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# RGHF's OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

*A Newsletter for Rotary Leaders*

*"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."  
Arch Klumph, Founder of The Rotary Foundation*

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**Issue 256 - November 2025**

## From the President's Desk

Dear Fellow Members,

There were two significant news items we received recently.

First, I draw your attention to the remarkable recognition The Rotary Foundation has once again earned: for the consecutive year, Charity Navigator - the leading independent evaluator of nonprofit organisations - has awarded its highest possible rating. This consistent recognition is far more than a badge of honour. It is a powerful testament to our collective commitment to transparency, accountability, financial prudence, and meaningful impact. It means every dollar and resource entrusted to Rotary is being managed with integrity, and delivered in projects that save lives and build hope around the globe.

Equally extraordinary is the generosity and solidarity shown by Rotary's global community in 2024-25. Over 1 billion dollars was contributed, exceeding the annual fundraising goal by nearly USD 70 million.

Such achievements are not mere milestones - they signal a renewed capacity for Rotary to deliver on our most ambitious goals: eradication of polio, education, clean water & sanitation, maternal & child health, disaster relief, peace-building, sustainable livelihoods, and much more. For history-minded Rotarians such as ourselves, these developments are a vivid reminder that what began more than a century ago continues to evolve - and remains highly relevant.

As members of Rotary Global History Fellowship, we have a special responsibility: to record, preserve, and disseminate the stories behind these successes - to ensure that future generations of Rotarians understand not just what we do, but why and how we do it. We invite you to renew your commitment - to give time, talent or treasure as you can; to share our history and mission with others; and to help ensure that Rotary's wheel keeps turning - wiser, more impactful.

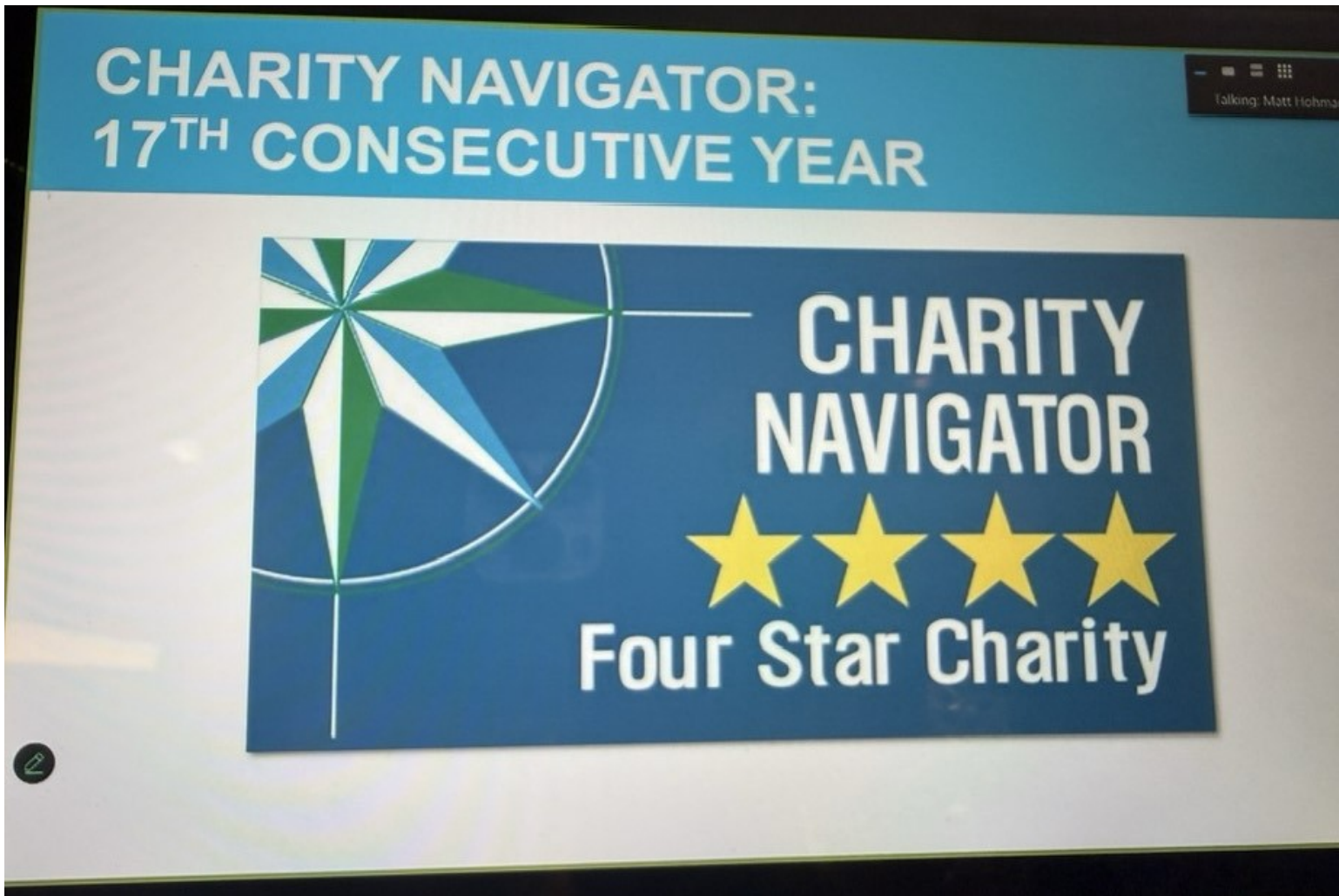
Rotary Regards,



**Jeetendra Sharma**  
**President**  
**Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF)**

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## Rotary Foundation receives highest rating from Charity Navigator 17th consecutive year



For the 17th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating - four stars - from [Navigator](#), the largest and most utilized independent charity evaluator in the United States.

The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

"We are delighted to provide the Rotary Foundation with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence," said Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. "The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that the Rotary Foundation will accomplish in the years ahead."

Charity Navigator analyzes overall nonprofit health and performance based on four key areas: **Leadership & Governance**, **Adaptability** to help donors understand if a charity has clarity of purpose, **Accountability & Finance** to ensure they are transparent and fiscally capable, **Culture & Community** to show how they engage with their constituents, and **Impact & Results** to explain what they have accomplished.

## 2024-25 Fundraising Results: A record-breaking year for Rotary

Rotary supporters, donors, and partners contributed over US\$569 million in 2024-25, exceeding the goal of 500 million. These funds fuel global and district grants, disaster response grants, and top priorities like polio eradication.

In 2024-25:

- 478,629 donors supported The Rotary Foundation.
- 32,972 clubs contributed, including 1,893 Rotaract clubs.
- 1,036 Rotaract clubs earned the Rotaract Giving Certificate - a new record!
- Rotary Direct saw a 3.3% increase, raising US\$12.7 million.
- The Paul Harris Society grew 5% to 35,191 members.
- Raise for Rotary raised US\$682,000 from 600-plus pages across 50-plus countries.

Together, we're building a more hopeful, healthier future - one gift at a time. Thank you for helping Rotary complete a very successful fundraising year.

*Source: Rotary international Newsletter*

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### Visit: Paul & Jean Harris Home

Members of the joint RI/TRF Learning Committee recently visited the Paul & Jean Harris Home in Chicago, Illinois, the Paul Harris Memorial. RGHF Chair Emeritus Irv Kaplan and Vice-President Nevine Abdelkhalek were a part of the visit. Some glimpses being shared here.









Home of Paul and Jean Harris  
1912-1947







# Rotary International Convention 2026 - Taipei, Taiwan



RGHF Members attending the Rotary International Convention 2026 to be held between 13-17 June 2026 are requested to inform their participation to any of the following members of the Board of Directors for the purpose of better planning:

1. Chair, T.I.M. Nurul Kabir - [nurulkabir.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:nurulkabir.rotary@gmail.com)
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