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The strength of our Club lies in its members

April Fools Day!

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Maternal and Child Health Month

April is **Maternal and Child Health Month** at **Rotary International!** Rotary International’s new monthly theme for April is **Maternal and Child Health!** Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of **children** die each year from treatable, preventable causes. It is 4th Area of Focus for Rotary International.

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

Taking Action to Save Mothers and Babies

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During April, Rotary Maternal and Child Health Month, take action to support mothers and children!

If your club or district needs help from sector experts to start a large-scale project focused on maternal and child health, Rotarian Action Groups (RAGs) can help. Action Groups are organized by committed Rotarians, Rotarians’ family members, and Rotary program participants and alumni who have expertise and a passion for a particular type of service. Learn about

our current Groups with expertise in maternal and child health, and contact them directly for assistance with starting a new, or expanding an existing, initiative:



Rotary Club of Navotas, Philippines

- With 13,500 worldwide members, the [Rotarian Action Group for Population & Development \(RFPD\)](#) has the largest membership of any action group. RFPD assists with projects addressing the intersection of unsustainable development, human suffering, and overpopulation, such as access to health services. The group maintains information on maternal health projects that clubs/districts can help sponsor.
- [The Rotarian Action Group for Healthy Pregnancies / Healthy Children \(RAG HP/HC\)](#) is focused on reducing child and maternal mortality. The group is working with clubs and districts to provide education and promote awareness of prenatal care.
- [RAG4CLUBFOOT](#) provides global leadership to eliminate clubfoot disability and aims to raise public awareness about clubfoot deformity to reduce associated stigma. The group can also help clubs and districts conduct a community assessment, identify international partners, incorporate sustainability components, secure funding, advise on Global Grant applications, create a plan for monitoring and evaluation, promote an ongoing/completed project, and speak or present at meetings/events on the topic.



Rotary Club of Bhairab Khulna, India

Looking for some inspiration? Here are just a few examples of Rotary projects that are saving mothers and children:

- [The Rotary Club of Navotas](#) in the Philippines organized an informational session on the psychological benefits of breast feeding for mothers and babies. The session was led by healthcare staff with the support of Rotarians, spouses and Rotaractors. 30 women from the local community who had either recently had a baby or were pregnant attended the session, and were all given a breast pump and additional gifts to adjust to life as new mothers.
- Many girls from low income families in Bangladesh cannot afford sanitary products during their menstrual cycle. Oftentimes, girls and women resort to using dry leaves, which are very unhygienic. In many cases, girls also miss school while menstruating, which halts their education. The Rotary Club of Bhairab Khulna, in collaboration with three other Rotary clubs, organized a project to help raise awareness of using sanitary pads for girls at the local school. The clubs organized an open discussion with the girls where a doctor shared personal hygiene suggestions. After the seminar, the clubs established a “Pad Corner” in the school. Through this pad corner, the girls had access to sanitary napkins right at school.



Club of Butwal-Downtown, India

The Rotary Club of Butwal-Downtown worked with the Rotaract Club of Butwal Ramapithecus and the Siddhartha Children and Woman Hospital in Nepal to organize a free mega health camp in their community. 471 children and women benefitted from the services provided including family planning, ultrasounds, x-rays, and overall health screenings.



Rotaract club of butwal Ramapithecus, India

NEWS FLASH

ZOOM in with us this Thursday
April 2nd, 2020!!



Sharen L. Truex Nakashima

Since 2009, she has interpreted for the Governor of Hawaii at the Honolulu Festival & emceeds annually for the Honolulu Festival Parade in Waikiki.

Recently, she was working as a Japanese language interpreter when she was appointed a Japanese Partnership Specialist for the 2020 Census.

Sharen is honored to utilize her public speaking & Japanese language skills to promote participation for the Decennial Census.

Topic: 2020 Census Presentation for Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua

Featuring: Sharen L. Truex Nakashima

Time: Apr 2, 2020 12:00 PM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3253037703>

Meeting ID: 325 303 7703

Our Thursday speaker created a Zoom meeting for our Club and others.

The Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waialua invites you to our weekly speaker via Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 2 at 12 noon.

We are pleased to have **Sharen Nakashima** of U.S. Census Bureau 2020.

Sharen L. Truex Nakashima is a native of Macon, Georgia. She grew up in a bilingual household & lived in Japan for 17 years. Raised in an Air Force family, she then grew up in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana & Massachusetts.

She received a B.A. in Speech Communications from Oberlin University in Ohio & worked as a top 40 radio d.j. Sharen was a bilingual broadcaster in Hawaii, Osaka, Kobe & Tokyo Japan.

She has worked for various media outlets over the course of her 20 years in Hawaii including Krater 96, Oldies 107.9, KZOO Radio & KIKU Television.



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the history of April Fools Day

Where did April Fools' Day come from?

The true origins of *April Fools' Day* remain unknown and are probably lost to history, but theories abound, of course.

One story goes that April Fools' Day began with France's 1564 Edict of Roussillon, which decreed that New Year's Day, historically observed on Easter by Christians, was moved to January 1. Easter is a movable, lunar-based date but often falls in April, so it's said that early adopters dubbed people celebrating the old New Year "April fools."

Good one, guys.

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Meeting Location: Dor's in Wahiawa
Day and Time: Thursdays 12:00-1:00 pm

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Another theory suggests that April 1st became the fool's holiday due to Geoffrey Chaucer's 14th century collection, *The Canterbury Tales*, wherein Chaucer includes a playful reference to "32 March," or April 1st. However, most scholars consider it to have been a mere copying error.



The holiday also shares some striking similarities to some ancient antecedents, though. The ancient Roman festival, *Hilaria*, was also a joyful, springtime festival held on or around March 25. Yes, the word *hilarious* is, aptly enough, related.

Another analog is *Holi*, a Hindu spring festival celebrated in late March during which people can forgive and forget past faults by throwing colored powder and water on one another.



Is it April Fool's Day or April Fools' Day?

Where does the apostrophe go? Originally, there was none! Problem solved.

The term *April fool*, for a victim of a prank on *April Fools' Day*, dates back to the 1600s. Early records of the holiday from the 1700s name it *April Fool Day*, with an apostrophized *April Fools' Day* recorded by the 1800s. This is also around when *April fool* came to refer to the trick itself.

Today, the holiday is stylized both as *April Fool's Day*, emphasizing an *April fool* as a singular concept, and *April Fools' Day*, indicating plural *April fools*, whether the people or the pranks.

And don't forget to shout "April Fool!" when the prank is revealed. dictionary.com

