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makes her visit. The San Antonio Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7:00 a.m. at Teka Molina, 7231 San Pedro Ave, San Antonio, TX 78216.

Due to Mother Nature giving us a huge thunderstorm late on May 16, 2023, we cancelled our Rotary meeting due to the roads being very dangerous to drive on. We have rescheduled for Jeremy Sneed and Analee Reyes from the San Antonio Missions Baseball Club to pay us a visit on July 18th. RESCHEDULED

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Thanks to all that came out to our Rotary club's social this past Wednesday, May 31st at the Cottage Irish Pub. Thanks to the great staff at Cottage Irish Pub for being great hosts. We enjoyed some food, beverages (adult and other types), and most of all, some great fellowship. We met a few new friends, and we might even have gained a member or two from this social. We will keep you updated on that topic. We plan on having these types of socials at least once a month going forward. Keep an eye out for to find out when and where our next monthly social will be held.



Rotary International Convention concludes with a message of hope By Etelka Lehoczky / Photos by Monika Lozinska

During the convention's closing session, 2023-24 Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McInally explained why he's asking members to make mental health a priority. When his only brother took his own life, McInally said, he became determined to fight the stigma around mental health issues and expand access to care.

"I might venture to suggest that one of the main reasons that my brother and so, so many others like him reach the point they do is that mental health remains such a taboo subject, and that mental health services remain in such short supply," he said. "I know that Rotary can do something about that. I am confident we can illuminate mental health needs near and far.'

"We can help one another feel more supported as fellow Rotary members and as neighbors," McInally continued. "We can advocate for mental health services. And we can build bridges with experts in the mental health space to help expand access to treatment.'

McInally urged Rotary members to Create Hope in the World by getting involved

and taking action at a critical moment in history. "To create hope, we must continue doing our important work, and do it better than ever before," he said. "We must refocus our efforts to build peace across the globe. And we must help each other find peace within — and share that ethic of care to the people we serve."

Earlier in the day, Kunle Adeyanju, president of the Rotary Club of Ikoyi Metro A.M., Nigeria, reflected on how to fulfill the promise of a polio-free world. In 2022, Adeyanju rode a motorcycle from London, England, to Lagos, Nigeria, to raise

money and draw attention to the cause. "We're in the last mile of the push toward polio eradication. That's quite encouraging," Adeyanju said. "But when you're so close to the tipping point, the whole gain you've achieved in the last 30 years could go away in one day.'

He compared the commitment to end polio to his marathon ride. "There were several instances where I was in the Sahara and I kept asking myself, Why am I doing this? Why did I get myself here?' But the resilient spirit in us says, 'Yes, it's difficult, but it's doable.' That's the same mindset we need to put into eradicating polio around the world."

During another session that focused on the difficult but doable, past Rotary Peace Fellow Ryan Rowe introduced Haitian Rotarians who have been working to bring clean water to 770,000 people in seven counties throughout the country as part of HANWASH, or the Haiti National Clean Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Initiative.

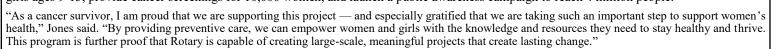
Over the last three years, the organization has raised US\$1.8 million to dig wells, engineers. This "is an incredible story of Rotary impact that the entire world story and training program for local needs to hear," Rowe said.

In her closing remarks, Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, who made history as the organization's first female president, made the connection between imagining Rotary — the idea of her presidential theme — and hope, an element of McInally's.

"We don't imagine yesterday — and we also don't look for hope in past actions," Jones said. "'Hope' and 'imagine' are words for tomorrow words that propel us forward. They build upon each other and offer a path forward. A path of continuity.

## Rotary awards US \$2 million grant to fight cervical cancer in Egypt By Etelka Lehoczky

United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt, an initiative to reduce the number of cases while raising awareness and improving women's access to preventive care, is the recipient of Rotary's third annual Programs of Scale award. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones announced the grant at the global network's annual convention in Melbourne, Australia. The four-year program in and around Cairo will vaccinate more than 30,000 girls ages 9-15, provide cancer screenings for 10,000 women, and launch a public awareness campaign to reach 4 million people.



Cervical cancer is considered one of the most preventable cancers. It's caused primarily by the human papillomavirus (HPV), the most common viral infection of the reproductive tract. Ninety percent of deaths from cervical cancer occur in low- and middle-income countries, where cancer screenings and routine HPV vaccinations aren't available and cultural misconceptions may deter women from seeking care.

A 2021 report from the World Health Organization showed that less than 10% of women in Egypt had cervical cancer screenings in the previous five years and, of those diagnosed with the disease, more than half die from it.

United to End Cervical Cancer in Egypt was initiated by the Rotary Club of El Tahrir, supported by Rotary clubs in and around Cairo and modeled after a presidential initiative on breast cancer that increased women's visits to clinics and now offers routine breast health services. It has assembled a coalition of partners that include the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population, the Egyptian Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, and the Sona3 El Khair Foundation. The Rotary Foundation awards one US\$2 million Programs of Scale grant each year to an evidence-based program that aligns with at least one of Rotary's causes and is ready to be expanded to create larger-scale change. The programs are sponsored by Rotary members in collaboration with local communities and partner organizations that offer expertise and support.







