

採取行動的年輕扶輪人

無論我們在國際扶輪服務多久，年輕領袖的能量與嶄新視角總能讓我們獲益良多。因此，我很榮幸能把本月份的社長文告交由一位年輕領袖——維托·霍文提諾 (Vitor Joventino) 來撰寫。在他的文章中，他提醒我們團隊合作及包容精神如何成為推動變革的關鍵力量。在閱讀他的訊息時，鼓勵各位思考其中的見解、感受他的熱情，並擁抱新的學習機會。

——史蒂芬妮·歐琦珂



我 仍然記得，自己第一次真正體會到國際扶輪青年計畫的力量，是在澳洲的一個星期六早晨。當時，我是扶輪青少年交換計畫的學生，正站在扶輪青少年領袖獎的活動現場。活動主辦單位給我們出了一個挑戰：我們必須站在一塊大防水布上，在不能踏出去的條件下，想辦法將其對折。

一開始，這項挑戰看似簡單。但當我們開始行動、訂定策略、重新調整時，才發現成功的關鍵並不在於個人，而是團隊合作、靈活應變及持續溝通。

扶青社員及扶輪社員在一旁提供指導，但沒有人告訴我們「正確的做法」是什麼，我們必須自己做決定。然後，一個非凡的時刻發生了。隨著防水布的面積越來越小，沒有人指示我們，但我們所有人一致決定沒有人可以被落下。

我們有一位隊友是輪椅使用者，這讓我們有機會調整策略，確保他能夠完整參與這場挑戰。我們改變站位、舉起防水布、重新配置位置。我們用時間思考、規劃、採取團隊行動，最終，我們成功一起完成這項挑戰。

當我們慶祝成功時，一位參與者說：「社會的運作方式也是如此——挑戰總會出現，但我們不能讓任何人被落下，而是應該找到讓所有人都能

參與的方法。」這句話來自一位年輕人，卻蘊含極為深刻的道理——這正是我們這次體驗的精髓。

扶輪少年服務團讓年輕人有能力發起創造真實且長遠影響的服務計畫。扶輪青少年交換計畫培養世界公民，使其返國時視野拓展，領導能力增強。扶輪青少年領袖獎訓練未來領袖，使他們能夠啟發及帶動他人。這一切，都是神奇扶輪，由採取行動的年輕人促成。這些計畫乃是扶輪的核心能力，在這個不斷變化的世界中持續成長及適應。

然而，這些計畫的成功不僅取決於年輕領袖的努力，更需要每一位扶輪社員相信他們的潛力。我鼓勵各位贊助扶輪少年服務團、接待青少年交換學生並支持一名扶輪青少年領袖獎參與者。你的參與不僅讓這些計畫得以持續，還能擴大它們的影響力，確保年輕領導人不只是受益於扶輪，更將成為扶輪的積極貢獻者。

對於已經在支持扶輪青少年計畫的你，我由衷感謝。各位的輔導及投入發揮廣大影響力。而對於仍在考慮加入此一行列者，現在正是最好的時機！因為青年領袖不只是扶輪的未來，他們還是扶輪的「現在」。

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Rotary's young people of action

No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn.

— STEPHANIE URCHICK



I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound

thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is *The Magic of Rotary*, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

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