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United Nations and Rotary celebrate 80th anniversary of UN charter

Rotary International and the United Nations reaffirmed their historic partnership during the 80th anniversary of the UN Charter signing.

Leaders from both organizations recalled how, in the aftermath of World War II, Rotary helped shape the UN by serving as observers at the 1945 Charter Conference, contributing to agendas, resolutions, and mediation efforts.

Speakers emphasized that global cooperation is more vital than ever as the world faces conflicts, inequality, climate change, and technological risks.

Despite challenges to multilateralism, progress offers hope: education access has expanded, poverty has declined, and health outcomes have improved worldwide. UN leaders stressed that such achievements result from sustained collective action.

Rotary's grassroots initiatives align closely with UN agencies in education, health, peacebuilding, environmental protection, and the fight against polio.

The enduring Rotary–UN relationship reflects a shared belief that peace is built through cooperation, service, and the everyday commitment of individuals choosing unity over division.

