



Vision Fort

Monthly E-Bulletin of Rotary Club of Nagpur Fort, RID 3030

RI President: Jennifer E. Jones

*District Governor: Dr. Anand
Jhunjhunwala*

Club President: Dr Suresh Bhake

*Club Secretary: Ramkrushna
Nakkanwar*

July 14, 2022

The new president speaks...

Good evening fellow Rotarians and Anns. It is quite an honor for me to serve as President of Rotary Club of Nagpur Fort, a premier and prestigious club. I am committed to leading this club through yet another successful year under the Rotary International theme "IMAGINE ROTARY".



The installation of the club's new Board of Directors is yet another great way to continue the celebration of the achievements as the club continues to execute life changing projects.

As the 22nd President of Rotary Club of Nagpur Fort, I shall continue with our community service agenda, invite new people to our organisation, energise our new members, bring back the projects that have positively impacted so many people and, above all, share the tradition of Rotary with others.

In this new Rotary year we shall be focused on the projects that will be geared towards bringing our club back together which has suffered due to Covid-19 pandemic and its effect on attendance and membership engagement.

We will have to reach out to our members individually, elicit feedback from them on how best to engage them, organise social events that will engender camaraderie, and organise speakers that are high impactful, influential and interesting.

In terms of service projects for this year in this post pandemic period, our focus will be aimed at follow up

projects in some communities where projects were executed before. More emphasis will be placed on collaborations as we shine to execute within the ambit of Rotary's 7 areas of focus.

The level of impact organisations like Rotary seek to make in their communities will continue.

With this background I assure you that my team and I will try to do the best possible in the Rotary year 2022-23. And with your support, we can and will make this year a very successful one.

Rtn. Dr. Suresh Bhake

From the Editor ...

Friends,

On 1st of July 2022, Vaishali passed on the baton of RCNF to Suresh, the 22nd President. The new Board has been installed and new Committees formed. The new District Governor, Rtn. Dr Anand Jhunjhunwala and the new RI President Rtn. Jennifer E Jones have also taken up their responsibilities.

Our club has a mixture of young, enthusiastic and energetic new members on one hand, and experienced, knowledgeable, seasoned members on the other. A combination of the two can undoubtedly create wonders.

On the Vision Front, our multi-faceted Past President Dr Sreehari Chava, after an astounding two years as editor, has handed over the reins of the monthly magazine to me. I hope to be able to live up to the high standards set by Dr Chava. For this, though, I shall need your participation in terms of sending articles written by yourself or any member of your family. You can also share anything of interest you may have come across.

Be proud to be Rotarians!

Mahesh Chandak

At the helm of RCNF

(2022-23)

President: Suresh Bhake

Vice President: Devikant
Naranje

Secretary: Ramkrushna
Nakkanwar

Joint Secretary: Devayani Tak

Treasurer: Jayant Warankar

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Non-Medical: Vinay Saraswar
Youth Services, PR & Public

Image: Atharva Pandit

TRF: Anil Jaiswal

IPP: Vaishali Barai

Sergeant at Arms: Sunil
Ambagade

Advisor: Milind Hastak

Trainer: Mahesh Chandak

Rotary Projects Around the Globe

Canada

Herring are food for salmon, halibut, lingcod, seabirds, and orcas and other marine mammals, and are a traditional staple of First Nations tribes' diet. But herring populations are in decline because of overfishing and the degradation of preferred egg-laying surfaces such as kelp fronds and eelgrass. In February, Rotarian “sea foresters” in British Columbia dropped herring curtains into Porpoise Bay, northwest of Vancouver. The curtains — heavy-duty landscape fabric cut to lengths of about 8 feet, floated with foam and nylon rope or PVC pipe, and anchored with rocks — are ideal surfaces for the fish’s eggs. Since 2020, nearly 30 volunteers have installed more than 100 curtains and returned weekly to monitor them through the spawning cycle. Six Rotary clubs are participating in the project, led by the Rotary Club of Sechelt.



Colombia

Public safety in Cali has improved since the mid-1990s, when drug cartels lorded over the city. The Rotaract Club of Cali-Norte is promoting peace and conflict resolution through its Re-Créate initiative, “a social and psychoeducational

intervention project” involving role-playing, discussions, arts and crafts, music, and athletics at a local school, says Diana Rivera, immediate past president of the club. Since 2017, hundreds of children have participated in the program, which covers social topics such as bullying, setting personal boundaries, and team building. “We make two visits per semester on Saturdays,” Rivera says of the initiative. Though the COVID-19 pandemic has sidelined a popular soccer tournament fundraiser, individual donors, raffle proceeds, and other initiatives have filled the gap as the club works to enhance Re-Créate with digital offerings.



England

The Rotary Club of Boston rallied donors from the community and other local Rotary clubs to aid a public-run air ambulance service. With more than \$20,000 generated through a crowdfunding site, the club far exceeded its goal of raising \$13,500 to install lighting for the grass helipad and a windsock at Pilgrim Hospital in Boston. “The lights are dual-visual and infrared, solar-powered, and can be switched on from the cockpit of a helicopter,” says Geoff Day, the club’s immediate past president, noting that civil aviation regulations prohibited flights to and from the facility during darkness without the upgrade. With the regional major trauma center in

Nottingham more than an hour's drive away, the improvement will save lives, Day says. Extra money that was raised will be used to fund a blood warmer for the helicopter.



Northern Mariana Islands

Blessed with unusually consistent year-round temperatures, Saipan, the most populous island in the Northern Mariana Islands, is hailed as a tropical treasure. But even paradise can use a little sprucing up, figured eco-minded members of the Rotaract Club of Saipan. “We thought about how some of the villages haven’t been cleaned by community service groups,” says Richard Baleares, the club’s president. “So we made it a goal to do a village cleanup before the end of 2021.” Baleares met with Joann Aquino of the Rotary Club of Saipan to pinpoint a worthy recipient: the village of Chalan Kanoa, where on 2 October a mile-long strip of beach was cleaned of litter. “We expected around five people to attend but ended up with a little more than 30 due to the participation of all our [four] amazing Interact clubs and students from the Northern Marianas College,” Baleares says.



Uganda

Although the island of Buyiga is located in a swamp adjacent to Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa, its nearly 20,000 residents face a shortage of potable water; the island's one private well regularly served only 10 percent of the population. Enter the Rotary Club of Rubaga Lake View, which teamed with Swedish Rotarians from District 2390 in an adopt-a-village effort. By late 2021, six boreholes had been sunk across Buyiga, providing water to a school and the island's sole medical facility. Kristian Rankloo of the Rotary Club of Burlöv-Karstorp visited in 2019 through his charity Help at Hand, spurring him to solicit the \$30,000 needed for the project from Swedish Rotary members and businesses, says Paul Kagga of the Rubaga Lake View club. "The community provided local materials like sand, bricks, and land. Our club was responsible for the monitoring, implementation, and evaluation," Kagga says. Now the club is focused on raising \$25,000 to expand Buyiga's schools.



Resource : <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-projects-around-globe-july-2022>

ROTARY CLUB OF NAGPUR FORT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS DURING JUNE 2022

VAACHAN SANSKRITI

DATE: 4th JUNE '22

On the 4th of June '22, during our Twenty-Third Regular meeting, Dr. Sudhir Bodhankar was invited to talk on Vaachan Sanskriti or Reading Culture.

He gave a small talk on how this culture is dwindling and needs to be given special attention. He spoke in simple Marathi understandable by all.

The interaction that followed showed everybody's concern. President Elect even announced of putting up small libraries in the parks.



WALK FOR CLUB HEALTH

DATE: 9th June '22

As an end to Walk for Club Health, a safari to Karhandala Forest Reserve was planned and executed by PE. Rtn. Dr. Suresh Bhake.

Rtn. Capt. Naranje and Rtn. Bhake, along with several other non Rotarians, left Nagpur in the wee hours of 9th June '22.

By 5:30 AM, they were given entry into the core area of the forest and their Safari started. The male tiger, Surya was spotted and later another baby male tiger crossed their path.

Every body was overjoyed as the safari was a success.



***ASTHMA, EYES AND MAMMOGRAPHY CAMP
DATE: 17.06.22***

VENUE: Sports complex at Swavalambi Nagar. Plot no. 22, Mahatma Phule Garden, Nagpur – 22.

Rotary Club of Nagpur Fort and Rotary Club of Nagpur Mihan Town together organised a health check-up camp at the sports complex at Swavalambi Nagar.

Check-up of lungs was done by the team of Kingsway Hospital.

Check-up of eyes was done by the team of Madhav Netralaya.

And Cancer check-up by the team of Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rugnalaya, Wardha.

The timing for the camp was from 5PM to 8PM.

Rotaracts, Rotarians and Anns helped for the camp's success.



OPEN FOR ALL



Madhav Netralaya

**FREE EYE
CHECKUP CAMP**



Dr. Sameer Lote
Pulmonologist (Kingsway Hospital)

**FREE LUNG HEALTH
SCREENING CAMP**



**FREE CANCER
SCREENING CAMP
for women**

Date : 17th June, 2022
Time : 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Venue : Swawlambi Nagar, Sports Complex



DONATION OF TROLLEY FOR OXYGEN CYLINDER

Date: 18.06.22

Ex member of RCNF, Mr. Mahesh Gorle had donated an Oxygen Cylinder through RCNF to Matru Seva Sangh on 26th May '22.

RCNF has now donated a trolley for the same.

PP. Rtn. Vaid made the trolley available to RCNF. It was donated to Matru Sewa Sangh, Sitabuldi, on 18th June '22.

Present were PP. Rtn. Dharkar, Rtn. Sanjiv Deshpande , Hon. Sec. Warankar and President Vaishali.

PP. Rtn. Dr. Gurjalwar took the initiative for the project.



YOGA

DATE: 22.06.22

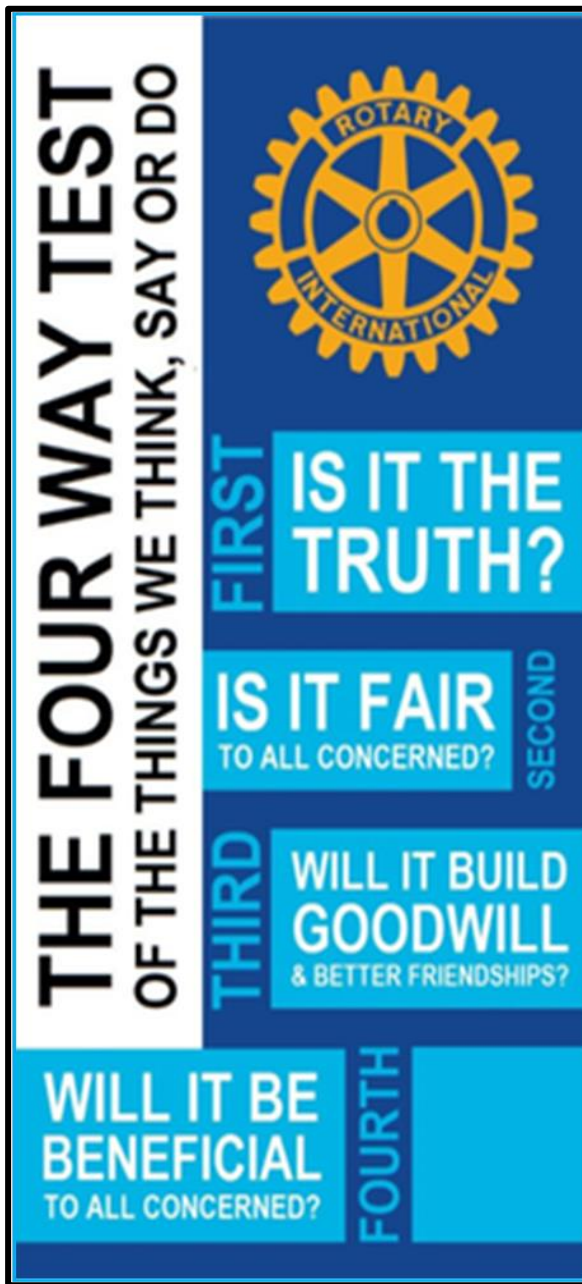
Rotary Club of Nagpur Fort along with Indian Women Scientists Association (IWSA) celebrated Yoga Day on the 22nd June '22, from 5 PM to 6 PM. It included live demonstrations on Asanas, Omkar and Pranayam like Ujjaini, Kapalbhathi and Brahmari and their health benefits were explained.

This event was only for ladies.

Total Beneficiaries were 40.



Title : Ravishing Saunter



Here time comes and goes, feeling of warmth turns into coldness;

clenched hearts and beautiful faces, feeling of love and then emptiness traces,

happiness and laughter makes its way, like steps on the path of sunshine ray.

Unknown faces unknown alleys, like a flower in a garden, blooming in its own valley.

"Together Forever" they said like leaves in a tree,

the wind takes them in different directions, alone, solitary and free.

Every desire, every expectation is left for you, lone,

as a single feather from a beautiful bird when blown.

Life makes it tough, many wanderers fly away,

it can be given many shapes, make it a masterpiece treating it as clay.

Life is a rigid base made from your choices, many getaways, many doors, it ain't weak it ain't ice floors.

Make your own way, create your own saunters;

love it the way you do to your lover, care it the way you do to a baby.

It gave you many episodes, make your pain a blessing cause it ain't vanishing, make your way special, make your saunter ravishing.

THE AGNIVEER CAULDRON

The Indian subcontinent has always remained protected from rampant incursions due to the mighty Himalayas in the north and east and the deep seas in the south. This advantage has eroded due to changing times, and technological advancements. No more, do we need an army of 60000 foot soldiers or horsemen, or huge elephants to fight a battle, or, to defend an equally large marauding army of insurgents; and neither are the battlefields, a plane ground. Modern warfare is much different, which depends on remote sensing radars and satellite guided precision warfare, missile systems, unmanned drones, and remotely operated defence alarm and retaliatory systems. Like our constitution, which was written way back in 1950, our military too finds itself with redundancy, and needs an overhaul. It needs to do away with the vestige, and evolve, to match modern times. A squadron of defence missile system, or the latest 5th generation fighter aircrafts, or drones, can be much more effective in any warfare or its deterrence, than a billion foot soldiers. Primarily, the might of any military is based on its capability to deter the opposition. Numerical manpower is hardly the parameter to gauge an army's might, nowadays.

The recruitment of soldiers of the Indian military was stalled after the 2019 inductions. COVID disallowed the process, and the new government in New Delhi set about rebooting the recruitment process. The military hardware, too, needed an upgrade. And

that meant spending intensely on acquisitions that were staggered, and almost stagnant for the last 20 years. Budgetary allocations for the same, and the expenditures on the existing manpower in the military, and the one rank one pay and pensions were hurting the upgradations and acquisitions adversely. Indigenisation is still a distant dream. Till then we must continue to buy the latest tech, which comes at a significant cost, from outside our subcontinent.

As India begins to flex its muscle as an economic powerhouse, it needs the right counter weight of its defence might. A large army is of not much effect than having a state-of-the-art weaponry.

The idea of short service commissions isn't new, and is already in place for officers of the Indian military. This was to make good the deficiencies in officer enrolments that had significantly dropped with the coming good of the Indian economy. Only a few, out of the engineering and Science courses, would enlist for the Indian military, as they would, otherwise, land good jobs in the private and other government sectors. Conversely, the non-commissioned officer, soldier recruitment, always had an overwhelming response. The 10th and the 12th standard pass outs had to appear for a less stringent examination, and the medically most fit, would land these jobs. It has always been a major draw amongst the youth. Due to COVID, and the temporarily stalled recruitments, the backlog of aspirants for permanent non-commissioned posts increased by a triple. And when, an entirely new process was mooted for non-permanent short commission service,

disgruntlement amongst the aspirants, was an expected fall out. The sheer scale of widespread violence, across different states in India, is a tell-tale of the disgruntlement.

Long many years back, when my father opted for the service selection board of the Indian Air Force, despite being an IITian, it was due to the lacklustre industry in India, and the charm to wear that glistening military uniform, and his wish to swear his life for the national flag. That charm didn't fade a bit in the next 34 years of his distinguished career, as, along that way he scored a presidential medal too. A career in the armed forces saw him shift 15 times from one corner of the country to another. He braved two wars, and both the times found himself posted in the very thick of action. He once survived a helicopter crash (peace time) as they managed to ditch the spiralling craft onto a sugarcane field. All along, there was a stiff competition, as he climbed the ladder of promotions. Performance based selections make everyone perform their best. He retired as a Group captain, and even today, after almost 60 years, when joined the IAF, his presidential citation adorns his drawing room wall, and the twinkle in his eyes is unmissable, when anyone talks about the 'Indian Air Force'.

Anything done, any less, is immediately reprimanded, and the military courts of justice are prompt and unbiased. Insubordination is punishable. Freedom of expression is tightly bound, and within finite spaces. And so, a career in the Armed forces is nothing like any other outside of it. One rarely joins for the benefits, for there are none, and one has

to put his/ her life on the bargain for everything. To survive 20 years, in the armed forces, is in itself, an achievement, most opting out due to the strenuous nature of work. And certainly no one joins for the perks, or the gratuity, or the pensions at retirement, which, compared to the others were meagre, till the seventh pay commission rolled in, and the OROP was announced.

Large scale violence by the wannabes of the armed forces, therefore, is completely out of place and is a handicraft of either the mischievous or the uninformed.

A career in the armed forces is an entitlement of the bravest, and those who can sacrifice everything for the country's security. They are the real diehards. They are a different mettle, and can never be, one of any of those arsonists, who are opposing the present recruitment system, by waging violent protests and burning down public utility. To be a part of that elite force, is a matter of great pride, even, if it were for 5 years. The stripes or stars on the shoulders or arms, is a matter of honour and cannot be compared to any other material of great value.

The aspirants better understand it before fighting over the selection process. Because once in, the Himalayas and the deep seas become their biggest adversaries, rather than protectors. And it is the belief in the purity of your motherland that one stands to protect, and your only hope is your 'CO saheb' and your buddies in his pal-tan; and no one else, would help or protect you. Besides, along the way soldiers realise that they are the protectors, and are not there to be protected. If they prevail

these adversities, they can themselves recite their own stories of valour, or else, they themselves become a part of a valorous story of their extreme sacrifice. The fact of the life of any soldier is that most become a part of either.

Therefore, to be a soldier can never be a career or a job. It is a wilful choice of the aspirant to sacrifice his/ her life for the nation. And the selection criteria and the rules of recruitment, or its duration, are at the sole discretion of the governance, which at present, is trying hard to balance out the skewed defence expenditures.

Dr. Shamik Ambatkar

S/o Rtn. Anil Ambatkar

July Smile.....



(from the internet)

Wedding Bells
(July)



3rd: Rtn. Sunil and Ann Dr Sheela
Ambagade

4th: Rtn. Dr. Suresh and Ann
Nilima Bhake

**Birthday Babes and
Babas**
(July)

1st: Rtn. Sanjiv Deshpande

1st: Ann Anuradha Kukday

2nd : Rtn. Dr Sreehari Chava

8th: Ann Manik Chava

13th: Rtn. Jayant Warankar

20th: Rtn. Atharva Pandit

20th: Ann Indu Chandak

21st: Ann Kalpana Deshpande

25th: Rtn. Meenakshi Desai

28th: Rtn. Madhav Kukday

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