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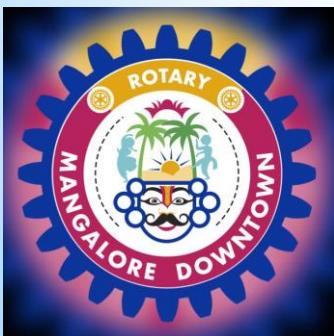
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OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN**PRESIDENT:****Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy**
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Every Wednesday

Venue: Green Room,
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Mangalore - 575008**Time:** 7:30 PM**Club Website:**<http://rcmangaloredowntown.rotaryindia.org/>**PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS**

Dear Friends, we have completed two months of Rotary Year 2024-25. In the August month our club members Rtn Rajesh shetty and Rtn Ganesh Prabhu won the Zonal Indoor Badminton doubles and Rtn Jayaraj won gold in chess. Congratulations.

As part of District Project, we have carried out Dengue awareness programme along with street play at Bondel, which was a huge success.

We have also responded to the financial needs to meet medical expenses of a needy patient thanks to our member Rtn Suraj Hebbar. We have also planned a Free Eye Check Up camp at Adyar in the coming month in association with PHC Bondel.

Our Interact Club was installed this month. Thanks to Rtn Umesh Gatty, our Interactors attended Interact Fusion-2024, District Interact Assembly at Kateel.

With Leadership and Membership growth as theme for the last month, our members participated in the Membership Development seminar at Beluvai. The gist of the seminar was apart from sustaining members, each one member to bring one New member to the club to increase our membership strength to at least 35. We have to seriously invite interested people in Rotary and friends, relatives, business customers to weekly meetings. This will strengthen our club to take up more social activities and have more and more Friendship and fellowship activities. Let us introduce more members to our club and enjoy the *magic of Rotary* together.



“DENGUE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN”



8th August, 2024

Rotary Mangalore Downtown in association with NSS Unit of Manel Srinivas Nayak Institute of Management, Primary Health Centre, Bondel & Shree Devi Nursing School conducted “Dengue Awareness Campaign”.

The programme started with lighting the lamp at Swarna Academy Hall of the College and talk by the guests which included Rtn Dr. Savitha Gatty and Rtn Jayaraj K, Secretary. This was followed by awareness jatha towards Bondel Circle and street play played by the students on bring awareness about dengue among general public.



“INSTALLATION OF INTERACT CLUB”



16th August, 2024

Installation of Interact Club at Sri Ramashrama English Medium School, Konchady, Mangalore was held on 16th August, 2024. Rtn A. Umesh Gatty, Zonal Co-ordinator (Interact) for Zone-3 was the Installation Officer. The programme was presided over by Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy, President. Rtn Jayaraj K., Secretary was the guest of honour. Headmistress Smt Manjula Balakrishna, Interact Teacher Co-ordinator Smt Pushpalatha and our members Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria, Rtn Rajesh Shetty, Rtn Ganesh Prabhu were also present. Master Sushan D. took over the charge as President while Kum Nithya became the Secretary of the Interact Club. Kum. Shantha as Sergeant-at-Arm and Rakshith, Sanjana, Shripriya, Keerthana & Ishani as the Directors.

In his speech, the installing officer Rtn A. Umesh Gatty stressed the importance of Interact Club and how it develops leadership among the students, who are the future leaders of the nation.



“FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEET MEDICAL EXPENSES”

23rd August, 2024

Smt. Sandhya, W/o Madhukiran of Somavarpete suffered Brain Haemorrhage and admitted KMC Hospital, Mangalore. The surgery & other medical expenses costs around Rs.7,00,000/-. To meet those medical expenses, our club contributed Es.20,000/- and the entire cost of the project was borne by Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria.

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Prashanth Ganesh




Rotary




Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary's Vision Statement



“This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again.”

PAUL HARRIS



@ROTARIANEVANBURRELL

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“ZONE-7 MEMBERSHIP CONCLAVE”

Membership Conclave for Zone-7 will be held in Hyderabad on 28th & 29th September, 2024.

PDG Rtn Ranganath Bhat from our District and PDG Rtn Abhinandan Shetty from our neighbouring District RID 3182 will be among the Assistant Rotary Coordinators for Rotary Year 2024-25.



The poster features the Rotary logo and 'THE MAGIC OF ROTARY' logo at the top left. It includes three portraits of RI leadership: Stephanie Urchik (RI President 24-25), Roju Subramanian (RI Director 2023-25), and Dr. Deepak Purchit (Rotary Coordinator 2024-27). The main text reads: 'ZONE 7 MEMBERSHIP CONCLAVE SAVE THE DATE 28th & 29th September 2024 Hyderabad, India'. Below this are two circular portraits of the Assistant Rotary Coordinators: Sharath Chaudhary Kathragada (Host District DGE 3150) and PDG Dr. Sharat Babu Chilukuri (Organising Chairman). At the bottom, a row of seven circular portraits lists the Assistant Rotary Coordinators for RY 24-25: PDG M.Ranganath Bhat, PDG Dr S.Nagendra, PDG Dr Arul Parmar, PDG Abhinandan Shetty, PDG R.Gopinath, and PDG Dr Samir Hariani (Plan Lead - Membership).

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - “CALGARY -2025”



The poster features the text 'MAGIC ALL AROUND' in large, bold letters, with 'MAGIC' in blue, 'ALL' in yellow, and 'AROUND' in red. Below it, it says '21-25 JUNE 2025 • CALGARY, CANADA'. The Rotary logo and 'CALGARY 2025' logo are at the bottom left. The background shows a collage of Calgary landmarks in circular frames, including the Bow Tower, the Peace Bridge, the Calgary Tower, and the city skyline. In the foreground, three people (a woman in a yellow coat, a woman in a green coat, and a man in a grey scarf) are looking up and smiling.

Rotary International Convention-2025 will be held from 21st to 25th June, 2025 at Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The registrations for the said event is already open. Interested members may register for the event.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“NAVA VAIBHAVYA”

The District Conference for the Rotary Year 2024-25 for RID 3181 is named ‘Nava Vaibhava’ signifying the 9th year of formation of RID 3181. It will be held from 24th to 26th January, 2025 at Adyar Gardens, Mangaluru under the leadership of Rtn Vikramadatta, D.G for 2024-25.

Registration counter was opened at the venue of ‘Prajna Parva’ on 20th & 21st January, 2024 offering early bird registration incentives. Few of our club members have availed the early bird incentive by registering at the venue.

Other members are also requested to register for the event as it is being held in Mangaluru.



24th, 25th & 26th January 2025 | ADYAR GARDENS, Mangalore

Registration Type	Amount (only 20 th & 21 st January 2024)	Amount (After 22nd January 2024)
Rotarian	Rs. 4,000.00	Rs. 4,500.00
Ann	Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 3,500.00
Annet	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,500.00

Platinum
Accommodation for Family in Suite Rooms & Registration for Couple + 2 Kids
Advertisement;
Memento Worth Rs. 7,500.00 & Hospitality.
Rs. 75,000.00

Gold
Accommodation for Family & Registration for Couple;
Advertisement;
Memento Worth Rs. 5,000.00
Rs. 50,000.00

Silver
Accommodations for Couple;
Registration for Couple
Rs. 25,000.00

OTHER AVENUES OF SPONSORSHIP
Commercial Stalls : Rs.10,000.00
Advertisement/Banners: Rs.5,000.00

REGISTRATION ARE OPEN

* Gift Hamper for Registering only on 20th & 21st January 2024.

“BAANDHAVYA”

‘Baandhavya’, a multi-District Fellowship Meet involving Rotary Districts of 3181, 3182, 3191 & 3192 is being organised at Vintage Village Resort, Hassan on 5th & 6th October, 2024. The event is being hosted by Rotary Clubs of Zone-9 of RID 3182.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“ZONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT”

Zonal Cricket Tournament for Zone 2 & 3 of RID 3181 will be held on 10th November, 2024 at N.M.P.A Grounds, Panambur, Mangalore. Rotary Club of Baikampady will be hosting the event.



“GURUVANDANA”

Rotary  **Mangalore Seaside** THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

Charter No. 89256 Charter Day: 10-5-2018
R. I. District 3181, Zone 3

You are cordially invited to


guruvandana
TEACHERS' TALENT COMPETITION 2024

Date: 1st September, 2024
Venue : Amrita Vidyalayam, Bolor, Mangalore

Inauguration @ 9:15 am

Inaugurator
Sri. Ravindra M. Shet
SL Shet Diamond House, Ladyhill Mangalore

Guest of Honour
Rtn. Major Donor Dr. Ranjan R.K. A.G. Zone 3 - RI Dist. 3181

Rtn. Heerachand Karkera President	Rtn. Ashok M.K Secretary
Rtn. Kiran Kumar Vocational Service Director	Rtn. Nelson Goveas Convener

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Valedictory & Anantha Mithra Kalbavi Shikshakothama
Award Presentation @ 4.00 p.m
Chief Guest

Rtn. Vikramdatta
Dist. Governor RI Dist. 3181

Guest of Honour
Rtn. Rajendra Kalbavi (Chairman Dist. Projects)

Awardee
Ms. Bharathi Devi M (Rtd. Lecturer)

Rtn. Heerachand Karkera President	Rtn. Ashok M.K Secretary
Rtn. Kiran Kumar Vocational Service Director	Rtn. Nelson Goveas Convener

‘Guruvandana’, Teacher’s Talent Competition is organised on 1st September, 2024 at Amrita Vidyalayam, Mangalore by Rotary Club of Mangalore Seaside. The event will be inaugurated by Sri Ravindra M. Shet and the valedictory ceremony will be by DG Rtn Vikramdatta. The teachers of different schools from Mangalore will be showcasing their talent in this event.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“ROTOQUIZ”

World's longest running quiz – ‘Ramnarayan Chellaram Rotoquiz – 2024’- 65th Edition is being organised by Rotary Club of Bangalore in association with Rotary Club of Mangalore and Rotaract Club of SDM PG Centre for Management Studies & Research. The event will be held on 15th September, 2024 at SDM College, Mangalore and is open for students of all colleges (PUC & Above).

Attractive cash prizes are awaiting winners. The winners of this event will be participating in the finals to be held at Bangalore on 23rd September, 2024.

Organised by: Rotary Club of Bangalore in association with Rotary Club of Mangalore

RAMNARAYAN CHELLARAM ROTOQUIZ 2024

The Longest Running Live Quiz in the World!

65th EDITION

Prizes for Prelims	MANGALURU PRELIMS	BENGALURU FINALS	Prizes for Finalists
1st Place : ₹ 15,000/-	15th September 2024 Sunday 10.00 am	23rd September 2024 Monday 6.00 pm	1st Place : ₹ 30,000/-
2nd Place : ₹ 10,000/-			2nd Place : ₹ 20,000/-
3rd Place : ₹ 6,000/-			3rd Place : ₹ 15,000/-
4th Place : ₹ 4,000/-			4th Place : ₹ 10,000/-
			5th Place : ₹ 5,000/-

Reporting time : 8.30 am
Venue : SDM College Conference Hall Mangalore.

Register Now

<https://rcb1934.m/rq24/>

Participation strictly on production of College/School ID
Open to all Colleges PUC & above including Std XI and XII
Maximum of 4 teams per College/School with 2 Students in each team.

Event Sponsor: **ideal** Ideal Ice Cream, Mangalore

Contact: Rtr: Melroy 7483825495 Rtr: Vineetha 9663913775

Rotaract Club of SDM PG Centre for Management Studies and Research

“RMB MEGA NETWORKING EVENT”

Rotary RMB ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS FELLOWSHIP MANGALURU THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

RMB Mega NETWORKING EVENT

WISH TO DO BUSINESS NETWORKING WITH ROTARIANS?

JOIN ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS FELLOWSHIP MANGALURU CHAPTER

ENTRY BY INVITATION *limited seats

Saturday, 21st September At 7 PM Hotel Moti Mahal, Falnir

REGISTER NOW

RSVP Rtn. Canute J Pinto President - RMB Mangaluru 82177 29859

For More Information Rtn. Kiran Kumar Event Chairman 93432 60001

Rotary Means Business Fellowship (RMB) Mangalore Chapter is organising a Mega Networking Event on 21st September, 2024 at Hotel Moti Mahal, Mangalore.

It will create an great opportunity to do business networking with other fellow Rotarians. As only limited seats are available for the events, members, if interested, are requested to register themselves at the earliest.

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“VISTARA”

‘VISTARA’, District Seminar on Membership Development and Retention for Zone I to V of RID 3181 was held at Kandiga Greens Auditorium, Belvai on 10th August, 2024. Rotary Club of Moodbidri hosted the event. Seven members from our club attended the seminar.



“DISTRICT INDOOR GAMES”

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Rotary International District 3181
District Sports and Cultural
INDOOR GAMES

Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchich
RI President, 2024-25

Rtn. Vikramdatta
District Governor, 2024-25

Badminton **Carrom** **Chess** **Table Tennis**

Date : 24th and 25th August 2024 @ Sudana Sports Club Samethadka, Puttur
Host : Rotary Puttur Elite

Rtn. Ananda Shetty
Chairman District Sports

Rtn. Rajeshwari K.
Chairman Badminton

Rtn. Sudheer B.
Event Chairman

District Indoor Games competitions for RID 3181 was held on 24th & 25th August, 2024 at Sudana Sports Club, Samethadka, Puttur. Rotary Puttur hosted this event.

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“INTERACT FUSION - 2024”



“INTERACT FUSION- 2024”- District Interact Assembly for Zone-1 to 5 was held on 17th August, 2024 at S.D.P.T.P College, Kateel, Mangalore. The programme is hosted by Rotary Club Kinnigoli. 12 Interact members from our Interact club at Sri Ramashrama English Medium School attended along with Teacher Co-ordinator Smr. Pushpalatha. It was coordinated by Rtn Umesh Gatty, Zonal Coordinator (Interact) for Zone-3.

“My job is not to be easy on people. My job is to take these great people we have and to push them and make them even better.”

– Steve Jobs

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“ROTARY KREEDA BANDHAYA 2.0”



“ROTARY KREEDA BANDHAYA 2.0” - Zonal Indoor Games competitions for Zone 2 & 3 of RID 3181 was held on 18th August, 2024 Fr. Muller Indoor Sports Complex, Mangalore excellently hosted by Rotary Club of Mangalore Central.

Our club won two gold medals in the following events:

- 1) Chess – Rtn Jayaraj K.
- 2) Shuttle Badminton Doubles (50 to 60 Years)-
Rtn Ganesh Prabhu & Rtn Rajesh Shetty

“I may win and I may lose, but I will never be defeated.”

– Emmitt Smith

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE”



‘ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE’ – Part I & Part-II was held on 25th August, 2024 at Rotary Balabhavan, Mannagudda, Mangalore. The programme is hosted by Rotary Club of Mangalore North. From our club Rtn Umesh Gatty attended Part-II and Rtn Anil Baliga, Rtn Eknath Dandekeri and Rtn Rajesh Shetty attended for Part-I of RLI training.

But just what is Rotary? AND WHY DOES ROTARY CARE?

We work hard to give back.

We want to create a better future and make a difference. We know we can't do it alone, so we get our support and strength from other Rotarians both in our community and across the world.





BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

Annet.SAMVRUTA HEBBAR, D/O. RTN. SURAJ N D HEBBAR	5th September
Jon.NAKUL KAMATH S/O. RTN. NAGARAJ KAMATH	5th September
Rtn.PRAMILA BALIGA W/O. RTN. ANIL BALIGA	8th September
Rtn. GANESH PRABHU	9th September
Ann.Dr. VISHRUTHA W/o.RTN.Dr.PAVANCHAND ATTAVAR	10th September
Jon.TANVITH SHENOY, S/O. RTN. GANAPATHI SHENOY	15th September
Rtn. GANESH BHANDARY	16th September
Jon.PARTHA SUVARNA, S/O. RTN. RAHUL SUVARNA	20th September



Rotary



The Four-Way Test

of what we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



BRAIN TEASERS



SUDOKU

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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) Who are Ann Brunier and Ann Gundaker?
- 2) When was 'Youth Service' added as one of the avenues of service?
- 3) Who is the first woman president of any Rotary Club in the world?
- 4) At the third meeting of the group in Chicago the name 'Rotary' was finalised for the new club. Before finalising Rotary, what other names were considered in the said meeting?
- 5) Who introduced the 4 Way Test to Rotary International?

RIDDLES

Where does today come before yesterday?

NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Aesgeir Asgeirsson



Former president of Iceland, was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Reykjavik.



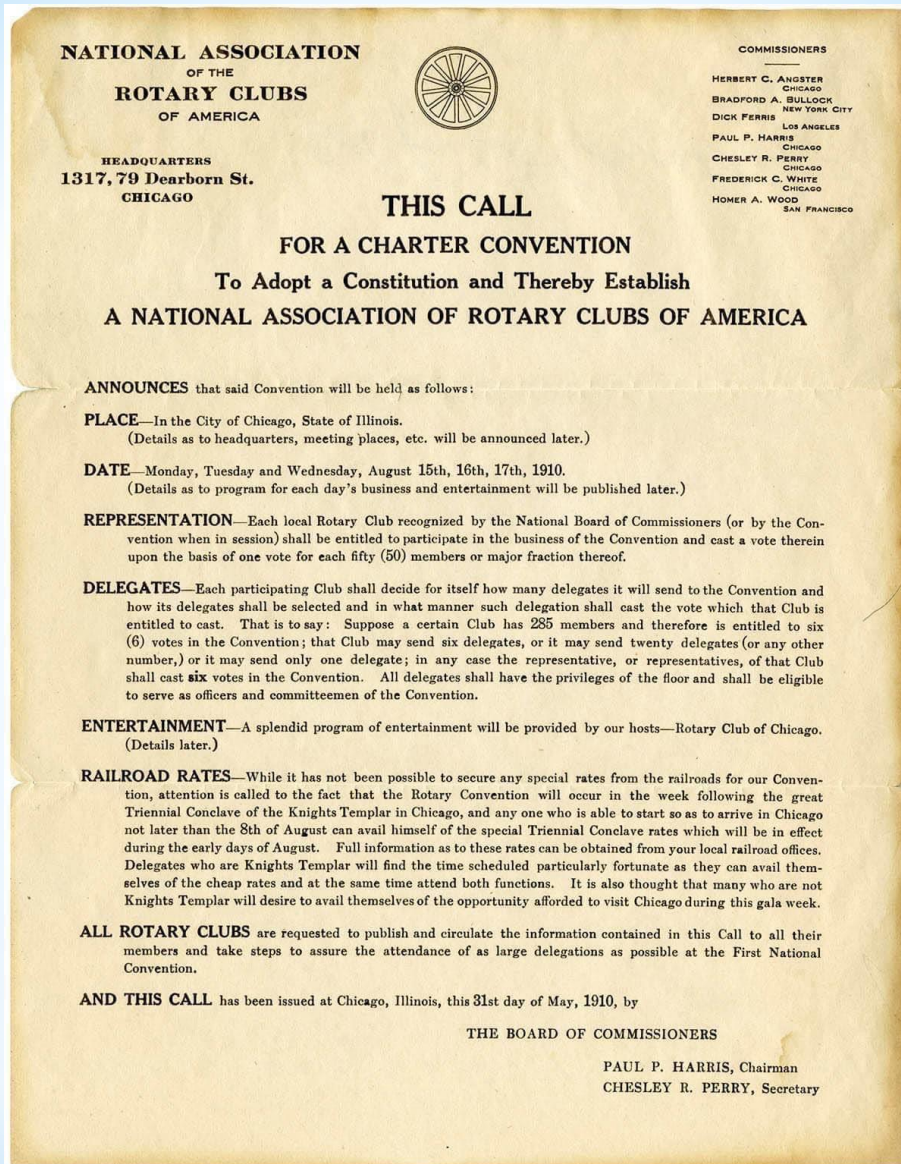
RTN ÁSGEIR ÁSGEIRSSON

Ásgeir Ásgeirsson, born on 13th May, 1894 was the second president of Iceland (From 1952 to 1968). He was the member of Rotary Club of Reykjavik. He dies on 15th September, 1972 at the age of 78.

RTN. P. R. SREEJESH- LEGENDARY INDIAN GOALKEEPER



Indian men's hockey goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh bid farewell to his illustrious 18-years of hockey career by securing a bronze medal for India at the Paris Olympics with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Spain. We Rotarians are prouder as he happens to be a Rotarian and is a member of Rotary Club of Kizhakkambalam in RI District 3201. A big salute to him.



15th August marks an important day for the Indians as well as in the history of Rotary International.

Representatives of 16 Rotary clubs gathered in Chicago from 15th to 17th August, 1910 and created the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America (now Rotary International).

They adopted a constitution for the organization, and elected a president and board of directors.

Please! Smile

Not easy to be a Teacher

Teacher: "Construct a sentence using the word "sugar"

Pupil: "I drank tea this morning."

Teacher: "Where is the word sugar."

Pupil: "It is already in the tea...!"

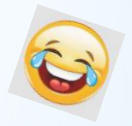


Not Easy to be a Teacher !!!!!

TEACHER: Our topic for today is Photosynthesis.

TEACHER : Class, what is photosynthesis?

Student: Photosynthesis is our topic for today.



Not Easy to be a Teacher !!!!!

TEACHER : John is climbing a tree to pick some mangoes. (Begin the sentence with 'Mangoes')

Student : Mangoes, John is coming to pick you...



Not Easy to be a Teacher !!!!!

TEACHER : What do you call mosquitoes in your language?

Student: We don't call them, they come on their own...



Not Easy to be a Teacher !!!!!

TEACHER : Name the nation, people hate most

Student: Exami-nation...Not Easy to be a Teacher !!!!!

TEACHER : How can we keep our school clean?

Student: By staying at home...



Not Easy to be a Teacher !!!!!

TEACHER : One day our country will be corruption free. What tense is that??

Student: Future impossible tense...



Dedicated to all naughty ex-students..... 

August reflections

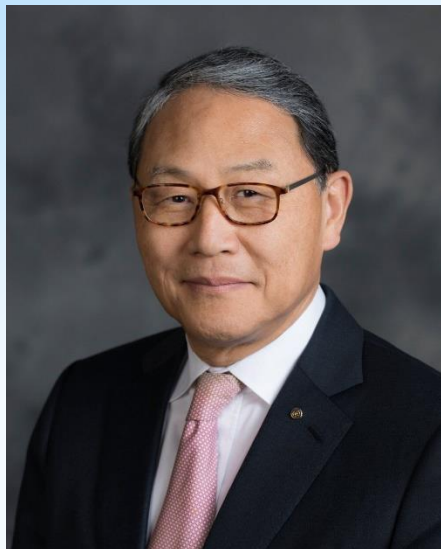
"INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS"



Independence Day was celebrated with much fun and frolic on 15th August, 2024 at Hotel Tandoor, Mangalore. Rtn Ganesh Bhandary beautifully conducted the event. Lot of patriotic songs, quiz and games to entertain the Rotarians and family members.

Every members was given an opportunity either to sing or to talk about any topic or their life experiences.

SANGKOO YUN - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S FOR 2026-27



Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15th September if no other candidates challenge him.

Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator. He served for eight years as co-chair of the Keep Mongolia Green Project, by Korean members of Rotary. His RI committee roles include the Board Administration Committee (2013-15, vice chair 2014-15), the International Assembly Committee (vice chair, 2020-21), and the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee (regional vice chair, 2023-27). He also served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-21) and Programs Committee (2019-22, chair 2020-22).

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church.

Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children.

SEPTEMBER-BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH



Basic education and literacy is one of The Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Rotary supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults. We know that basic education and literacy are essential for reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace.

Consider these facts:

- If all women completed primary education, there would be 66% fewer maternal deaths.
- A child born to a mother who can read is 50% more likely to survive past the age of five.
- If all students in low-income countries left school with basic reading skills, 171 million people could be lifted out of poverty, which would be equivalent to a 12% cut in world poverty.

Rotary supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults. The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all; increasing adult literacy in communities; working to reduce gender disparity in education; supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy.

The Rotary Foundation considers activities targeting the following to be within the scope of the basic education and literacy area of focus: Access to quality basic primary and secondary education; Educating adults in literacy; Providing training in teaching literacy, curriculum development, and school administration; Strengthening educational experience through improved materials and facilities; Community management of education systems; Vocational training teams supporting the above activities; School desk purchases, when accompanied by a detailed and verifiable plan to improve basic education and literacy; Scholarships for graduate-level study in programs related to basic education and literacy.



The Magic of Rotary is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome.

When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian

clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother. A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.

Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25

TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE- SEPTEMBER, 2024

“The great use of a life,” wrote American philosopher William James in 1900, “is to spend it for something that outlasts it.”

Some leave a legacy through family and friendships, others through faith or principles, and still others through their professions. The Rotary Foundation offers another powerful option.

As a believer in the power of passing down a legacy through The Rotary Foundation Endowment, I was humbled that my wife, Gay, and I were able recently to help others in Rotary leave their legacy.



Our district (6860 in northern Alabama) had never organized a fundraising dinner focused on the Foundation’s Endowment before, but we knew it was time. We called it a legacy dinner, emphasizing giving’s long-term impact.

Progress was slow at first, and there were skeptics who doubted we could raise \$1 million, our initial goal. However, we remained optimistic, setting a date for 23 February 2024, Rotary’s anniversary.

During this campaign, committee members traveled throughout northern Alabama, meeting with small groups in fireside chats about contributing to the Endowment. Then, significant gifts began coming in. One Rotarian made a \$25,000 commitment, handing over a check for \$10,000. Soon, other members followed suit, and we had more than \$200,000 in gifts and commitments.

We still had far to go but if there is one thing I know about Rotary, it is this: If you present the opportunity to members, they will respond. Topping off the district’s generosity were two surprises. One was a bequest commitment of \$500,000, and then another of \$560,000.

By the end of the campaign, our committee had exceeded our greatest expectations: We had raised \$2,729,863.14 for the Endowment, nearly triple our goal. The impact of those gifts will create a legacy that will keep on giving forever.

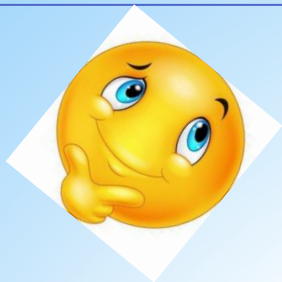
No single club or district alone will achieve our goal of fortifying The Rotary Foundation Endowment to \$2.025 billion by 2025. Not all of us can give \$25,000 now or as part of an estate plan. But I also know many of us can.

Please help us reach that Endowment goal and in doing so leave behind a legacy and further the work of future generations of Rotary members by visiting rotary.org/legacy. On behalf of the Foundation Trustees, I am grateful for your Rotary legacy.

Mark Daniel Maloney
Trustee Chair 2024-25

ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS

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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) They are the first Rotary Anns.
- 2) Youth service was officially added by Rotary International as the fifth avenue of service in 2010.
- 3) Sylvia Whitlock was the first women president of the Duarte Club of USA and the first woman president of any Rotary Club in the world.
- 4) Men With Friends; The Blue Boys; The Conspirators; The Round Table were the names in consideration for the new club.
- 5) Rtn Herbert J. Taylor, who later served as RI president during 1954-55

RIDDLES

“In the dictionary”