



International Service Through the Eyes of a New Rotarian

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HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

My favorite part of the convention...

Information booths set up by Rotarians from around the world, where you can talk in depth and ask questions one-on-one with Rotarians who are actually working on or with a specific project.

There are so many possibilities to help the world through Rotary!

THIS IS MY FIRST CONVENTION!



Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus



**Basic
Education
& Literacy**



**Maternal &
Child
Health**



**Peace &
Conflict
Prevention/
Resolution**



**Disease
Prevention
&
Treatment**



**Water,
Sanitation
& Hygiene**



**Community &
Economic
Development**



**Support the
Environment**

1. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Sustainable safe water, sanitation and hygiene are essential for every human being.



Goodbye Thirsty



www.savetherain.org



2. Basic Education and Literacy

Vocational education and job placement for at-risk rural Guatemalan indigenous youth.

Sponsor a student at a 7th-12th grade boarding school for \$1/day; this is an established and successful program where students not only succeed academically but graduate with 9 months work experience, making it easier to get a good job.

They continue to be mentored for 5 years after graduation to ensure their success.

www.guatemalaliteracy.org



2. Basic Education and Literacy (cont'd)

Desmond Tutu Desks... Putting education at the heart of Africa's development

A portable solution to last the duration of a disadvantaged child's school career.

Price tag? \$20 including delivery.



www.tutudesk.org

3. Maternal and Child Health

The Pacific Links Foundation enables at-risk youth in Vietnam to stay in school and develop skills to avoid becoming trafficking victims.

An infographic with a black background and a close-up of a person's face in the background. At the top left is a white dove logo with the text "HOPE FOR JUSTICE". The main title is "SPOT THE SIGNS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING" in white and red text. Below the title is a list of signs in white text on black rounded rectangles:

- Someone not free to leave, come or go
- Does not speak for herself or himself
- Lack of clothing or sexualized clothing
- No control over own identity documents
- Scared, anxious, traumatized, malnourished
- Has bruising or untreated medical conditions
- Much older boyfriend or girlfriend, misses school often
- Unpaid or paid very little
- Rehearsed answers
- Seems intimidated or threatened
- Underage
- Has long or unusual working hours
- Owes a large debt, unable to pay

Over 40 million victims of human trafficking are being abused globally and 60% of victims come from the Asia-Pacific region.

80% involve sexual exploitation.

4. Disease Prevention and Treatment

Mobile vans detect cancer in the early stages and save lives.



www.newrubyhospital.in

Disease Prevention and Treatment (cont'd)

The health and economic benefits of this gift of sight increases earning potential, productivity and quality of life.



 **RestoringVision**

A global nonprofit providing vision programs and glasses delivery for people living in impoverished communities worldwide.



Is it expensive? NO!

Glasses are offered for 50 cents per pair for new reading/sunglasses and \$1.00 for new distance glasses!

www.restoringvision.org



5. Supporting the Environment

End Plastic Soup, a global initiative with a goal of no more plastic waste in waterways



www.plasticsoupfoundation.org

6. Economic and Community Development

Concrete floors prevent disease and improve the quality of life. More efficient wood stoves greatly improve health and reduce the time needed to gather wood that might otherwise be spent at school or work.



7. Peace and Conflict Resolution

A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the universal message “May Peace Prevail on Earth”. It is meant to inspire unity among people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds and usually includes the saying in multiple languages.

There are also Rotary Peace Fellowships located at 7 leading universities around the world offering training to prevent and resolve conflict.



www.peacepoleproject.org



So Many Ways to Engage Internationally through Rotary!

In summary, some ways to engage internationally through Rotary include:

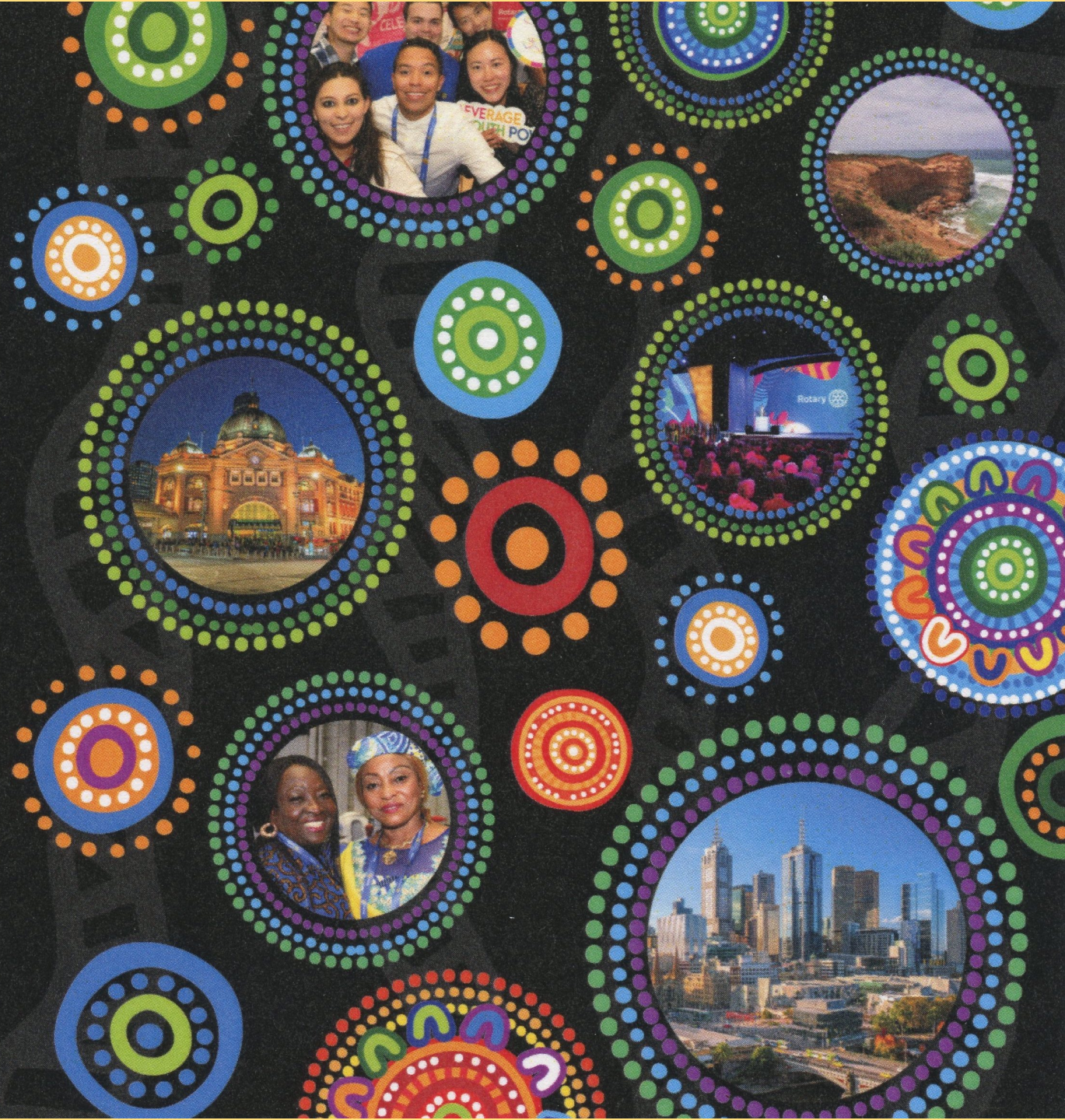
- * Create or support a global or district grant
- * Visit a Rotary club in another country
- * Join a Rotary Action Group or Fellowship
- * Host a Rotary Exchange student
- * Participate in a Friendship Exchange and help with a club's project while visiting

Are Rotarians all work and no play?

I made some great new friends in Houston and even walked on the moon!!!!!!!



IMAGINE WHAT'S NEXT



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