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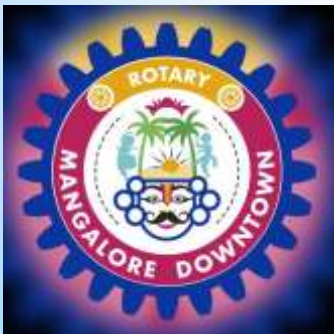
RI DIST 3181

Club Charter No:51077

OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN

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Every Wednesday

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

Dear Rotarians,

As we bid farewell to 2024 and step into the new year, I reflect on the remarkable milestones our club has achieved, filling us with immense pride and gratitude. This year has been a testament to our collective dedication and passion for service and community impact.

A Moment of Pride and Gratitude

One of the most significant achievements this year was the commendable efforts of **Rtn. Umesh Gatty** and **Rtn. Prabhat Joshi**, who played a pivotal role in securing **CSR funding of ₹2.65 lakhs** from **MESCOM** for

PHC Bondel. Their hard work and commitment have brought pride to our club, and on behalf of all members, I extend my heartfelt thanks to both of them.

Adding to this accomplishment, our gratitude goes out to **Rotary Club of Indiranagar** for their generous **CSR contribution of ₹10 lakhs** to PHC Bondel. This substantial support was made possible by the efforts of our esteemed club member, a **major donor**, Rtn Suraj Hebbar whose facilitation and strong recommendation were instrumental. These contributions reinforce our club's commitment to meaningful community service.

Celebrating Sportsmanship

Our club also had the privilege of participating in the '**Rotary Kreeda Sambrama**', a district outdoor sports event. This vibrant event showcased talent and fostered camaraderie, with our members enthusiastically taking part in various competitions.

A moment of pride was when **Rtn. Rajesh Shetty** clinched **2nd place in shot put**, a testament to his determination and spirit. Congratulations to him and to all our participants for their exemplary sportsmanship and for making this event a grand success.

As we step into 2025, I encourage all of us to carry forward the same enthusiasm, dedication, and spirit of service that defined this year. Let us continue to make a difference in our communities, strengthen our bonds, and achieve even greater milestones together.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

October reflections

“ROAD SAFETY”



Mr. Sudhir Bhandarkar, our ex-member, a bike enthusiast gave a very thought provoking talk on 'Road Safety' on 11thDecember, 2024 during our weekly meeting. He explained the common causes of accidents, the mistakes we make while driving and the precautions to be taken. It was a very informative and wonderful talk.



October reflections

“CAUSES OF ACCIDENTS & REMEDIES”



Rtn P. Ravishankar of Rotary Club of Mangalore Port Town and Regional Transport Officer (Rtd) gave a very informative talk on “Causes of Accidents and remedies” during the club’s weekly meeting held on 18th December, 2024. He made this serious topic a very interesting one by his unique humorous way.

Top 10 Road Safety Tips for Children

- 1 Crossing the road**
On a green light, look both ways and listen for traffic before crossing
- 2 Around the corner**
Do not run into the roadway
- 3 Do NOT jaywalk**
Make sure to use a crosswalk
- 4 Watch out for big cars**
Stay away from big cars turning the corner
- 5 Do NOT play behind cars**
Drivers may not be able to see you
- 6 Getting off a bus**
Watch out for cars or motorcycles when getting off
- 7 Crossing the road without signal lights**
Pay additional attention before crossing
- 8 Wear a seat-belt**
Children under 13 are safest in the back seat
- 9 Do NOT play between cars stationed side by side**
- 10 Use safety gear on bicycles and in-line skates**
Use bicycle lanes when available

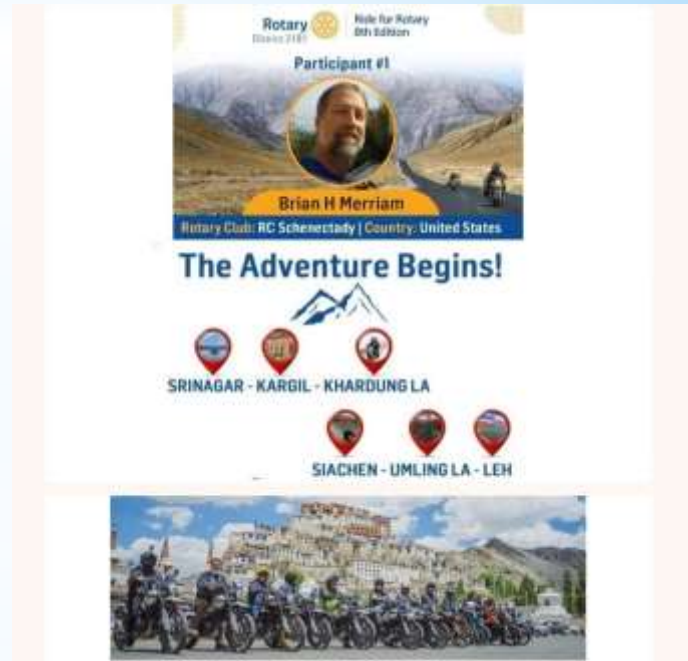
FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“RIDE FOR ROTARY - 9”

Join for the 9th edition of Ride for Rotary, taking place from January 5th to 20th, 2025. Ride through an unforgettable adventure across Central India, from Indore to Gwalior, and witness the majesty of the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Don't miss out—register today!

Ride for Rotary”, a TRF fund raising project, which is a motorcycle ride event across 4 Rotary Districts in India in which the participants will experience Indian heritage, culture and hospitality along with exchange of Rotary views and fellowship.

For more details, visit www.rideforrotary.com.



“INTER DISTRICT BEACH SPORTS EVENT”

Registration: Rs 500/- per person
Join us for fun, competition, and camaraderie!
Contact: 9739866147

An Inter-District Beach Sports Even is jointly organised by RID 3181 and RID 3182 at Chitrapur Beach on 5th January, 2025.

There are lot of events to participate like Beach Throwball, Sand Castle, Tug of War and also Zumba session in the morning.

Registration fee is Rs.500/- per participant. Come and join the fun, competition and camaraderie!!!

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - “CALGARY -2025”



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.

“NAVA VAIBHAV – RID 3181 DISTRICT CONFERENCE”

Registration Type	Breakfast (24th, 25th & 26th January 2025)	Midnight (24th, 25th & 26th January 2025)
Rotarian	Rs. 4,000.00	Rs. 4,500.00
Spouse	Rs. 3,000.00	Rs. 3,500.00
Guest	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 2,500.00

OTHER AVENUES OF SPONSORSHIP

- Commercial Spouse Advertisement/Dinner: Rs. 10,000.00
- Advertisement/Dinner: Rs. 5,000.00

REGISTRATION ARE OPEN

* Gift Hanger for Registration only on 20th & 21st January 2024.

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 already registered. Other members are also requested to register for the event as it is being held in Mangaluru and as per our D.G’s request our club is to reach 100% registration.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

ACT ASIA MALAYSIA -2025”



‘Act Asia Malaysia-2025’, 8th Rotary Youth Conference will be held from 16th to 20th May, 2025 in Malaysia. The event is hosted by RID 3262.

The event is combined with a youth exchange and youth festival, offers a unique platform for cultural interaction and knowledge sharing. Participants engage in thought-provoking discussions, skill-building workshops, and vibrant cultural performances. The festival fosters *global friendships* and *mutual understanding* among *Rotary Rotaract and Interact*

Be movers and shakers in the world.
Learn lot of skills, not just education.
Develop your personality.

- **Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar**

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“ROTARY KREEDA SAMBRAMA”

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ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE EAST
R.I. District 3181 Zone II Charter No: 31383

Cordially invite you to the occasion of
ROTARY KREEDA SAMBRAMA
Zonal Outdoor Sports - Zone II & III RI District - 3181 **2024-25**

on Sunday, 08th December 2024 at 6.30am
Venue: MANGALA STADIUM, MANGALUDDA, MANGALURU

Inaugurator / Chief Guest: **Rtn Vikram Datta**
District Governor RI District 3181

Guest of Honor: **Rtn. MPHF Anand Shetty**
(Dist. Sports Chairman)

Rtn. MPHF. Vishwanath Shetty M.
(Asst. Governor Zone -2)

Rtn. FHF. Krishna M. Hegde
(Asst. Governor Zone -2)

Major Donor **Rtn. Dr. Ranjan R.K.**
(Asst. Governor Zone -3)

Rtn. FHF. Ashok Kumar Vijodi
(Asst. Governor Zone -3)

Voluntary Services (V) 4:00 PM

Chief Guest: **Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K.**
District Secretary RI District 3181

Rtn. Santhosh Kumar Shetty
Event Chairman RI District 3181

Rtn. Gopal Shetty
President

Rtn. Rajshreevishwa Ravikumar
Secretary

Office Bearers & All Members of RC Mangalore East



Zonal Outdoor competitions – “**Rotary Kreedha Sambhrama**” for Zone-2 & 3 of RID 3181 was held on 8th December, 2024 at Mangala Stadium, hosted by RC Mangalore East. The vent was inaugurated by our DG Rtn Vikramdatta. Our club members participated in various events. Rtn Rajesh Shetty secured silver medal in Shor Put for Men in 50 to 60 years category.

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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?

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“MAJOR DONOR CONCLAVE”



Rotary Foundation Team of RID 3181 in association with Rotary International organised “Major Donor’s Conclave” on 20th December, 2024 at Hotel Goldfinch, Mangalore. PDG Sam Movva, E/MGA Zone-7 was the Guest of Honour. The Rotarian couple from our club Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria & Rtn Shilpa Hebbar participated in the event.

“NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SEMINAR”



“New Member Orientation Seminar” was organised on 21st December, 2024 for the benefit of new members of Rotary Fraternity at Rotary Bal Bhavan, Mangalore. Both the new members from our club viz. Rtn Sandeep Hande and Rtn Prabhat Joshi attended the seminar. The event was jointly hosted by RC Surathkal and RC Mangalore North.



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

<p>Annet SWASTHI TANMAYI HANDE D/o RTN SANDEEP HANDE</p>	<p>5th January</p>
<p>Annet NIHARIKA DANDEKERI, D/o Rtn. EKNATH DANDEKERI & Rtn. ASHALATHA DANDEKERI</p>	<p>26th January</p>



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS

<p>Rtn. UMESH GATTY & Rtn. DR. SAVITHA GATTY</p>	<p>19th January</p>
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BRAIN TEASERS



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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) When was the first Rotary convention was held and where?
- 2) How many clubs participated in the first Rotary Convention?
- 3) Which Rotary International Convention had the largest number of paid participants?.
- 4) Which country issued the first commemorative stamp in honour of Rotary.
- 5) Which city is going to host the Rotary International Convention for the year 2026?

RIDDLES

The more there is the less you see. What is it?

NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Famous Rotarians



Prince Rainier III
Prince of Monaco
Rotary Club of Monaco

Prince Rainier ruled the Principality of Monaco for almost 56 years, making him one of the longest ruling monarchs in European history.

He was responsible for overhauling the economy and constitution of the tiny country.

Design by Rotary Club of Meristat

RTN Prince Rainier III


Rtn Prince Rainier III, was the 31st hereditary ruler of the principality of Monaco and ruled for 56 years from 1949 to 2005 (till his death). He was born on 31st May, 1923.


Prince Rainier III of Monaco was a member of the Rotary Club of Monaco and was involved in a number of projects with Rotary International, including the

Pelagos Project. he Rotary Club of Monaco supported the Pelagos Agreement by creating an escape game and a poster to educate young people about the marine mammals in the Sanctuary.

ROTARY – DID YOU KNOW?


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DID YOU KNOW?


In 1968, the first Rotary Club banner to orbit the moon was carried by astronaut Frank Borman, a member of the Houston Space Center Rotary Club.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Rotary's founder Paul Harris wasn't actually the 1st President of the Rotary Club of Chicago. He was the club's 3rd President, serving in 1907. He is the only person though to serve as Rotary International President for more than 1 year.



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Smile Please!

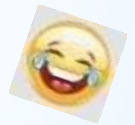


Don't mess with a pensioner



A pensioner received a letter from his Bank Manager. He said :

"Sir Thank you for submitting this year's life certificate very promptly. But, Sorry to inform you that we have lost your last year's life certificate in our records and the Bank's Inspector pointed it out in his report. Please submit a certified copy of the same (previous year's Life Certificate) if available with you. Alternatively, please submit a declaration that you were alive last year also."



Pensioner's reply:

Dear Sir, Thank you very much for your acknowledgement of my present year's Life Certificate. I am equally sorry to inform you that I do not have any copy of my last year's Life Certificate. I'm also not in a position to furnish any declaration regarding last year because owing to my bad memory, I am not able to recollect whether I was alive last year or not. The inconvenience caused to you in this regard is deeply regretted.

Best Regards,

Dowry demand going haywire



While bidding goodbye to the bride after marriage, the bride's father told his son-in-law: "Son, I got your message on WhatsApp. Your demand was a bit strange... But we have still fulfilled it. As you wanted

"Four underwear in Red Colour"



Son-in-Law (angrily muttering to himself)- To hell with this auto-spell correction. What I had asked for is

"Ford Endeavour in Red Colour".





HOMAGE



Paul P. Harris

27th January -- Homage to Paul P Harris, 'Founder of Rotary passes away on this day 73 years back. What this man began with four members in Chicago almost 116 years ago, has now become the top service organization in the world with over 1.2 million members from all over the world, united in service and fellowship.

"It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement."-- Paul P. Harris.

Rotary International President for 2026-2027

Sangkoo Yun, from the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, has been selected as the Rotary International President for 2026-27. Yun holds degrees from Syracuse University and an honorary doctorate from The University of Edinburgh. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp. and President of Youngan Corp.

A Rotary member since 1987, Yun has held numerous roles including director, trustee, and RI learning facilitator. Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and honours from Queen Elizabeth II and the presidents of Mongolia and Korea. He is a Republic of Korea Army veteran and an elder at Andong Presbyterian Church. Yun and his wife, Eunsun, are major Rotary donors and have two children



Rtn. Sangkoo Yun

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“YOGA CAMP”

Rtn Jayaraj K., our Club Secretary successfully completed 30 days Yoga Camp organised at Rotary Bal Bhavan by Rotary Club Mangalore North.

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Rtn Umesh Gatty, was one of the Guests at the function organised for the release of invitation on 8th December, 2024 for ‘Maha Mrithyunjaya Yaaga’, being organised by Sri Aaadishakthi Chamundeshwari Temple, Vyasagar, Kumpala in association with Kesari Mitr Vranda®, Kesari Mathr Mandali ®

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KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
Mangaluru

cordially invites you to a Seminar on
GST Amnesty Scheme 2024
Fake Invoices and their consequences
by the Office of the Commissioner of
Central Excise & Central Tax (GST)

Chief Guest: **Shri S. Kesava Narayana Reddy, IRS**
Commissioner of Central Tax & GST, Mangaluru

Guest of Honour: **Dr. Somanna C., IRS**
Additional Commissioner, Central Tax & GST, Mangaluru

Speaker 1: **Shri Govindan H., IRS**
Assistant Commissioner of Central Excise &
Central Tax, UR Division, Karwar
[Topic: GST Amnesty Scheme 2024]

Speaker 2: **Shri Rajesh Shetty K., IRS**
Assistant Director, DGG, Mangaluru Regional Unit
[Fake Invoices and their consequences]

On Tuesday, 17th December 2024 from 10.00 am to 1.30 pm
Venue: KCCI Meeting Hall, Chamber Building, Chamber Road
Bunder, Mangaluru - 575 001

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₹100 (incl. of GST)

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“SEMINAR ON GST”

Kanara Chamber of Commerce & Industry organised a seminar on ‘GST Amnesty Scheme-2024’ and ‘Fake Invoices and their consequences’ on 17th December, 2024 at Chamber Building, Bunder, Mangalore. Our Club Member Rtn Rajesh Shetty K, was one of the resource person at the seminar.



RI President’s Wishes on new Year

As we reflect on the past year, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. Thank you for your dedication to making a difference in your communities and around the world. Together, we’ve achieved so much, and I’m excited about all we’ll accomplish in the year ahead.

May your holidays be filled with joy, peace, and the company of loved ones. Here’s to a wonderful 2025!

JANUARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH



The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

Those objectives are:

- To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- To apply the ideal of service in personal, business and community life.
- To advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of businessmen and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

Paul Harris wrote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".

Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the Ideal of Service to the pursuit of all vocations. It is the shared responsibility of both the Rotary Club and its members.

The role of the Club is to implement and encourage the objectives by its own actions in dealing with the community and by the development of projects that enable members to use their vocational talents in the service of the community. The role of members is to conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles, and support the Vocational Service projects that the club has developed.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – JANUARY, 2025

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face. A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and — yes — fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people — the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there. Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together? At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible. Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong. Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. *Rotary* magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living ***The Magic of Rotary***.



Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25

TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE- JANUARY, 2025



January marks a fresh start, a time to take stock of what we have achieved and plan for future success. It is important to remember that we are in the middle of a major year for fund development. The Rotary Foundation has set an ambitious goal to grow Rotary's Endowment to \$2.025 billion by this year, 2025. This will only be possible through the generous support of every person reading this message. January is also Vocational Service Month, when we recognize how vital each member's professional calling is to the work Rotary accomplishes.

During the Arch Klumph Society weekend in October, Gay and I were inspired by the diverse vocations represented among some of our most generous supporters. They

included teachers, engineers, health care professionals, and builders. Uniting them was a shared commitment to building a better world through The Rotary Foundation.

So many of us bring the insight of our professions into Rotary through Vocational Service. The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers exemplifies this. These Rotary members use specialized skills to guide project planning, grant applications, and evaluations, ensuring the projects you fund and implement are sustainable and effective. The work of The Rotary Foundation, from safe water initiatives to literacy programs, depends on regular giving by our members. One convenient solution for many is Rotary Direct, which provides a simple way to make monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. This empowers Rotary to plan effectively, respond promptly to urgent needs, and continue transforming lives.

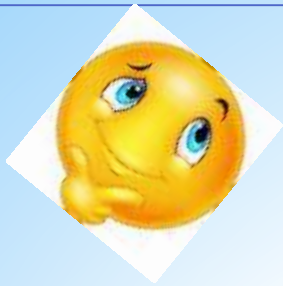
The Paul Harris Society, which honors those who contribute \$1,000 or more annually, also strengthens the Foundation. Paul Harris Society members, like Klumph society members and Rotary Direct contributors, embody the spirit of sustained giving.

When setting your personal goals for this year, remember that by supporting The Rotary Foundation, you extend your impact worldwide. Every contribution — no matter the size — adds to the momentum driving meaningful change. So, as we enter 2025, let us reaffirm our commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

By combining our efforts and our giving with others in our great organization, we can truly say that no matter our vocation or location, we are contributing to a global force for good.

Mark Daniel Maloney
Trustee Chair 2024-25

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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) The first Rotary convention was held in the Congress Hotel in Chicago in August 1910.
- 2) 16 Rotary Clubs participated in the first Rotary Convention.
- 3) The Rotary Convention held in Osaka in Japan during 2004 set a record for largest number of paid attendees, drawing 45,381 people.
- 4) In 1931, Austria created the first commemorative postage stamp honoring Rotary on the occasion of the convention in Vienna.
- 5) Taiwan is going to host Rotary International Convention in the year 2026.

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