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Rotary and Aga Khan University announce strategic partnership

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have reached an agreement with the Aga Khan University to form a strategic partnership under The Foundation's Future Vision Plan.

The private, non-sectarian Aga Khan University promotes human welfare and development through research, teaching and community service and will be the second strategic partner under the Future Vision Plan.

In mid-April, The Trustees had reached an agreement with Oikocredit, a Netherlands-based co-operative financial institution that supports socially responsible investing.

Through its partnership with the Aga Khan University, The Foundation will offer packaged grants to Rotary Clubs and Districts to establish Vocational Training teams. The teams will enhance the clinical and administrative skills of health educators at the University's campuses in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

Team members will also work with local Rotary Clubs and the University to carry out service projects related to the training. Rotary Grants will fund nursing and midwifery scholarships at the three campuses for students selected and mentored by District 9200 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda).

"Our Rotary Clubs in East Africa are eager to partner with the top-notch professionals at Aga Khan

University to help ensure that mothers and their infants receive the best health care possible," says R.I. Director Samuel F. Owori of Kampala, Uganda.

Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar adds that the partnership "is an important step toward meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals for maternal and child health".

The UN Millennium Goals call for a 75% reduction in the maternal mortality ratio (and a 66% reduction in the mortality rate in children under five) by 2015.

According to the UN, developing countries account for 99% of the more than 350,000 women who die each year from complications during pregnancy or childbirth. In sub-Saharan Africa, 1 in 30 women is at risk, compared with 1 in 5,600 in developed countries. The region also records the highest child mortality rates, with one in seven children dying before age five.

Chartered in Pakistan in 1983, the Aga Khan University operates facilities in eight countries including teaching hospitals, nursing schools, medical colleges and teacher training institutes. Its curricula reflect the unique needs of the communities and countries where its schools operate, so that students and graduates can immediately apply their training where it will have the most impact.

Sweden's Uppsala University to host new Rotary Peace Centre

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees has selected Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden, to host a new Rotary Centre for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution.

During their April meeting, the Trustees agreed to negotiate an agreement with Uppsala University to house the seventh Rotary Peace Centre which will join those in Asia, Australia, North America, South America and the United Kingdom.

"We are excited about this new partnership with Uppsala University to take the Rotary Peace Centres programme to the next level," says Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

"And we are confident that our Rotary Peace Fellow alumni, actively engaged in peace-building and conflict prevention and resolution around the world, will agree that partnering with Uppsala University to host a Rotary Peace Centre is a winning strategy."

In 2009, the Trustees began a search for institutions that met The Foundation's requirements for a Rotary Peace Centre. More than 100 received inquiries and five received site visits between January and March.

Uppsala University has an established two-year Master's programme in peace and conflict studies and a research programme led by a large, internationally recognised faculty. The

Uppsala Conflict Data Programme is a leader in the field and will provide future Rotary Peace Fellows with the opportunity to combine informed theory with data-driven field research. The University is also home to the Dag Hammarskjöld Library for Peace Research.

The Trustees also approved an extension of the application deadline for Rotary Peace Fellowships starting in 2012. Candidates have until August 15, 2011 to apply. The first class of peace fellows at Uppsala will begin their studies in September, 2012.

The Rotary Peace Centres programme offers individuals the opportunity to pursue either a Master's degree or certificate in studies related to peace and conflict resolution. Up to 110 fellowships are awarded annually.

The existing centres are located at the University of Bradford, England; the University of Queensland, Australia; the International Christian University, Japan; Universidad del Salvador, Argentina; Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA; and the Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, which offers a three-month certificate.

More than 500 Rotary Peace Centre alumni worldwide are working with organisations such as the World Bank, the Organisation of American States and the UN, apart from local and national governments, non-government organisations and consulting firms.

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Pleasantly surprised. President Pradeep Saxena, who attended the summer art workshop arranged by the Education for All Committee at the Colaba Municipal School, could hardly believe the results of the course in self-portraits through 'Pop Art'. At left are some of the children who had passed their S.S.C. exams and who were trained under the 'Bhavishya-Yaan' programme. They received participation certificates on the occasion. (Please see Page 3)

Forthcoming meetings

May 24, 2011

"The challenges we faced," a presentation by Mr. Dhruv Lakre who initiated a courier service for the hearing impaired.

May 31, 2011

Mr. Suresh Prabhu, former Union Minister, to speak on "How much growth can India's maximum city sustain?"

GDC Rotaractors look back on a satisfying, 'service-full' year

As the Rotary term approaches its inevitable end, the Rotaract Club of Government Dental College, led by President Kunal Dani, seems to be quite satisfied with its activities during the year.

Not only did the Rotaractors take up several new and interesting projects, they also ensured that they did not neglect those important programmes that had been going on for years.

They travelled regularly to Talwada where they treated about 250 persons free of cost; they went in batches to various medical camps all over the city and suburbs to offer their services to less privileged sections of society; they celebrated "Children's Day" with patients in the paediatric ward of their college.

The Rotaractors also took part in a treasure hunt; in a human chain project to promote safe driving; in "World AIDS Day" celebrations; and in a special vaccination camp. To round off the year, the Club organised an outstanding two-day workshop on "Endodontics" which enabled its members to keep pace with the latest developments in the field.

Tribals at Talwada...

This community-based project at the Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre at distant Talwada provides a rare opportunity to the Rotaractors to serve the less-privileged sections of rural India which resides so close to Bombay, the "maximum" city, and yet lacks even the basic essentials.

On the second and third Sunday of every month, the "social soldiers" of the Rotaract Club of Government Dental College travel to Talwada in Jawhar taluka of Thane district, where they provide specialised dental care to the indigent residents of Talwada and surrounding villages most of whom are tribals or Adivasis. About 250 patients have been treated free of charge during the current Rotary year.

Not only are the villagers offered outstanding dental care for their problems, they are also imparted knowl-

edge about good oral habits and measures to ensure better dental hygiene. Alleviating pain and bestowing pleasant, aesthetic smiles are some of the routine activities conducted by the Rotaractors.

Dr. Ajay Gupta and Dr. Srinivas Kamath are the senior dentists who take turns and go out of their way to visit Talwada along with the Rotaractors.

... a treasure hunt in town!

When they are not busy extracting teeth, filling cavities, doing root canals or drilling someone's molars, the Rotaractors of Government Dental College put down their tools and let down their hair.

And how do they do it? By going on a "Treasure Hunt" all over town.

In a welcome departure from their grinding routine, the Rotaractors participated in a "Treasure Hunt" and went to different parts of the city to perform various tasks before reaching the final destination.

Hepatitis vaccination

A camp that offered hepatitis vaccination to the staff and students of Government Dental College met a very important need because dentists are more prone than anyone else to Hepatitis B through the oral route.

The camp organised by the GDC Rotaractors gave vaccinations to 148 staff members and students, including professors and post-graduate students.

Basically a preventive vaccination, the need for it was felt when it was noted that there was insufficient awareness about this contagious condition and that not much was being done to prevent it.

Dr. Varsha Manekar, Head of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, helped the Rotaractors in organising the hepatitis vaccination camp and making it a resounding success.

While the first dose was administered on December 18, the second was given a month later. The third and final

dose will be given at the end of six months (around June 18).

'Odontospeak' magazine

It's a "spicy" magazine, says President Kunal Dani of *Odontospeak*, the official magazine of the Rotaract Club of Government Dental College.

Two editions have been brought out so far and both have been "filled with all the haps and the non-haps of our College".

Interviews with professors and students, news about their ideas and innovations are among the features of the "spicy" magazine.

'World AIDS Day'

The Rotaractors celebrated "World AIDS Day" by making an effort to spread awareness about HIV and AIDS.

Patients of appropriate age admitted in the hospital were also taken into confidence and the hazards of AIDS explained to them.

Human chain

Rotaractors took active part in the drive to spread awareness about safe driving on the streets of south Bombay.

Deepak Kapadia, Chairman of the Rotary Club of Bombay's Committee for Road Safety, had organised a "human chain" on Marine Drive; the Rotaractors joined him in large numbers, carrying placards exhorting motorists to drive safely.

Govandi medical camp

Members participated in the dental check-up camp organised by the RCC Committee for the residents of Govandi and surrounding areas.

About 350 persons attended the camp and were given both expert dental care and information about adequate dental hygiene.

Dental care for orphans

On Children's Day, the Rotaractors visited the Little Angels' Orphanage at Malad where they had an informal interaction with the children.

It was only after they were comfortable with the visitors that they were examined for dental problems.

A total of 45 children were seen and given instructions on how to take care of their teeth and to ensure dental hygiene all their lives.

'Endodontics' workshop

The Rotaract Club of Government Dental College organised a professional development course for its members recently to acquaint them with the latest advances in dentistry and help them to step up to the next level of expertise.

The aim of the two-day "Endodontics" workshop was to help budding dentists to keep pace with the rapid changes in the field and to ensure that they retained a competitive edge. M/s Dentsply Dental Co. arranged the systems that were displayed for the benefit of the participants.

While the first day was devoted to gaining a detailed insight into the new system, the second day gave them the opportunity to actually work on an extracted tooth, thus giving them hands-on experience.

Dr. Mansingh Pawar, the Dean of the Government Dental College, inaugurated the workshop and gave a brief orientation to the participating students. The guest speakers, led by Dr. Abrar Sayyed, gave detailed lectures on the subject. This was followed by an intense discussion and a useful question-answer session.

On the second day, which "started on a bright note", the students appeared thrilled at the prospect of attempting something new. Once a detailed demonstration of the procedure was completed, they were allowed to actually practise all that they had learned with the new system under the watchful eyes of the experts.

"It was a great experience for the students as they got to learn and to practise a new concept and to use the latest machines and systems available in the market," according to President Kunal Dani.

The workshop ended with special thanks to M/s Dentsply Dental Co. and to the Dean and other professors.



You're sure this is not going to hurt? A student of Government Dental College receives hepatitis B vaccination at the camp organised by Rotaractors



Giving the best dental care (left) to the residents of Talwada. (Right) At the two-day 'Endodontics' workshop meant to help budding dentists keep pace with rapid changes in the field

They're interested in smooth traffic movement. GDC Rotaractors with Deepak Kapadia before forming a 'human chain'



Are green chillies good for teeth? A member of the Rotaract Club of Government Dental College 'performs a task' in the course of the 'Treasure Hunt'



Summer vacations are a busy time for these budding 'Pop Artists'

It's believed that for children the best time of the year is the summer vacation in April and May. That's when schools complete their annual examinations and shut down for two months.

Although most people believe that children enjoy their summer vacations a lot, the fact is that most of them get bored within a week or ten days. With nothing to do, time hangs heavy on their hands and they are easily tempted to get up to some kind of mischief or other.

Of course, it's the worst time of the year for parents, because it is extremely difficult to manage children who are hyperactive, who are very busy doing nothing and who seem to love creating trouble.

The Education for All Committee, which has Alok Sekhsaria as Chairman, was well aware of this problem. Therefore, it decided well in advance to arrange some activities so that children did not waste their vacations loitering around and simply passing the time of day.

Activities to keep the children busy were organised at the schools where the Committee has been conducting its popular *Bhavishya-Yaan* programme.

While an art camp was offered at one school, at another the children were kept busy with a project in which they had to study and report their findings on several different countries.

Those children who had passed their S.S.C. exams and who had been trained under the *Bhavishya-Yaan* project received their certificates at one of the programmes.

The art workshop was held at the Colaba Municipal School on April 29 and 30. It was conducted by Mr. Nitin Agrawal of J.B. Petit School and his assistant, Mr. Kundan. They taught 41 children of Std. IX and X how to make self-portraits through "Pop Art".

They used acrylic and oil paints, or texture paints on canvas. When they completed their work, they were allowed to take their canvasses home.

Most of the children said they would frame their self-portraits and hang them on the walls in their homes.

President Pradeep Saxena attended the summer art workshop at the Colaba Municipal School.

The NGO "Vidya", which has been working along with the Club on the various *Bhavishya-Yaan* projects, associated itself with the vacation programmes, too.

May 24 to May 30, 2011



Two brilliant self-portraits; two confident artists. Forty one youngsters learnt how to make self-portraits through 'Pop Art' taught to them by Mr. Nitin Agrawal of J.B. Petit School



Thanks for participating. Alok Sekhsaria (left), Chairman of the Education for All Committee, and Madhusudan Daga present certificates to those trained under 'Bhavishya-Yaan'



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Donation for HTEC

Manibhai Doshi has made a donation of Rs. 9,100 for the Hasanali Tobaccowala Eye Centre at Talwada.

President Pradeep Saxena thanked the ever-popular PDG Manibhai (who was celebrating his birthday during the week) for his generosity.

Birthday donations

President Pradeep announced at the last meeting the receipt of a birthday donation of Rs. 5,001 from Burjor Poonawala and thanked him for the same.

At the last meeting

(Held on May 10, 2011)

PRESIDENT Pradeep Saxena called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest speaker, the Visiting Rotarians, Rotaryans, guests and others.

BIRTHDAYS

Members and spouses celebrating their birthday during the week were felicitated.

ATTENDANCE

Members	110
Visiting Rotarians	4
Spouses/Rotaryans	6
Guests	3
Total	123
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Many happy returns of the day, Sir! President Pradeep Saxena greets PDG Manibhai Doshi at the last meeting. The veteran freedom-fighter celebrated his birthday during the previous week

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The The Rotary Peace Centres programme receives support from donations to the Rotary Peace Centres Major Gifts Initiative.

Paul A. Netzal, chair of the initiative, says it has obtained US\$55.8 million in commitments, which surpasses the Phase One goal of \$55 million.

"This is an important milestone for the Rotary Peace Centres and great timing, given the exciting announcement of the new centre at Sweden's Uppsala University," says Paul. "Now that we've reached \$55 million, we've set our sights on a goal of \$60 million by June 30. We're well over halfway to our overall goal of \$95 million by 2015," he adds.

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