

社長文告



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各位親愛的扶輪改變者：

我的扶輪格言之一一向就是「更壯大，做更多 (grow more and do more)」。我確信各位也力行這句格言。做更多，就像更大型、更有影響力的服務計畫，更壯大，就像增加我們社員。

在扶輪世界各地，對於我們「一個帶一個 (Each One, Bring One)」的行動反應很熱烈。我所到之處，扶輪社社長、地區總監，及扶輪成員——不論是老社員或新社員——對於社員工作激勵了整個扶輪世界都深表同感。

我們正在壯大，我等不及要在6月的休士頓國際扶輪年會與各位慶祝這項成果。要報名年會仍有時間，做好安排，加入我們的行列。我們期待一個一生難得的體驗，讓我們的社員在分離多時之後能夠團結在一起。

隨著我們更壯大，我們就有更多機會可以做更多。4月是「母親與兒童健康月」，乃是貴社思考各位要如何支持母親及幼童健康的大好機會。改善全球母親及兒童取得醫療的管道及醫療品質，是我們一大工作重點，並且與我們的「賦予女孩能力」(Empowering Girls) 提案非常吻合。我十分欣賞扶輪社在這項焦點領域的工作成果，我鼓勵各位去思考要如何做得更多。

看到扶輪社員在社長會議共聚一堂，分享如何運用我們的焦點領域來促成世界更大、更持久的改變，

向來令人振奮。之前及接下來的社長會議都檢視我們新的焦點領域——環境保護——我們保護地球的工作也必須支持我們促進當地經濟的行動，尤其是在最貧窮的地方。

我也很榮幸在蘇格蘭格拉斯哥舉行的第26屆聯合國氣候變遷會議中發表談話。這場重要會議齊聚近100位各國元首及官員，在兩個星期的時間中共同訂定石化燃料排放的新目標。我的行動呼籲是復育紅樹林，它是個重要的生態系，可減緩氣候變遷對濱海地帶的影響。世界各國已經對此計畫表現很高的興趣。

我們的存活在危急關頭——環境災難的破壞力量已經發生在我們周遭——我們讓世界赤貧者擺脫困境並帶給他們希望的能力也是。我們必須設法保護我們地球的同時維持經濟成長，才能達到我們人道工作的最高目標。

這對扶輪是非常令人興奮的時候，全世界都迫切需要我們。在我們「以服務改善人生」之際，要記得我們也在改變自己。我們正在成為世界偉大的改變者及締造和平者。

世界已經準備好迎接我們。該是挺身而出展開行動的時候了。

Shekhar Mehta

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



GREETINGS, DEAR CHANGE-MAKERS OF ROTARY,

Friends, one of my mantras in Rotary has been *do more, grow more*. I am sure you are adopting this mantra. *Do more*, as in bigger and impactful service projects, and *grow more*, as in increasing our membership.

There is so much excitement across the Rotary world about our Each One, Bring One effort. Everywhere I travel, club presidents, district governors, and Rotary members — both veteran and new — express appreciation that their membership efforts are inspiring the Rotary world.

We are growing more, and I cannot wait to celebrate all of this success with you at the Rotary International Convention in Houston in June. There is still time to register and make your plans to join us. We are looking forward to a once-in-a-lifetime experience that will unite our members after far too much time apart.

As we *grow more*, we will have so much more opportunity to *do more*. April is Maternal and Child Health Month, a great opportunity for your clubs to consider what you are doing to support the health of mothers and young children. Improving access to care and the quality of care for women and children worldwide is an important focus for us, and it also ties in very well with our Empowering Girls initiative. I appreciate the work being done by various clubs in this area of focus, and I would encourage you to think of ways to *do more*.

It has been so exciting to see Rotary members come together at the presidential conferences to share ideas about using our areas of focus to bring about big, lasting change in the world. The past and upcoming

presidential conferences are looking at our new area of focus — the environment — and how our work to protect our planet must also support our efforts to grow local economies, especially in places with the greatest poverty.

I also had the honor to speak at the 26th United Nations climate change conference, known as COP26, in Glasgow, Scotland. This important meeting brought together nearly 100 heads of state and government over a two-week period to set new targets for fossil fuel emission. My call to action was to restore mangroves, a crucial ecosystem that can mitigate the effects of climate change in coastal areas. Already, countries across the world are showing great enthusiasm for this plan.

Our survival is at stake — the damage of environmental catastrophe is already upon us — and so, too, is our ability to lift the world's most needy out of poverty and offer them hope. We must find ways to protect our planet while sustaining the economic growth necessary to achieve our highest humanitarian goals.

This is a very exciting time in Rotary, a time when the world needs us most. As we *Serve to Change Lives*, remember that we are also changing ourselves. We are becoming the world's great change-makers and peace-builders.

The world is ready for us. It's time to rise to that call.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shekhar Mehta". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

President, Rotary International