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President Maloney's April Message



I spend a lot of time thinking of family, not just my own or the extended family of Rotary, but also the families we are helping in the communities we serve. In many parts of the world, mothers and children face challenges to survive that most of us will never comprehend. According to the World Health Organization, the risk of a woman in a low-income country dying during pregnancy or childbirth, or from related causes, is about 120 times higher than that of a woman living in a high-income country. It is encouraging that infant mortality rates are declining globally, yet 4 million babies annually still die within the first year of life.

In April, Rotary turns its attention to maternal and child health. And when we think of what we can do to help, we can look to clubs like the Rotaract Club of Calabar South-CB, Nigeria, for inspiration. It teamed up with the Rotaract Club of Canaan City (CB) in a program focused on educating mothers on best practices to prevent infant mortality and promote postnatal health for themselves and their babies. In Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Dhaka North provides free surgeries and medicine to pregnant women

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Wednesday's Zoom Meeting

Our club enjoyed another successful Zoom meeting on Wednesday night. We are all getting better at navigating and participating on this web based meetings. Even Norm was able to access the meeting. It was great to see a couple of new faces, Roy Meservey, Vern Sikora, and especially Mary Anne Ashworth.

We started the meeting with a special guest appearance by Annie Oakley, as portrayed by Dee Collier. Dee, a former teacher, provided a behind the scenes look at one of the most famous figures from the early west.

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World Immunization Week

World Immunization Week – celebrated in the last week of April (24 to 30 April) – aims to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. Immunization saves millions of lives every year and is widely recognized as one of the world's most successful and cost-effective health interventions. Yet, there are still nearly 20 million children in the world today who are not getting the vaccines they need.

The theme this year is **#VaccinesWork for All** and the campaign will focus on how vaccines – and the people who develop, deliver and receive them – are heroes by working to protect the health of everyone, everywhere.

Rotary knows firsthand that **#VaccinesWork**. Since 1985, we've contributed more than \$2.1 billion and count-hours to billion children. When children receive the vaccine, their pinkie fingers are inked so health workers will know which children received the vaccine. Today, only two countries continue to report cases of polio caused by the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan and Pakistan.



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The main goal of the campaign is to urge greater engagement around immunization globally and the importance of vaccination in improving health and wellbeing of everyone, everywhere throughout life. As part of the 2020 campaign, WHO and partners aim to:

- Demonstrate the value of vaccines for the health of children, communities and the world.
- Show how routine immunization is the foundation for strong, resilient health systems and universal health coverage.

Highlight the need to build on immunization progress while addressing gaps, including through increased investment in vaccines and immunization.

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who cannot afford the hospital costs associated with giving birth. I encourage you and your club to go to ideas.rotary.org to find projects like these that are helping to save mothers and children.

We also have witnessed how millions of people – families and entire communities – have been ripped away from their homes because of conflict, poverty, and disasters during the past decade. But Rotary has not stood idly by during the global refugee crisis.

During Rotary Day at the United Nations last November, we honored a Rotary Peace Fellow and five Rotarians who are taking action to help refugee communities. Among them was Ilge Karancak -Splane of the Rotary Club of Monterey Cannery Row, California. After visiting several tent camps in Turkey, she led a Rotary project that collected 1,000 pairs of children's shoes and socks for families in the camps and, later, led a global grant project to help educate refugee children. In March, Gay and I had the privilege of visiting a tent camp in Torbali and seeing firsthand the good work that Rotarians from Turkey and California were accomplishing with Syrian refugees.

The challenges faced by mothers, their children, and refugee communities around the world are daunting. But when we remember our greatest strength – how Rotary Connects the World – we can begin to find solutions. Through our creativity, our resources, our dedication, and our networks, Rotary can and will open opportunities to face these challenges.

Until the recreation centers reopen, and we decide to reinstitute in person meetings we will continue Zoom meetings each Wednesday night from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. To make it easier we will use the same Meeting ID: 867 2824 8988 and Password 84594 for each meeting.

If you need help setting up your Zoom account contact either Mike Roth or Tim Treat.

Meeting (Con't from page 1)

Annie Oakley was born Phoebe Ann Moses in 1860 in Ohio. Her father died when she was young, and Annie was sent to the county poor farm. At age 10, she was sent to work for a family who treated her cruelly. Eventually, Annie ran away from them and was reunited with her mother. Annie helped support her family by shooting game in the nearby woods and selling it to a local shopkeeper. Her marksmanship paid off the mortgage on her mother's house and led her to enter a shooting match with touring champion Frank Butler in 1875. To Butler's astonishment, the 15-year-old beat him in the competition. Butler fell in love with her and they were married the next year.



For the next few years, Frank toured with a male partner, performing feats of marksmanship on stage. But when his partner fell ill on May Day in 1882, Annie replaced him and won instant accolades for her shooting skills.

Oakley's career took off when she performed with Buffalo Bill Cody's show at the American Exposition in London in 1887. Oakley joined Cody in time for a triumphal three-year tour of Europe that began with the 1889 Paris Exposition. By the time it ended, Oakley was America's first female superstar, earning more than any other member of the tour except Cody himself.

Oakley and Butler were in a train accident in late 1901, and shortly thereafter she left Cody's show. Within a year she was appearing on stage in a melodrama written for her, *The Western Girl*. Hopes for a quieter life were dashed in 1903, when William Randolph Hearst published a false article claiming she was in jail for stealing to support a cocaine habit. Annie Oakley died on November 3, 1926. Frank Butler, to whom she had been married for 50 years, died 18 days later.

Online Meeting Attendees

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 Dusty Rhodes
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 Kay Roth
 Mike Roth
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 Vern Sikora
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Snowbird Rotarians

Schedule of Meetings & Events

All Meetings will be online via Zoom until further notice

Meeting

Apr 29th	George Pugh	Foot Care
May 6th	Nicole Duslak	- Former Rotary International Exchange Student

Committee Meetings

May 13th	Board Meeting
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Event

Jun 24th	Installation Dinner
Oct 17th	Polo BBQ

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