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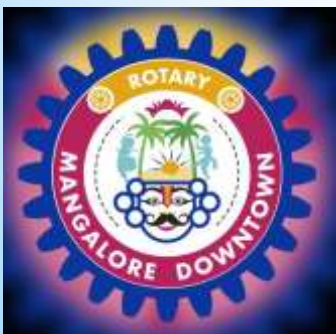
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RI DIST 3181

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

Dear Rotarians and our Rotary family.

Let me wish you all Happy New Year 2025 with lots of good health wealth and happiness to all of us by Almighty God. We are half way through our Rotary year. The last six months were full of club activities and engaged in completing district projects.

The New calendar year started with a speaker meet. The talk was given by Ann Chitra Rao, member of Inner Wheel Club Mangalore North spoke on Innerwheel

movement in India and in Mangalore. It was such a revelation to many of us.

The Rotary District conference 'Nava Vaibhava', was held at Adyar Garden 24th 25th and 26th January. We, the Downtowners along with our family members participated in the three day event. The Conference was very well organised with eminent guest speakers spoke on various matters. The food was superb and the entertainment program was excellent. We all enjoyed every moment of our Rotary conference organised by our District Governor Rotarian Vikramdatta. These type of events will foster a bonding between Rotarians from other clubs of the district and I earnestly request our members, who have not participated in this event (for various reasons), not to miss such an opportunity to have a great fellowship.

**We know that without food we would die.
Without fellowship, life is not worth living.**

- Laurie Colwin

January reflections

“INNER WHEEL”



Ann Chitra Rao, Past Chairman OF Inner Wheel District 318 and member of Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore North was the Guest at our weekly meeting held on 8th January, 2015. She gave a very informative talk on Inner Wheel. Though, as Rotarians, we heard about Inner Wheel, but were not knowledgeable about its history, organisational structure etc. All our queries on Inner Wheel was very well cleared by Ann Chitra Rao.

**A stable mind is like a hub of a wheel.
The world may spin around you,
But the mind is steady**

- B.K.S. Iyengar

ROTARY INFORMATION

“120TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL”



On February 23, 1905, four men met in a downtown office building in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting was organized because Attorney Paul Harris wanted to create a professional group representing the friendly smiles and small-town values he had known in his youth. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey decided to call their club Rotary, because their meeting locations would “Rotate.” The name Rotary International was officially adopted in 1922, as they encountered fellow professionals around the world who also craved friendly smiles and humanitarian values. Over a century later, World Peace and Understanding Day marks the founding of one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world.

The founding Rotary club grew rapidly from its grassroots core in Chicago. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Canada, formed in 1910, and by 1922 Rotary clubs existed on six continents. Rotary quickly became international. Chicago businessman and Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor conceived the 4-Way Test in 1932, and it was adopted as a guiding writ by Rotary International in 1943. Rotary International’s growing humanitarian mission would not go unnoticed by 20th-century world leaders. In fact, forty-nine Rotarians helped draft the United Nations Charter. Paul Harris and fellow Rotarians championed the UN as a viable alternative to war. “It is true that the way to war is a well-paved highway and that the way to peace is still a wilderness,” said Harris in 1949. Early Rotarians determined that Rotary International would remain a non-religious, non-political, non-partisan organization, bonded only by a simple creed: **“service above self.”**

ROTARY INFORMATION

“INTERNATIONAL INNER WHEEL”



Inner Wheel is an international women's organisation to create friendship, service and understanding. It has clubs in over 100 countries with over 100,000 members. It was founded in Manchester. Inner Wheel was officially founded on 10 January 1924 by Margarett Golding, a nurse, business woman and the wife of a Manchester Rotarian, who met with 26 other wives of Rotarians in November 1923. It may be noted here that at that time women were not allowed to be the Rotarians. The first official Inner Wheel meeting was held on 10 January 1924 – this date is now known as "**International Inner Wheel Day**". This organisation was originally established for the wives and daughters of Rotarians but now any women, above the age of 18, with or without Rotary connection, can be an Inner Wheel member. The number of clubs around the world grew and in 1967 the International Inner Wheel came into being.

The first Inner Wheel Club in India was the Inner Wheel Club of Ahmedabad, which was established in 1955. The first Inner Wheel District in India was formed in the year 1965 and numbered as 75, but was later renamed District 305. The Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore was the first club in Karnataka and it was founded in 1966. The first Inner Wheel club in Mangalore is the Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore North, which was established on 6th February, 1974.

Indian women are playing a very active role in International Inner Wheel movement. Mrs. Minna Kapur became the first Indian to be elected as the president of International Inner Wheel in the year 1986. As on date, 8 Indian women have become the President of International Inner Wheel including **Mrs. Anita Aggarwal, Mrs. Kamala Ramakrishnan, Mrs. Pallavi Shah, Mrs. Abha Gupta, Mrs. Kapila Gupta, Dr. Bina Vyas** and the present President Mrs Mamta Gupta (2024-25).

International Inner Wheel is celebrating their centenary year this year.

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.

“SOUTH ASIA INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE-2025”

Rotary District 3192

SOUTH ASIA INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE 2025

"Healthy Lives, Greener Futures"

Join Rotary in India for a unique gathering addressing global issues of environment and health. The landmark conference will bring together leaders and stakeholders to explore how sustainable practices and better healthcare can create lasting peace.

REGISTER NOW!

- Rotarians and Friends of Rotary: **Rs. 3000/-** per person
- Club Registration (Rotarians and Friends of Rotary): **Rs. 1500/-**
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- Rotarian Registration: **Rs. 1000/-** per person
- NGO Registration: **Rs. 2000/-** per person
- Virtual Presence for Rotarians (Live Streaming): **Rs. 300/-** (2 USD)
- Virtual Presence for Rotarian Club (Live Streaming): **Rs. 300/-**

DATE: 22nd & 23rd March 2025
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“South Asia International Peace Conference-2025”nis being organised by Rotary District 3192 from 22nd to 23rd March, 2025 at KPTO, Whitefield, Bengaluru. It is a unique gathering to address global issues of environment and health.

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.

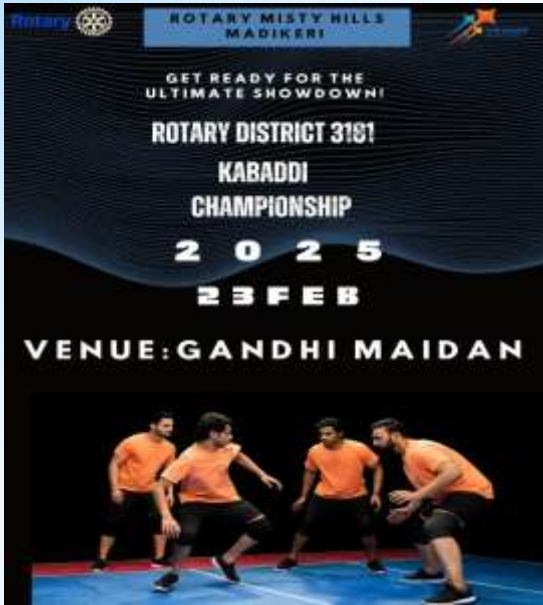
The event is combined with a youth exchange and youth festival, offers a unique platform for cultural interaction and knowledge sharing. Participants engage in thought-provoking discussions, skill-building workshops, and vibrant cultural performances. The festival fosters *global friendships* and *mutual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

Family isn't always blood.
It's the people in your life who want you in theirs;
The ones who accepts you for who you are.
The ones who would to anything to see you smile and
Who love you no matter what”.

- Unknown

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“MUD KABADDI TOURNAMENT”



For the first time in the history of RID 3181, a Mud Kabaddi Tournament is organised for the Rotary Clubs of the district at Gandhi Maidan, Madikeri on 23rd February, 2025. The event is being organised by Rotary Misty Hills, Madikeri.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE DESIGNATE for 2027-28



Rtn. Yashaswi Somashekher, a Major Donor, from the Rotary Club of Mysore North has been unanimously elected as the District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) for the Rotary Year 2027-28.

Born in a family of agriculturists on May 18, 1963, he initially studied in Vani Vidya Mandir and completed his Primary and Middle School education from JSS institutions and BA in JSS Degree College.

He has identified himself in the fields of culture, education, social service and politics.

YASHASWI SOMASHEKAR

Being an ardent fan of thespian Dr. Rajkumar, he has acted in several plays, founded Karnataka Samskruthika Vedike and organised Harikatha, cultural programmes, comedy shows and Kishore Kumar musical nites.

He has served as a BJP worker and as Chairman of MUDA. In the year 2005, he was inducted into Rotary Mysore North and has served as its President, Assistant Governor and President of District Rotaract Committee and District Sports and Cultural Committees.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“ROTARY PREMIER LEAGUE -2024-25”



Rotary  

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3181
ROTARY PREMIER LEAGUE 2024-25
Host : Rotary Club Puttur East, Zone 5

Date : 16th February 2025, Sunday
@ St. Philomena College Ground, Puttur

INAUGURATION @ 11.00 a.m. (Sunday)

Inaugurator : **Rtn. Vikramdatta**
District Governor, RI Dist. 3181

Chief Guests : **Rtn. Ramakrishna P.K.**
DGE, RI Dist. 3181

Guests of Honour : **Rtn. Sooryanatha Alva**
Assistant Governor, Zone 5
Rtn. Anand Shetty
Dist. Chairman Sports
Rtn. Oscar Anand
Dist. Secretary Sports & Cultural

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION : @ 5.30 p.m. (Sunday)

Chief Guests : **Rtn. Sathish Bolar**
DGN RI Dist. 3181
Rtn. Yashashwi Somashekar
DGN RI Dist. 3181
Rtn. Ritheesh Baliga
Dist. District Admin, RI Dist. 3181

Guests of honour : **Rtn. Harsha Kumar Rai**
Assistant Governor, Zone 5
Rtn. Vinaya Kumar
Assistant Governor, Zone 5

Dinner Follows

Rtn. Vasanth Jalady Secretary, RC Puttur East	Rtn. Dr. Raviprakash President, RC Puttur East	Rtn. Ravi Kumar Rai Chairman RPL 2024-25
Rtn. Pramod Mallara Vice Chairman RPL	Rtn. Rajesh Darira Vice Chairman RPL	Rtn. Santhosh Shetty Vice Chairman RPL 2024-25

RPL – 2025 : Fixtures Plan

Round 1 : 7.30 AM
Ground 1: Puttur City Strikers vs Muliya Tigers
Ground 2: Mangalore Super Kings vs Mangalore United

Round 2 : 8.20 AM
Ground 1: Mysore Maharajas vs Royal Challengers Mysore
Ground 2: Puttur City Strikers vs Mangalore Super Kings

Round 3 : 9.10 AM
Ground 1: Muliya Tigers vs Mangalore United
Ground 2: Mysore Maharajas vs Puttur City Strikers

Round 4 : 10 AM
Ground 1: Royal Challengers Mysore vs Mangalore Super Kings
Ground 2: Muliya Tigers vs Mysore Maharajas

Round 5 : 11.30 AM
Ground 1: Mangalore United vs Puttur City Strikers
Ground 2: Royal Challengers Mysore vs Muliya Tigers

Round 6 : 12.20 PM
Ground 1: Mangalore Super Kings vs Mysore Maharajas
Ground 2: Mangalore United vs Royal Challengers Mysore

Round 7 : 01.10 PM
Ground 1: Puttur City Strikers vs Royal Challengers Mysore
Ground 2: Muliya Tigers vs Mangalore Super Kings

Round 8 : 2.00 PM
Ground 1: Mangalore United vs Mysore Maharajas

Table 2 vs 3 = Semi final : 3.00 PM
Table topper vs Semi winner = Final : 4.00 PM

Rotary Premier League-2024-25, Cricket Tournament is to be held on 16th February, 2025 at St. Philomina College Grounds, Puttur. The event is being hosted by Rotary Club Puttur East.

There are 6 teams in the tournament –

1. MULIYA TAIGERS PUTTUR EAST
2. MANGALORE UNITED
3. MANGALORE SUPER KING
4. PUTTUR CITY STRIKERS
5. MYSORE MAHARAJA'S
6. ROYAL CHALLENGERS MYSORE

The tournament will be played in a different format. All the teams will be playing each other in the first round. The table topper will automatically qualify for the finals. The second and third placed teams will be playing the semi-finals and the winners of that match will be playing against the table topper in the finals.



EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“INTER DISTRICT BEACH SPORTS EVENT”



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.

“NEW OFFICE BEARERS FOR ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS”

Rtn Jayaraj S. Bangera has been elected as the President for Rotary Means Business-Mangaluru Chapter with Rtn nelson Castelino as Secretary and Rtn V.K. Prasanna Rao as Treasurer.



EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“NAVA VAIBHAVA- DISTRICT CONFERENCE”



District Conference of Rotary District 3181- Nava Vaibhava was held from 24th to 26th January, 2025 at Adyar Gardens, Mangaluru with much fanfare and gaiety. Lot of eminent speakers who shared their experience and expertise with the audience. The Rotary achievers were felicitated.

Colourful and energetic cultural events enthralled the audience. A tasty and finger licking food menu added flavour to the event. Overall a great event to have fellowship with other Rotarians from the District.



ROTARY MANGALORE DOWNTOWN BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2025-26

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“The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.”

— Margaret Carty, American author



BULLETIN BOARD

HIGHLIGHTS TRUSTEES' MEETING



Highlights from the October 2024 Rotary Foundation Trustees Meeting

The Rotary Foundation Trustees met on 8-10 October 2024 at One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, USA and reviewed 12 committee reports and recorded 45 decisions.

Programs and Awards

The Trustees

- approved US\$50,000,000 in PolioPlus grants for
 - polio surveillance activities and technical assistance to the World Health Organization (WHO) in the African region;
 - operational and social mobilization support to WHO and UNICEF in Afghanistan and Pakistan;
 - general outbreak response activities to WHO and UNICEF;
 - a team of polio eradication technical experts to WHO;
- renewed Rotary's partnership with the Peace Corps through October 2027;
- discontinued the official designation of "collaborating organization".

Fund Development

The Trustees

- endorsed a worldwide comprehensive 2025-26 fundraising goal, to be announced at the 2025 International Assembly;
- received three estate gifts:
 - US\$ 1 million from the estate of Roy and Judith Murdock (Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island, Washington, USA);
 - US\$1.75 million from the estate of Alan Mooers (Rotary Club of Central Marin County, California, USA);
 - US\$2.2 million from the estate of Janie Bolitho (Rotary Club of Palm Springs, California, USA).

Finance

The Trustees

- approved a change to its districted designated fund (DDF) policy to authorize districts to transfer unspent DDF from program year 2020-21 to either PolioPlus, the endowment, disaster response, the Rotary Peace Centers, or to the World Fund before current year DDF is fully expended, effective immediately, through 30 June 2026;
- received the preliminary draft audited financial statements and report on the Foundation's 2023-24 financial results.

Administration

The Trustees

- elected Trustee Jennifer Jones as their 2025-26 chair-elect and Trustee Greg Podd as their 2025-26 vice chair;
- approved the following 2025-26 Trustees meeting schedule:
 - 26 June 2025, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
 - 7-9 October 2025, Evanston, Illinois, USA
 - 10 October 2025, Evanston, Illinois, USA – Joint meeting with RI Board
 - 10-11 January 2026, Orlando, Florida, USA
 - 8-10 April 2026, Evanston, Illinois, USA
 - 18 June 2026, Taipei, Taiwan



BRAIN TEASERS



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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) When was the first presidential theme started?
- 2) What was the presidential theme of First Indian RI President Nitish C. Laharry in 1962-63?
- 3) What was the presidential theme of another Indian RI President Rajendra K. Saboo in 1991-92?
- 4) What was the presidential theme of RI President Kalyan Banerjee in 2011-12?
- 5) What was the presidential theme of RI President Shekar Mehta in 2021-22?

RIDDLES

“Forwards I am heavy, backward I am not. What am I?”

NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Famous Rotarians

Lewiston/NOTL
Rotary Club



Arthur Compton
Nobel Prize winning Physicist
Rotary Club of St. Louis, Missouri

Compton was an American Physicist who received the Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery that light acts both with wavelike and particle like properties.

He was also instrumental in the development of nuclear energy.

Photo by Rotary Club of Mercede

RTN Arthur H. Compton

Rtn Arthur Holly Compton, an American Physicist, who discovered 'Compton Effect', which describes how a photon releases loosely bound electrons when it hits electrons. For this discovery, he was awarded Nobel Prize in Physics in the year 1927. he was also one of the key members of the team which developed Nuclear Weapon

during world war-II . From 1926 to 1927, he taught at University of Punjab, in Lahore. He was the member of Rotary Club of St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

ROTARY – DID YOU KNOW?



THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

#RotaryFacts



Rotary 

DID YOU KNOW?

The second Rotary club was formed in 1908 half a continent away from Chicago in San Francisco, California. Followed then by Oakland also in California, where the third club was formed. Other clubs soon followed in Seattle, Los Angeles and New York City



@changemakerevolution

Smile Please!

When Einstein met Charlie Chaplin:

Einstein said,

"What I admire most about your art, is its universality. You do not say a word, and yet ... the world understands you."

"It's true," replied Charlie Chaplin,

"But your fame is even greater; The world admires you, when nobody understands you." 

Nice & refreshing are good old memories

When a boy meets a girl

A college boy gives his book to a girl with a love letter in it. He wrote saying, "If you love me, then you should wear a red color dress tomorrow."

Next day she comes wearing a yellow color dress and returns his book. Seeing this, the boy felt very bad and never looked at her afterwards.

Years went by. That girl got married.

One day, while cleaning his shelf, the book returned by her fell down and a chit came out.

Message was, "I love you too ♥... I do not have a red Color Dress... Sorry"

Moral: Open your text books once a while.

Note - Now don't sit filtering all your old books...

Your time has passed... look after children and grand children

The Downtowners



“DAKSHINA KANNADA POWERLIFTING ASSOCIATION ”

Rtn Umesh Gatty of our club has been elected as the President of Dakshina Kannada Powerlifting Association.

9th Annual District Conference of Rotary International
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24, 25, 26 January 2025 @ Adyar Gardens, Mangaluru

SILVER PATRON REGISTRATION
Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria
Rotary Club Mangalore Down Town

REGISTER NOW
Thank you for registering as a Silver Patron for the District Conference.
Your commitment to excellence and unwavering support is truly inspiring and deeply appreciated.
Together, we look forward to making this event a grand success!

“NAVA VAIBHAV”

Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria of our club registered as a ‘Silver Patron’ for the Rotary International District Conference- “Nava Vaibhava”, held from 24th to 26th January, 2025 at Adyar Garden, Mangaluru.

Conference Chairman Rtn. K R Shetty 94482 54262	Conference Secretary Rtn. Gopal Krishna Shetty 94804 00994	Conference Treasurer Rtn. Geethanand Pai 94482 72977	Registration Chairman Rtn. Bharath Shetty 98461 77221
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FEBRUARY- PEACE BUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION MONTH



- * The Month of February in Rotary is **Peace and conflict prevention/resolution month**.
- * The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar because it includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated as the “**World Understanding and Peace Day**”.
- * Millions of people all over the world are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution. In fact, 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, half of which are children. Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary family is committed to pursuing projects that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources..
- * Rotarians train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and aid refugees who have fled dangerous areas. During February, **Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month**, we’re celebrating our commitment to build peace and mitigate conflict.
- * In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International Board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace.
- * World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary’s continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.
- * Many clubs and their representatives are already participating in activities that promote world understanding through humanitarian service in support of a variety of international projects.

“The way to war is a well-paved highway, and the way to peace is still a wilderness.”

- Paul Harris

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – FEBRUARY, 2025

This month, as we come together for the International Assembly and the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate *The Magic of Rotary* — a unique blend of global connection, vision, and action that empowers us to create lasting change. One of the most inspiring examples is our Rotary Peace Fellowship program, a cornerstone of Rotary's mission to build a more peaceful and just world.

For more than 23 years, Rotary Peace Fellowships have been transforming communities. Our Rotary Peace Centers, hosted at leading universities around the globe, have educated over 1,800 fellows who now work in more than 140 countries. These centers cultivate expertise in fields like

conflict resolution, sustainable development, and peacebuilding, preparing fellows to tackle some of the world's most pressing challenges. This program exemplifies how Rotary turns vision into action, creating a ripple effect of hope and change.

This month during the Presidential Peace Conference, we celebrate a significant milestone with the opening of our newest peace center in Istanbul. This center will focus on training leaders to address peacebuilding challenges in the Middle East and North Africa, further extending Rotary's impact. Peace fellows are dedicated champions of transformation, addressing critical issues such as refugee resettlement, youth and women's empowerment, and reconciliation in conflict zones. Many founded vital organizations or hold leadership roles in governments, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions like the United Nations and World Bank.

One inspiring story is that of Ntang Julius Meleng, a 2024 Rotary Peace Fellow at Makerere University in Uganda. Through his Social Change Initiative, Julius has worked to empower young people in Cameroon to take active roles in peacebuilding and leadership. His project provided training in conflict prevention, civic engagement, and leadership to youths and community officials in areas affected by conflict, equipping people to drive sustainable peace efforts. Julius harnessed Rotary's global network to overcome obstacles, including limited funding and security risks, and make a meaningful impact. The Rotary Peace Fellowship gave Julius the tools and support to turn his vision into reality. His work embodies *The Magic of Rotary* — the transformative power of connecting people, sharing resources, and uniting for a common purpose.

As we reflect on the achievements of our peace fellows and celebrate Rotary's enduring commitment to peace, let us also recognize the role that everyone in our network of 1.2 million members plays in creating magic through service.

Together, we can amplify our impact, inspire new generations of leaders, and build a brighter, more peaceful future.



Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25

TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE- FEBRUARY, 2025



By some measures, great progress has been made in building more peaceful societies around the world. Yet the reality of ongoing regional wars, skirmishes, and violence globally reminds us how far we still have to go. These conflicts affect the humanity of us all, whether they occur far from us or in our own communities.

So, what can Rotary do to build peace?

As a global force for peace and conflict prevention, Rotary addresses the root causes of conflict. Our role at the 1945 United Nations charter is a testament to this enduring commitment.

Another cornerstone of this work is the Rotary Peace Centers program. Through The Rotary Foundation, these

seven centers provide fully funded fellowships, empowering individuals to address the complex challenges of conflict and development.

More than 1,800 alumni now work in over 140 countries as champions of peace, creating lasting change in their communities. Consider alumni like Pablo Cuevas, a 2015 peace fellow who leads the Paraguay office of the International Organization for Migration, aiding those displaced by crises. Leni Kinzli, a 2023 graduate, advocates for Sudan's humanitarian needs with the United Nations World Food Programme. Yuki Daizumoto, a 2007 peace fellow, supports life-changing agricultural and livelihood projects in Afghanistan with the Japan International Cooperation Agency. These individuals embody Rotary's investment in peace.

This month, the Foundation Trustees will consider a plan to establish our eighth Rotary Peace Center, in Asia, as part of our vision to have peace centers on every inhabited continent by 2030. But our commitment extends beyond the peace centers. Through Rotary's partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, we have trained over 300 Positive Peace Activators from 60 countries. Our forgiveness and social cohesion curricula help members heal communities. Through our Foundation grants and service, Rotary members are fostering peace by engaging with youths, strengthening civil society, and resolving core issues that can lead to conflict.

At President Stephanie Urchick's Peace Conference in Istanbul this month, we will celebrate this work and the first class of the Otto and Fran Walter Rotary Peace Center at Bahçeşehir University.

Remember that you are also ambassadors of peace through service projects, exchange programs, and as supporters of The Rotary Foundation.

My wish for 2025 is for peace to take root and flourish ever more widely, with Rotary playing an increasingly meaningful role in that noble pursuit.



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

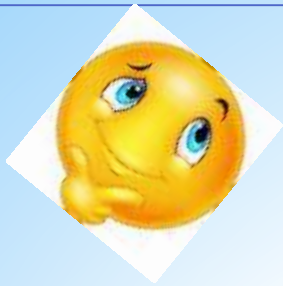
Ann PALLAVI RAHUL W/o RTN RAHUL SUVARNA	18th FEBRUARY
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS

Rtn. SANDEEP HANDE & Ann SAHANA B.S.	18th FEBRUARY
Rtn. PRASHANTH NAYAK & Ann NANDINI PRASHANTH NAYAK	29th FEBRUARY

ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS



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2	8	7	1	3	5	9	6	4
6	3	4	7	9	8	2	1	5
7	9	3	6	2	4	8	5	1
5	6	1	8	7	9	4	3	2
8	4	2	3	5	1	7	9	6



ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) The tradition of crafting a theme is credited to 1949-50 RI President Percy C. Hodgson, who outlined a list of four objectives for his term in office. But it was longer and 83 word theme.
- 2) ***Kindle the Spark Within.***
- 3) **“Look Beyond Yourself”.**
- 4) **“Reach Within to Embrace Humanity”.**
- 5) **“Serve to change lives”.**

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