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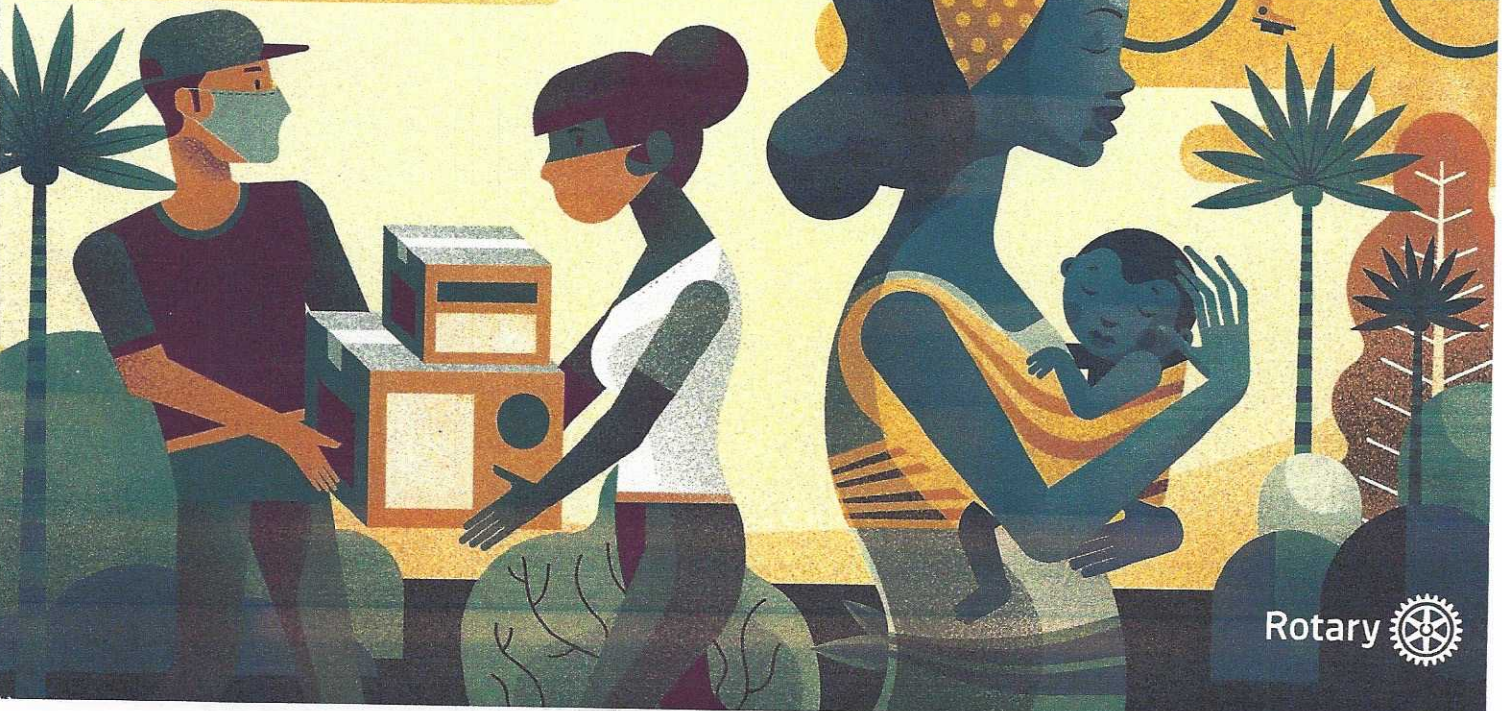
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“While global grants and district grants have been very successful, we want to give opportunities for projects with even more impact.”

— Sangkoo Yun  
 Rotary Foundation trustee and  
 Programs of Scale selection committee member



### Raising voices

**T**HOUGH SHE COMES FROM a long line of Scottish farmers, Kate Mentink has called Mallorca home for nearly 40 years. Mentink, a member of the Rotary Club of Calvià International, has long been an advocate for members of the international community living and working in Spain, including on Mallorca and the other islands of the Balearic chain.

Mentink served two terms on the city council of Calvià from 2003 to 2011, negotiating oversight of tourism and issues affecting expatriates in a town where about a third of the population is from outside Spain.

One inspiration for her work, Mentink says, was her mentor, a man named Eric Lomax. “Such a positive influence in my life led me to have a similar mentor relationship with younger people,” including the international school students who participate in debates run by her Rotary club. One graduate of the program addressed the United Nations after winning an international public speaking competition, and now he hopes to pursue a career in diplomacy or European politics, Mentink says. “We talk nearly every week.”

— VANESSA GLAVINSKAS

Read about the interscholastic debates sponsored by the Rotary Club of Calvià International on page 21.



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