

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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1. President Shekhar Mehta sits at the Rotary International president's office in Evanston, Illinois, humbled at the opportunity to *Serve to Change Lives*.
2. Shekhar and Rashi Mehta pose in front of the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro.
3. Mehta "kicks out polio" in front of Urbano Caldeira Stadium in Santos, Brazil, where Pelé, the legendary professional soccer star, used to play.
4. Mehta speaks at Rotary Day with UNICEF in New York City in March.
5. When in Nigeria, dress as the Nigerians do.



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- 6. Mehta visits an Empowering Girls project in Nigeria.
- 7. In Korea, Mehta poses with Rotarian scuba divers who haul debris out of the ocean.
- 8. While visiting Poland, Mehta consoles a Rotary member from Ukraine as she narrates stories about her war-torn country.
- 9. Mehta answers questions at a press conference in Nigeria.
- 10. Mehta meets with President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya to discuss various Rotary initiatives, including plans to provide free heart surgeries.

MY DEAR CHANGE-MAKERS,

What a year it has been for Rotary. You have lived up to every challenge, including to *grow more, do more*, and Rotary has grown in a way that we haven't in many years. This year saw life-changing new projects across all areas of focus, as we took up important work at the highest level — with UNICEF, the Commonwealth, and global leaders. Our efforts opened opportunities to empower girls, improve the environment, and advance literacy and health.

I want to thank each of you for your proactive service. I also want to thank the wonderful Rotary staff for ensuring that we can work with care for our fellow human beings, with peace in our hearts.

Personally, this has been an extremely enriching year for Rashi and me. We've met with thousands of Rotarians and been inspired by their great work around the world. We were also able to showcase Rotary's work at the highest level, meeting with heads of state, leaders, and bureaucrats and offering to work with them to show that Rotary cares and brings peace in this world. With our swan song, Rashi and I wish you the very best as you *Serve to Change Lives*.

Shekhar Mehta

President, Rotary International