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REPORT ON BLOOD DONATION DRIVE:



A Blood Donation Camp was organized on Saturday, 24th July 2021 at MCKV, Liluah Campus and Rotary Club of Belur was part of the Camp. During the Blood Donation Camp 150+ donors donated blood in a very safe environment from 9.30 am till late hours. The associated Blood Bank with this camp was Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre and Research Institute. Proper monitoring was carried out with the checking of Blood Pressure, Sugar Level and determining other parameters before approving a donor.

Our Members including Club President Rtn Indra Goenka along with PP Rtn K.K Kejriwal, Abhay Kejriwal, Rtn Amar Malhotra, Sarita Mohta and others donated blood along with our Rotractors.

To imbibe a sense of encouragement and also as a token of appreciation for donating blood during pandemic times, plants were distributed to all donors on behalf of our club alongwith food packets which were sponsored by MCKV.

We got covered in the following print media for the Blood Donation Camp held on 24th July, 2021:

AJ KAAL, SANMARG, DAINIK VISWAMITRA, PRABHAT KHABAR, CHHAPTE CHHAPTE, SUNHARA RAJESHYTHAN, PRATIDIN, HULCHUL (Guj.)



TODAY'S PROGRAMME

On Webex Virtual Platform
Meeting ID: 1702406685 • Password: BELUR



Mr. Devendra Vyas
Managing Director
SREI Equipment Finance Limited

Topic: **LEADERSHIP**

A smart strategist and a die-hard optimist, Devendra Kumar Vyas is known for his innovative ideas that have reshaped India's infrastructure equipment financing industry. As a Managing Director of SREI Equipment Finance Limited, Devendra leads a team of more than 1,000 professionals and oversees asset under management of approximately Rs 35,000 crore as on March 31, 2021.

Devendra extends his expertise to several industry bodies and is regularly invited by leading chambers for his thought provoking speeches. He is the Conveyor of Conference panel of Indian Construction Equipment Manufacturers' Association (ICEMA), a CII promoted association, and a Country Representative of Asian Financial Services Association. He is also a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and is on the advisory committee of Indian Securitisation Foundation.

Devendra has received many awards for his outstanding leadership. He was awarded as the Business Leader of the Year 2020 by ET Now. He was accorded as the Best CEO of the Year consecutively for two years by CIA World Construction & Infra Awards in 2017 and 2018, Most Promising Business Leaders of Asia 2017 by Economic Times, Asia Pacific HRM Congress 2015 – CEO of the Year and many more such prestigious awards.

Devendra believes in Spiritual leadership, driven by values and lives them with integrity. An avid traveller and technophile, his personal and work lives reflect a blend of humility, honesty, and innovative thinking.



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Minutes of the 2443 RCM of Rotary Club of Belur held on Saturday, the 24th day of July, 2021 at 11.00 A.M. at MCKV, Liluah.

The President Rtn Indra Goenka called the 2443rd meeting to order and requested all to rise for the National Anthem.

President Rtn Indra then invited PP Rtn Amarnath Chowdhury to offer Invocation of God which was carried out by him quite proficiently. Thereafter Rtn RajRani volunteered to offer a prayer for the day which equally appreciated by all present at the meeting.

President welcomed prospective member Mayank Jasoria as well as Sapna Paul, spouse of Rtn Tarun Kanti Paul for attending the 1st physical meeting. She specifically welcomed all the spouses for attending 1st physical meeting of the current Rotary Year and appreciated all members, their children and spouse Sarita Mohta for coming forward to donate the Blood and thereby adding to the success of the event.

Minutes of the meeting as published in the digital Bulletin was confirmed by PP Rtn Amarnath Chowdhury and seconded by Rtn Rakesh Almal.

President Indra now requested Pro tem Club Secretary Rtn Manju Banthia to conduct club business which she did by announcing the club and district forthcoming programmes as well congratulating members whose Birthdays fell during the interim period. Club Secretary was indisposed as such could be present on the occasion.

President Rtn Indra Goenka also informed all the members present about the forthcoming Charter Day's Planning.

President spoke about the food distribution project that has been announced by her and appreciated ideas given by VP Rtn Amar Malhotra. She also announced

that quite a few members had shown interest to contribute in the said project and the same would be started very soon.

The President then went on to explain the reason for changing of the website vendor and its advantage to our club. She clarified the issue raised by Rtn Ajay Khanna regarding the individuality of website from other clubs. She informed that synchronizing with Rotary India Application is going to be beneficial in the long run.

PP Rtn Subhas Agarwal proposed that our club shall do a project keeping the need of community in mind and move towards adopting villages for projects. President welcome the idea and assured that plans are already underway towards the said direction and hopefully our club will be able to give it a proper shape sooner than later.

President requested PP Rtn K.K Kejriwal to join on the dais to cut the cake brought by PP Rtn R.K Bubna to celebrate his Birthday and he did so with the delighted members joining the merriment. She gifted him a plant along with a special gift on the occasion as a heartfelt thanks for the support extended by him.

With no other matter pending to be discussed, the meeting was terminated with the sounding of the gong by The President Rtn Indra Goenka.

Rtn Indra Goenka, *President*
Rtn Manju Banthia, *Protem Secretary*



PRIP CARLO RAVIZZA IS NO MORE

We regret to announce the sad demise of Carlo Ravizza, RI President 1999-2000.

Born in Milan, he is a graduate of Milan University, where he studied civil engineering.

A Rotarian since 1971, he was a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Milano Sud-Ovest, Italy. He has been district governor, an advisory group member, presidential information counsellor, and member and chairman of numerous committees.

Carlo Ravizza was chairman of the 1997 International Assembly Committee. He has served Rotary International as a vice president, a director and as a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He has received the Citation for Meritorious Service of the Rotary Foundation for his support of its international humanitarian and educational programs, and a Citation for Service to the Foundation's PolioPlus Campaign.

RI President Shekhar Mehta who was a District Governor during 1999 – 2000 said: 'I am deeply saddened to hear of the demise of RI President 1999-2000, Carlo Ravizza. It was an honor to serve as District Governor when Carlo Ravizza was the RI President. Remember this towering personality as Captain Carlo who motivated all of us, the then district Governors, with the call "two ow ow ow governors". From the Rotary International fraternity, I extend heartfelt condolences to Rosanna and her family.'





दिमाग की बात दिल से

Rtn Amitabh Mohan in conversation
with PP Rtn Sunil Jain



Amitabh: Sunil ji you are a successful entrepreneur, a loved family man & an avid Rotarian. How do you go about balancing all the three dimension.

Sunil: Yes Amitabh very relevant question for me. I am a very happy person on all these 3 dimensions of my life. Its not been difficult but yes is demanding. I have always been a family man. My family always remained my priority – My wife my two Sons now married to very affectionate daughter in laws ,also, my Brothers and sisters and their families. I never compromised with what I can do and am expected to do for them. I knew my profession is going to provide for all that I want to do therefore I have set my goals and methods in place to care of that and always lived up to my commitments there.

Now regarding Rotary. I became member in 2001 but around 2010 it turned into passion. Once it became a passion my involvement level has changed. I can tell you there is no other club in 3291 like Belur... the environment here is intoxicating... I actually had to do nothing it became so much part of me and everything just happened...therefore I never felt any pressure. " aurharkaamhume bade shauk se kiya... tan se kiya man se kiyaaurdhan se kiya aur enjoy kiya"

Amitabh: So basically, your mantra was PRIORITY, PLANNING & Passion.

Sunil: Being Clear about your Priority that is Family, Having Plan in place for Work & Living your Passion at Rotary... Awesome!

Amitabh: How different is life before and after Corona.

Sunil: It has changed drastically. Besides tragic losses of life and business that people suffered I think this phase has come in everyones life as 'Life style changer" ... there were lot of things that people knew but never practiced are all necessary compulsion now "Vo kehtehainnakilatonekabhoot baton se

nahimante... bas vohi ho rahahai..." Corona has shown the way and has made people think how to lead their lives. As for me we have been able to deal with despite being affected by corona due to general declined life style and regular practice of yoga. My fathers influence of believing in nature and discipline has helped me a lot.

Amitabh: How do you deal with stress. What is the Secret of your Smile.

Sunil: I never take stress that word is not there in my dictionary. I accept things as the come. & my wife Kavita has been a constant support. Very simple non demanding and a strong wild simple person. Her presence in my life has further helped to keep my calm in all situations. Also, I don't keep things within me.

Amitabh: what role music plays in your life

Sunil: Music is my life... even today I humm line of song in my wife's ear even if she is asleep (says with a chuckle..) . Three things that will continue till my last 1st is My Music 2nd My cooking -working on refining my skills with help of few chefs also and 3rd is I am going to take gardening more seriously...

Amitabh: You message to our readers

Indra: My message is... Take whatever you can from Belur as it offers what many families today don't... It's a complete family... get involved try and know others emotions make them understand yours ... don't limit yourself to just attending meeting andlimiting yourself to few know faces. Understand Rotary feeling with Belurian Essence it will change your life...

Amitabh: Thank you so much Sunil ji and best wishes to your new venture

UPCOMING
EVENTS

PROGRAMME OF OUR CLUB:

08th August Charter Day Celebration with RCM at Agrasen Dham, Bagnan
-Details to follows.

15th August Flag Hoisting at one of our wash beneficiary school.
-Details to follows.

28th & 29th August Project "Virangana" at our RCC Arupota.

Nominating Committee to nominate RI president for 2023-24 announced



These Rotarians will serve on the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2023-24. The committee is scheduled to meet on 5 August, 2021.

Zone 1	Masahiro Kuroda, Rotary Club of Hachinohe South, Aomori, Japan	Zone 19	Peter L. Offer, Rotary Club of Coventry Jubilee, England
Zone 3	Akira Miki, Rotary Club of Himeji, Hyogo, Japan	Zone 21	Corneliu Dincă, Rotary Club of Craiova, Romania
Zone 5	Basker Chockalingam, Rotary Club of Karur, TN, India	Zone 23	Celia Giay, Rotary Club of Arrecifes, Bs. As., Argentina
Zone 7	M.K. Panduranga Setty, Rotary Club of Bangalore, Karnataka, India	Zone 25	Andy Smallwood, Rotary Club of Houston Hobby Area, Texas, USA
Zone 9	Jackson S.L. Hsieh, Rotary Club of Taipei Sunrise, Taiwan Alternate: Hsiu-Ming (Frederick) Lin, Rotary Club of Taipei Tungteh, Taiwan	Zone 27	Steven A. Snyder, Rotary Club of Auburn, California, USA
Zone 11	Eunsoo Moon, Rotary Club of Cheonan-Dosol, Chungcheongnam, Republic of Korea	Zone 29	Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA
Zone 13	Gérard Allonneau, Rotary Club of Parthenay, France Alternate: Jacques di Costanzo, Rotary Club of Marseille, B.-du-Rh., France		Alternate: Lawrence A. Dimmitt, Rotary Club of Topeka, Kansas, USA
Zone 15	Ekkehart Pandel, Rotary Club of Bückeberg, Germany	Zone 31	Larry A. Lunsford, Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA
Zone 17	Ann-Britt Åsebol, Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvågen, Sweden	Zone 33	Anne L. Matthews, Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA

Source: Rotary International

Rotary Magazine 2021 Photo Awards

Winning photographers using their cameras to make connections

As we all were, the pandemic affected photographers as well who had a challenging year. With travel plans going awry due to cancellations and so on and so forth and it reflected in many of the submissions for Rotary magazine's 2021 photo awards. More photos than usual were taken close to home, sometimes as close as the backyard. We did see breathtaking images of some photographers' journeys, many from the days before the pandemic limited travel. Others took this year to experiment with extreme close-ups of a flower petal or a bird in flight. Many photos captured the way COVID-19 has transformed our world and our daily lives. And, perhaps reflecting the fundamental optimism of Rotarians, there were many images of hope, joy, and simple beauty.

Judge, photojournalist Barbara Davidson, evaluated the photographs with an exacting eye and came up with a list of amazing photographs wherein she looked at the use of colour as an element of composition, degrees of tones in black-and-white images, and overall composition of the photographs. Davidson says. But the technical achievement has to be in service of something. "The images that stand out invite one to linger on the photograph and successfully inspire an emotional response."

In addition to the winners and honourable mentions which incidentally includes one from INDIA as well.

GET READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP

The next edition of Rotary's photo awards will open on 1st October, 2021 and close on 15th December, 2021. For more information, go to rotary.org/en/enter-2022-rotary-magazine-photo-awards

Source: Rotary International

FIRST PLACE

Photographer: Hansruedi Frutiger
Rotary Club of Gombak, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Location: Yuanyang County, Yunnan, China



SECOND PLACE

Photographer: Luca Venturi
Rotary Club of Siena Est, Italy
Location: Siena, Italy



THIRD PLACE

Photographer: Randy Nickerson
Rotary Club of Oshawa, Ontario
Location: Longsheng County, China



HONORABLE MENTIONS

Photographer: Geetanjali Dhar
Rotary Club of E-Connect, India.
Location: Mechuka Valley, India



District Membership Seminar of 24th July was attended by President Rtn Indra Goenka, Membership Chair Rtn G.D Agarwal & Other Rotarians on the virtual platform.

President Rtn Indra Goenka attended the biggest Virtual Meeting IGNITE -EOBO of Zone 4,5,6,7 on 26th July 2021 at 5.45pm on zoom platform. It was directly with PRID Kamal Sanghvi. RI President Shekhar Mehta, RI Director Dr Mahesh Kotbagi, RI Director A.S Venkatesh & PRID Kamal Sanghvi.

Happy Birthday

2 August



Sunil Sobti

CLUB NEWS Project: DIVYADANNAM

ANNADAN -MAHADAAN. Food is the basic necessity for living. Feeding a hungry human being is a great service. ROTARY CLUB OF BELUR took an initiative in this direction and decided to start a project for the same and have named it "DIVYADANNAM". Making a beginning on 30th July 2021 Food was distributed to more than 200 poor and needy people near Bhootnath Temple Kolkata. Rtn. Sandeep Saroff spearhead the programme and managed it efficiently. The food was sponsored by PP Rtn. Vishnu Dhandhanian. Heartfelt Thanks to both of them. PP Rtn. G.L. Agarwal

also deserves a special mention for his valuable guidance. President Indra Goenka said that similar food distribution programme shall be organised frequently as announced earlier and requested members to become part of it by taking initiative for the same.

Though members' participation is not encouraged as much, given the current COVID situation, but it is always helpful if we can do such projects in rotation.



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