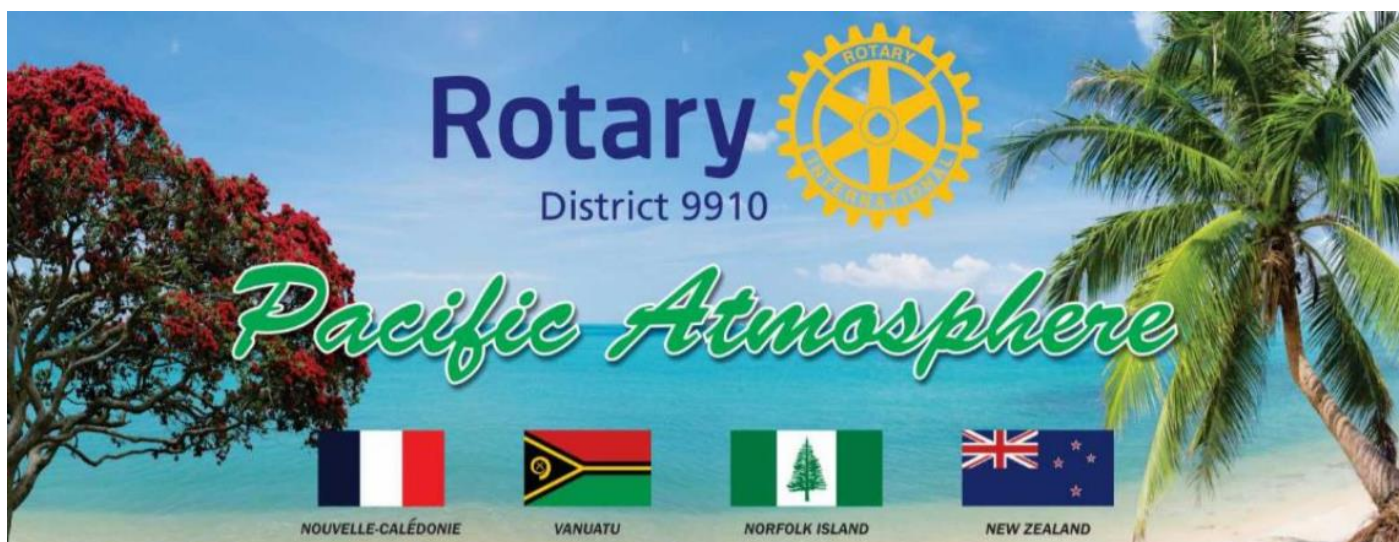




District 9910 Governor's Newsletter - January 2020

**Kia ora koutou
waterwih yorlye
Bonjour à tous
halo evriwan**



**Governor Ian and Jasmine
wish all Rotarians and their
families ... Happy New Year.**

As I pen this message Jasmine and I are currently at home on Norfolk Island but soon to return to New Zealand on January 24th. We have enjoyed our time at home catching up with Family and friends, and of course our fellow Rotarians in Norfolk Rotary. Our dog Tane has certainly enjoyed having us home and resuming early morning sunrise walks with me.

During this time, we were delighted to host the Vink family to an evening BBQ at our house with other Norfolk Is Rotary members. Jill Vink and her daughter Ursula are members of Glenfield Rotary Club, and along with Jill's husband Renee and son Conrad we had a very enjoyable evening.

This time of year, is traditionally quiet for Rotary Club meetings & projects, but it has been great to see reports of clubs enjoying social gatherings, events and fellowship together.



January is when our outbound IYE students depart and our inbound students arrive home after their year away. I was delighted to be informed that two of our returning students have received awards.

January is also when the annual Rotary National Science & Technology Forum is held. This Forum is a programme aimed at high achieving, well-rounded science, maths and technology students in Year 12 at New Zealand Secondary Schools who will be returning to Year 13 and who are planning to study science or technology subjects at tertiary level in New Zealand. Many clubs in our District sponsor students to attend the Science Forum and their parents almost universally praise the program and the positive effect it has on those that attend. Jasmine and I look forward to hearing some of the students speak at club meetings during the coming months.



By the time you read this our **Governor elect Elaine and Peter** should have just arrived home after their busy Governor Training at the International Assembly in San Diego.

Elaine will have learnt of incoming **RI President Holger Knaack's** aspirations and in the coming months Elaine will be concentrating on imparting Rotary International, District and personal goals and objectives for the 2020-21 Rotary year in our coming Rotary Officers.

Club Leaders Seminars is scheduled for 16 May 2020 and you are encouraged to attend and expand your Rotary knowledge.

Jasmine and I still have the second half of our Rotary

Governor year to complete and we look forward to joining with you all in Rotary service and fellowship. Please keep us informed of projects and events as we are keen participate whenever possible.

If your club is looking for speakers to fill your program through to June, we would be happy to talk at clubs about Norfolk Island. We have a short 20 minute DVD about Norfolk that we can show you "From Pitcairn to Pines" and can answer any questions that you may wish to ask about the Island.

Warm regards

Governor Ian & Jasmine



RI President 2020-21 Holger Knaack theme



“ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES”

Rotary International President-elect Holger Knaack is encouraging Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich their lives and the communities they serve.

Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, revealed the 2020-21 presidential theme, *Rotary Opens Opportunities*, to incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 20 January.

Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather “an invitation to endless opportunities,” said Knaack, who becomes president on 1 July. He emphasized that Rotary creates pathways for members to improve their lives and the lives of those they help through service projects.

“We believe that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help,” Knaack said. He added that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their service ideas into action and make lifelong connections. “Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere,” said Knaack.

Changing for the future

Knaack also urged members to embrace change so Rotary can expand and thrive. Rather than setting a specific target for increasing the number of members, Knaack said he's asking clubs and districts to think about how to grow in a sustainable and organic way. He wants clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for their club.

We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values.

Holger Knaack - Rotary International President-elect

“We need to stop thinking of new members as people we can mark down as statistics and then forget about,” Knaack said. “Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We need to embrace this constant renewal. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members.”



Knaack pointed to Rotary's Action Plan as a compass that can guide clubs as they evolve. He recommended that every club have a strategic plan meeting at least once a year. At that meeting, clubs should ask where they want to be in five years and how they can bring more value to their members.

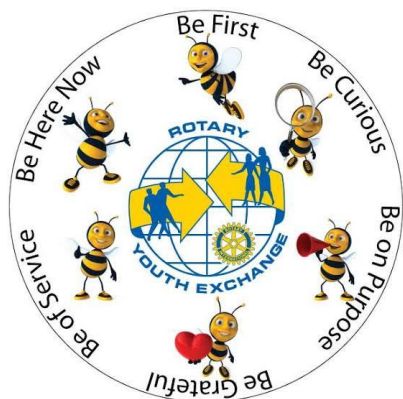
Knaack also wants to see more women in leadership roles and see Rotaractors play an integral role in how new clubs are formed and run. He encouraged district leaders to create new club models and rethink what it means to be in Rotary and allow young people to be the architects of these new clubs.

“We have to be open to new approaches and creating unique clubs for younger people is just part of the solution,” said Knaack. “Let Rotaractors decide what kind of Rotary experience works best for them. These young people are bright, energetic, and they get things done.”

In stressing the need for Rotary members to embrace change, Knaack noted that time won't slow down for Rotary: “We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values.”

Watch the address on this link https://cdn2.webdamdb.com/md_wW1oQ4Jq1VC7.mp4

This article is written by Ryan Hyland



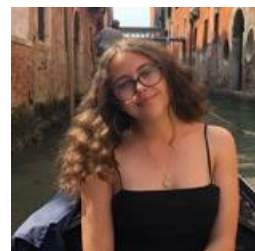
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exchange

A few of our IYE students have received awards from their schools as they represent our district in far off places

Ella Fraser sponsored by Whangarei Sunrise received from Denmark;s District 1440 Chair the award for this year's outstanding exchange student. Ella has been recognised for. outstanding work in being active in her new club, building strong bonds with your host families, making new friends and creating strong friendships at her school.



Quinn Klijn sponsored by North Harbour

Quinn has been selected as an outstanding T-Bird and was awarded a Citizenship Award from Shorewood High School in Seattle USA.. This award is conferred by teachers and school staff who wish to recognise special effort, contributions and accomplishment of Shorewood students.



Many of our students have been returning home from their year away, see some of them with Jen and Monica from the IYE committee

MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR MAEWO ISLAND VANUATU

During a recent visit to Maewo Island which followed the handing over of second successful project completed in July 2020 by Rotary International and SHaRM Foundation at Naone Primary School in North Maewo; the project team then spent a few days visiting other areas on Maewo Island seeking out potential projects for 2020.

The group led by SHaRM Foundation Village Coordinator, Reynolds Boeson along with Rotary International Past District Governor, Lindsay Ford, and SHaRM Foundation Project Manager, Stuart Friend visited the area of Asanvari in the south of Maewo.

What was highlighted from their visit to this remote village was the urgent need to bring in more modern and specialised medical equipment to aid refurbishment of an ageing health clinic. The area has a growing population and the demand for more modern and specialised hospital equipment to cater for the various cases treated at the clinic and at the maternity ward was a factor in their decision to assist at this location.





Asanvari was identified not only to upgrade medical and hospital equipment but also to provide a new clinic with a higher level of facilities to treat the sick, injured or maternity patients in the south of Maewo who rely heavily on

this clinic as their first call in the case of emergencies before being relocated to Pentecost in the case of higher medical requirements.

This clinic was not on the list identified by the Ministry of Health for their foreseeable upgrades but the Ministry has provided their full support to Rotary and SHaRM as part of their funding funding to build a new medical clinic this area of Asanvari (subject to commencing in early 2020. It is the full support from the funding and SHaRM have applied.



application to seek and school building in funding being approved) hoped this project gains group to whom Rotary

Meanwhile - Rotary International and Rotary Bundaberg (Queensland) were offered a large selection of medical and hospital equipment which had been replaced in various Queensland hospital locations. This vast selection of medical equipment donated by the Queensland Health, Australia to Rotary International, Rotary Bundaberg and via other organisations has now taken place.



SHaRM Foundation Project Manager, Stu Friend, together with the Australian High Commission Vanuatu and the RAAF 84 WG coordinated the proposal to bring into Port Vila much needed replacement equipment on a scheduled flight in early December 2019.

This project has been fully approved and supported by the Australian DFAT; the Australian High Commission, Vanuatu; the Vanuatu Ministry of Health and aided by the RAAF 84 Wing Squadron in Queensland, Australia all ensuring the delivery of the equipment to Port Vila went without issues. This has been a huge undertaking getting the equipment readied for shipment –

cleaned and prepared to be loaded into a C17 aircraft which was allocated for the flight to deliver the shipment to Vanuatu.

Acknowledgements of Assistance

C17 Aircraft team delivering the items under Capt. Mark Holland, WGCDR 84 Wing

Australian High Commission - Australia and Port Vila

Rotary Bundaberg - and Rotarians at Bundaberg

Past Rotary D9910 Governor Lindsay Ford

Rotary D9910 and Rotary International

Geoffrey & Jane Smith – Global Care Vanuatu – generating this large donation of hospital items

Lloyd Finiss

RSE Workers who assisted to clean and prepare the items for shipment from McCrystal's Agriculture

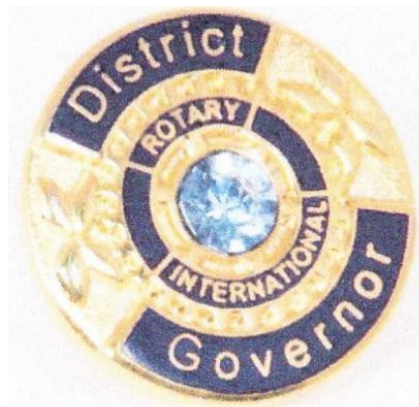
Optical Store Bundaberg – 10,000 spectacles donated to be placed by Rotary and SHaRM in a 2020 project

Malouf Pharmacy, North Side, Bundaberg – pharmacy items which have been provided to Promedical and MOH

HOW ABOUT LEADING OUR DISTRICT 2022-23

Not many people know how one gets into the Governor role, so I thought it would be helpful to explain the process to all Rotarians.

Every year we invite Club Presidents to nominate Rotarians from within their club and I have recently sent an email to all Presidents to this effect. Individual Rotarians can also approach their clubs individually to seek support for a nomination. A nomination **must have** a club's support. However, each year it is disappointing that we rarely get a response.



What do you need to be a Governor? At the minimum you have to:

- Be an active member of a D9910 club;
- Been a Rotarian for at least seven years;
- Served as Club President for a full term;
- Be in good health – it can be a demanding year with a lot of travel

It is helpful to have been an Assistant Governor and/or had some experience at a District level for the Rotary knowledge - but not compulsory. What is going to help most in this role are good organisation and communication skills, an ability to interact with people, inspire and “make things happen” with empathy and an understanding of working with volunteers. Some patience and a sense of humour also goes a long way!

What next? Once names have been received the Nomination Committee meets to consider the names proposed. The Nomination Committee is made up of the most recent 4 Past Governors plus the Current Governor. The Governor Elect and Governor Nominee are invited to attend the meetings. The Committee may interview candidates and then it works through a voting process to select the person it believes would be the best choice to hold the position in 3 years' time.

I would like you ALL to consider whether the position of Governor is something you would like to do in the future. I'm enjoying the Governor role very much. I've had the opportunity to increase my knowledge of Rotary, got to meet amazing people, while working hard to support others to connect through Rotary and serve our communities. It's not easy, there have been challenges, but it's a life changing experience that I totally recommend! Feel free to discuss this with me or any of our Nominating Committee and if you do want to take on a new challenge in 2022-2023 to learn and grow please email me at iankiernan.rotary@gmail.com

Applications close on 31 March 2020.

Thoughts from Past Governors

Jerry Norman 2018/19 “The three years from GN to GE to Governor was a steep learning curve, where you gain more Rotary knowledge and Rotary networks locally, nationally and internationally. You are in a continuous learning cycle. It allows you to articulate key Rotary ideals, goals with confidence. We were surrounded by highly experienced and dedicated Rotarians who were always available to support Fay and me. The Governor Train helped me review and reflect on current and future activities and opportunities. The counsel and guidance of my VG was invaluable. I especially enjoyed being able to integrate my expertise in music and Maori world view to add value to our Governor role. Above all it was an amazing and humbling experience. We met so many amazing Rotarians and people who had the networks to accelerate funding options

dedicated to helping the most vulnerable. I encourage fellow Rotarians to consider this important and rewarding role.

”Hutia te rito o te harakeke, kei hea te komako e ko
If you remove the heart of the flax bush, where then will the bellbird sing
Ki mai ki ahau, he aha te mea nui o te Ao
If you ask me, what is the greatest gift in this world?
Maku e ki atu, he tangata, he tangata, he tangata
I will reply it is the people, it is the people, it is the people

Bruce Rasmussen 2014/15 “The DG role allows you to see Rotary through fresh eyes. There is great training support both in NZ and overseas which assists in your own personal development. You network with Rotarians from NZ and many other countries who are sharing similar experiences to yourself. Within your own district, being the DG, provides you with an overall appreciation of the quality of our people and the quality of Rotary service that we are delivering to “make a difference.” I encourage every Rotarian, to seriously consider putting their name forward for consideration in this important role.”

Maxine Neighbour 2010-11 “The two years leading up to and my Governor’s year was such an amazing journey, so worthwhile, although there was the odd challenge to deal with. But seeing our District in action and the internationality of Rotary it was such a privilege to be a part of it. I would encourage members to consider taking on this rewarding role. The support I received from Past Governors and members was outstanding, always there to lend a helping hand.”

GOVERNOR PARTNER PROJECT UPDATE -



from Jasmine Kiernan (2019/20 Governor Partner)

End of November and December saw the completion of Club visits, with visits to Henderson Rotalite, Albany, Kumeu and Whangarei South Clubs.

The final mosaic raffled at these clubs was “BUILDING COMMUNITIES BRIDGING CONTINENTS”, the 2010-11 theme of Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith of the USA. District 9910 Governor that year was Maxine Neighbour of Whangarei South Club. This was won by Ses, Henderson Rotalite Club.

This raffle raised the sum of \$508.00 bringing the total raised for the **ROMAC** Training Program to date close to \$5,000.00.

This amount has been bolstered by a cheque for \$1,100.00 presented to me by Whangarei South Club who did a special fundraiser night specifically to help raise funds to add to my fundraiser for the **ROMAC** Training Program. Thank you, Whangarei South Rotary Club.

I mentioned in the November DG Newsletter that I was still looking at other ways I could continue, through the rest of Ian’s 2019/20 Governor year, use making mosaics to raise further funds for **ROMAC**. Each month I will attempt to mosaic something useful and interesting to be sold by silent auction.

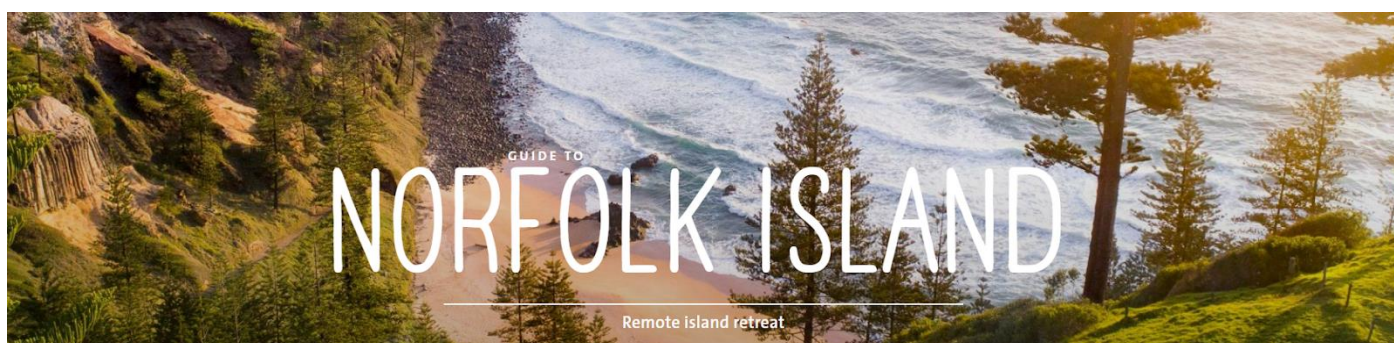
The next mosaic up for grabs is a pot plant pot with a “faerie and trailing flower vine” theme together with hand painted saucer stand.



This will be sold by silent auction during the month of February. Anyone interested in putting in a bid for this pot plant pot, with all proceeds going to the **ROMAC** Training Program, please email your bid to: jasminedawn1960@gmail.com

The highest bid received by midnight on Saturday 29th February will win the auction and the plant pot.

During February, I will work on another mosaic to be sold by silent auction during March.



Norfolk Island is home to Myself and Jasmine and we frequently get asked questions about the Island. We thought that we would share some of the more unique aspects of our Island home with you in the Governors Newsletter during the year along with some information on the Islands unique language.

Unique Fact number 7 – Norfolk Island has a thriving food industry

Owing to the island's strict quarantine rules, designed to protect the island's delicate ecosystem of unique plants and fruits, the only freshly grown foods that are imported are potatoes, garlic, ginger and brown onions. All other fresh produce is grown on-island by locals and therefore the seasons dictate availability.

That's not to say that there is any shortage of lush and plentiful foodstuffs, as well as a wealth of tropical fruits. Norfolk Island even has its own food festival, complete with top-end chefs and cooking lessons. <http://norfolkislandfoodfestival.com/>

There are many local favourite traditional dishes that came from the Islands Tahitian & Pitcairn forebears such as Tahitian fish salad - raw diced fish marinated in lemon juice and coconut milk, then combined with finely chopped fresh herbs and local vegetables. Other Pitcairn recipes that



are still staples 150 years on include “mudda” (green banana dumplings), a dish created out of necessity to make use of the unripened fruit, and kumara “pilhi”, a savoury, sweet vegetable slice that extended the quantity of the vegetable.

Norf’k words and meanings

1. **Foot nort** - Why not
2. **Gwen** - Going
3. **He-he** - Periwinkles
4. **Hilli** - Lazy, dopey
5. **Ho-ya** - Peculiar

Sorlun means finished, all gone, none left, empty
Kech (catch) *see opposite*

Kech (catch) is among one of the most colourful and expressive of Norf’k words. You can ‘*kech aa dorg*’ (catch the dog ie a barking cough), you can ‘*kechet*’ (be in trouble); ‘*kechfaret*’ (be lumbered with someone), you can ‘*kech’kraek*’ (get a smack) or *kech’kord* (catch a cord when you are singing) or you can *kechwilli* (become caught up and wound around) a tree, a vine, a fence or a role of wire for example and if ‘*yu s’ kech*’ you are pregnant – which of course doesn’t apply if you are a boy!



Rotary establishes Peace Centre at Makerere University

Inaugural 2021 class will focus on shaping peace and development in Africa

KAMPALA, Uganda (9 January 2020) — From human rights violations to the impacts of climate change, Rotary and Makerere University are offering a postgraduate certificate program to peace and development leaders who are from or who have worked in Africa to address the underlying challenges to peace in the region.

The year-long program in Peacebuilding, Conflict Transformation and Development will emphasize issues and solutions that are of particular relevance throughout the African continent and beyond. Hands-on experience will complement coursework that addresses topics including human rights, governance, and the role of the media in conflict. Other studies will focus on refugees and migration, as well as resource and identity-based conflicts.



The program will incorporate the Positive Peace framework pioneered by the [Institute for Economics and Peace \(IEP\)](#) as well as apply concepts grounded in mediation and negotiation, African philosophy, and indigenous mechanisms for conflict resolution

Every year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded scholarships for dedicated peace and development leaders from around the world to study at any of its seven peace centers programs. In just over 15 years, Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 individuals for careers in peacebuilding in more than 115 countries, and program alumni serve as leaders in both governmental and nongovernmental agencies, international organizations, and more. About Rotary: Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. To learn more about Rotary Peace Centers programs and fellowships and to start an application, visit www.rotary.org/peace-fellowships.

About Makerere University: Established in 1922 as a technical school, Makerere University is one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in Africa. It is composed of nine colleges offering programs for 35,000 undergraduates and 3,000 postgraduates. Its Department of Religion and Peace Studies, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, will host the Rotary Peace Centers program. To learn more, visit <https://rpc.mak.ac.ug>.

Rotary
District 9910 Conference
Wed 22nd - Sun 26th April 2020
Warwick Le Lagon Resort & Spa
Port Vila, Vanuatu



The District Conference website is now active and receiving registrations.

<https://rotaryconference9910.org.nz/>

Jasmine and I invite you to join us in Vanuatu for a memorable conference.

We will be taking our entire family and we encourage you to consider this as a holiday opportunity with a little bit of conference thrown in. The conference business program is 3 half days only allowing plenty of time for Rotarians to participate in other events and activities. There are plenty to choose from and you will also have the opportunity to participate in a small community project if you wish or visit a project that your club has been involved with in the past. We look forward to your company in Vanuatu.

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Rotary Calendar

Link to RDU 2020 monthly editorial themes are in February 2020 RDU page 8 or
<http://www.epubs.media/rotarydownunder/ezine/2020/624/>

January 2020

Vocational Service Month

February 2020

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2020

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

April 2020

Maternal and Child Health Month

District Conference Vanuatu – 22nd - 26th

May 2020

Youth Service Month

June 2020

Rotary Fellowships Month

5-6 June — Rotaract Preconvention, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

5-6 June — Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

5 June — Rotary and the United Nations: Celebrating a 75-Year Legacy of Humanitarian Cooperation, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

6-10 June — [Rotary International Convention](#), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

30 June — [Rotary Citation](#) for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due



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