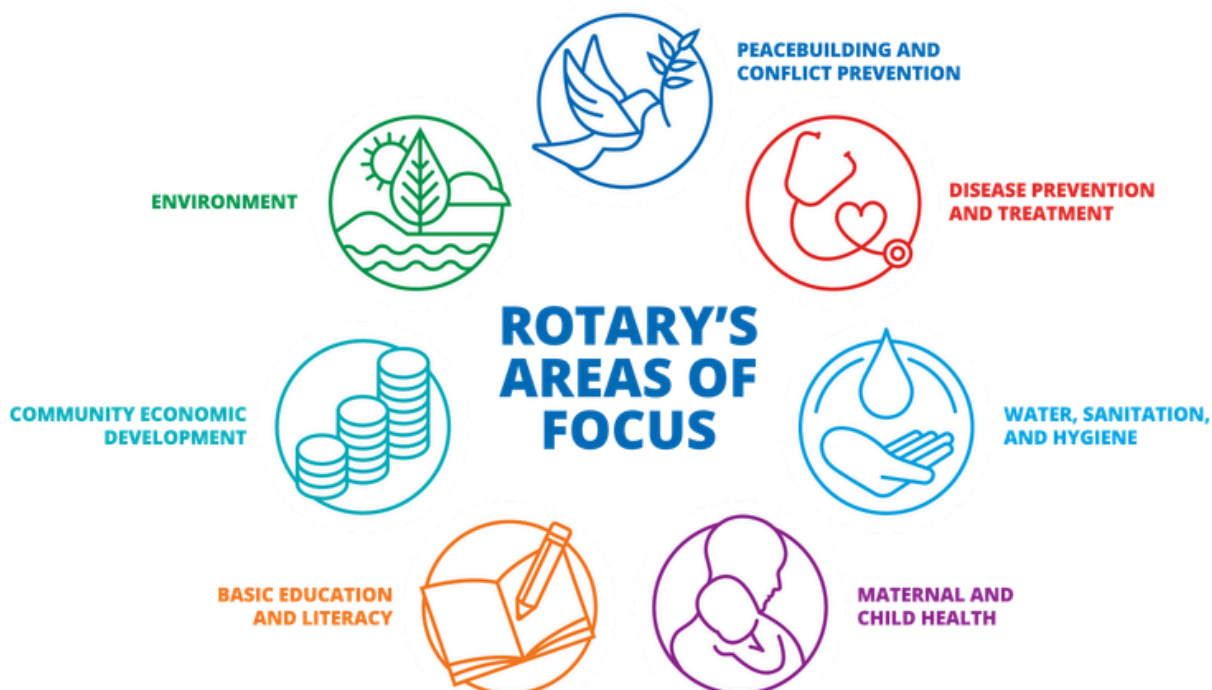


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Shield of Care

On 4th March 2026, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial supported a critical healthcare need by donating 50 sterile probe covers to the Colombo North Centre for Liver Diseases (CNCLD) – M. H. Omar Liver Care Facility. This donation was made in response to an urgent request from the medical unit, which had run out of these essential supplies, preventing doctors from carrying out ultrasound-guided liver ablation surgeries for patients in need of treatment.

Sterile probe covers are vital for maintaining infection control during such procedures and ensuring patient safety. Without them, the medical team would have been unable to proceed with critical interventions. By responding swiftly, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial enabled the resumption of these life-saving procedures, reaffirming its commitment to supporting healthcare institutions and improving patient outcomes.



Uniting Generations at Work : Joint Meeting

On 9th March, a joint meeting between the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial, Rotary Club of Colombo Reconnections, and Rotary Club of Colombo Uptown was successfully held, bringing members together for an engaging and thought-provoking session. The evening featured Guest Speaker Mr. Mithila Wegapitiya, Vice Chairman of LAUGFS Holdings, who delivered an insightful talk on “Uniting Generations at Work.” His session explored how organizations can effectively bring together Baby Boomers, Gen X, Millennials, and Gen Z within the workplace, highlighting strategies to harness the strengths of each generation to create extraordinary outcomes. The meeting concluded with warm fellowship among members, strengthening the bonds between the participating clubs.



Baking Hope: Livelihood Support Project

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial recently carried out a livelihood support initiative by donating an electric cake mixer to a low-income family whose primary source of income is small-scale home baking. As the family depends on making and selling cakes for their livelihood, limited equipment had made it challenging for them to work efficiently and expand their business. To help strengthen their income-generating efforts, the Club provided a new electric cake mixer with a three-year warranty, enabling them to increase production capacity and maintain consistent quality in their products.

This practical contribution will allow the family to prepare cakes more efficiently, save valuable time, and improve their earning potential. Through initiatives such as this, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial continues to empower vulnerable families by supporting small home-based businesses and helping them build a more stable and sustainable future.





Healing Minds Matter – Good Shepherd Convent

On 13th March, the Healing Minds Matter program was successfully conducted at Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena, engaging over 350 students in an energetic and impactful mental health awareness session. The project was coordinated by the Interact Club of Good Shepherd Convent, showcasing the power of youth-led initiatives in creating meaningful change.

The session was led by a distinguished panel including Rtn. Rasini Bandara (Past President, Rotary Club of Colombo Mid Town), Mr. Ranil Thilakarathna (Chief Operating Officer, Lanka Lifeline), Rtn. PHF Michael Jayawardana (President, Rotary Club of Port City), and Mr. Dulika Jayamanne (Founder, Beat It Out). Their insights encouraged open dialogue and awareness on mental well-being. Special appreciation goes to Int. Michelke Perera, President of the Interact Club of Good Shepherd Convent, for her leadership in coordinating this successful initiative.



Small Medal, Big Dreams

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial had the privilege of being part of a truly meaningful initiative by sponsoring the medals for the sports meet of Shri Sumangala Primary School, Kuda Bollatha — a school filled with children from humble backgrounds, yet with dreams as big as any.

For these young students, the event was more than just a sports meet. It was a moment of recognition, pride, and belonging. The joy on their faces as they received their medals reflected something far greater than victory — it was about dignity, encouragement, and hope. Initiatives like these remind us that impact is not measured by size, but by the lives we touch. This is truly why we serve.





From Vision to Action: Board meeting

On 25th March, the Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial successfully conducted its Board Meeting and Club Assembly via an online platform, bringing together members to review the progress of previously planned initiatives. The meeting provided an opportunity to assess the current status of ongoing projects, ensuring alignment with the club's objectives and identifying areas that required further attention or support.

In addition to reviewing past and ongoing efforts, the club engaged in productive discussions to outline future goals and upcoming projects, reinforcing its commitment to service and community impact. The session concluded on a positive note with fellowship among members, fostering stronger connections and a shared sense of purpose moving forward.

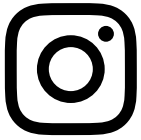




Welcoming a New Member: Rtn. Yuka LaTulippe

The Rotary Club of Colombo Centennial warmly welcomes Yuka LaTulippe as our newest member. A seasoned executive with 19 years of experience, Yuka is the Co-Founder of Perituzza Software Solutions and leads its operations across Sri Lanka and India. Her diverse career spans aviation, product and project management, and human resources, with leadership roles at organizations such as Universal Weather and Aviation, Woodforest National Bank, and World Fuel Services. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Yuka is an award-winning classical pianist who has performed at Carnegie Hall and mentored students to success at prestigious platforms including Lincoln Center. We are delighted to have her join our Rotary family and look forward to the expertise and passion she brings to the club.





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