

# ROTARY BANGALORE ORCHARDS



# ORCHARD

## JULY 2020

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## Know your President

When he was growing up in a missionary boarding school in Hazaribagh (then in Bihar) Dwarakanath and his classmates used to be frequently taken to poor and underprivileged homes, orphanages, hospitals and care centers (for the helpless). Those visits were intended to arouse compassion, tolerance and care in the little hearts. That it did and stayed on. Over the years, he has been associated with several organisations especially those that promote education.

Narasimha Dwarakanath (Dwarka, as he is more fondly called) has been a Rotarian since 2013. In the past seven years, he has been active in the Club, having been a Treasurer, Secretary, member of the Board over several years and member of several committees. Most recently he was very active in the Happy Schools committee when the Club completed a record project of 126 Happy Schools in one calendar year.

Though not from a 'family' of Rotarians as such, Dwarka has been well aware of Rotary and its activities through his brother who has been a Rotarian for the past 20 years as well from his father who, at one time, was the President of Rotary Club of Senior Citizens in Bangalore.

His spouse, Ann Shobha has been a member of Inner Wheel Club of Orchards and in recent past was its President.

By education, Dwarka is a graduate in Science and a Chartered Accountant. Over the past three and a half decades he has held varied positions in assorted industries ranging from airline to investment to manufacturing to micro-finance.

Dwarka is married to Shobha who actively pursues her passion of singing. She is a trained Carnatic classical singer having earlier sang on All India Radio. She also enthusiastically renders Hindi songs and is closely associated with the fellowship group - IFRM.

Dwarka and Shobha have two daughters – Shruti and Ankita. While Shruti is a pediatrician employed in a hospital in Pittsburgh, USA, Ankita is a system security engineer working for a large organisation based out of Seattle, USA. Shruti is married to Rahul who is currently pursuing a doctorate in public health.

Besides his professional life, Dwarka regularly plays golf and time permitting, indulges in painting.

## *From the Editor's Desk*

Ever since Rotary was born in the year 1905 each Rotary year, a new President takes the baton from his predecessor and continues the journey of serving the humanity. In our club also Rtn. Govind Seth will be handing over the Leadership to our newly elected President Narasimha Dwaraka. Our PE Narasimha Dwaraka has requested me to be the Editor of Bulletin - **Orchid**. With advancement in digital era, we wish to issue 12 e-bulletins which will contain the progress of the club. It will also show case vision and aspirations of our Club President.

We have been left with a rich legacy of Past Presidents whose remarkable contribution in the field of Education, Environment Protection, Sanitation and Senior Citizens Care. Especially in these days of pandemic disease we have many COVID HEROS who are helping poor and needy people.

I appeal to our Rotarians to contribute articles, jokes, photographs so that we can publish the same in our bulletins.

In this bulletin I have highlighted the emergence of our club in the article titled MAGIC OF ROTARY.

I am thankful to Rtn. Rao Saheb for sponsoring the quiz and our Vivek Kamath in helping me in bringing out this bulletin.

Our members can take the opportunity to send in their advertisements for their business so that it can be published in the bulletin

Thanking you,

With regards,

**Rtn Harikrishna S Holla**

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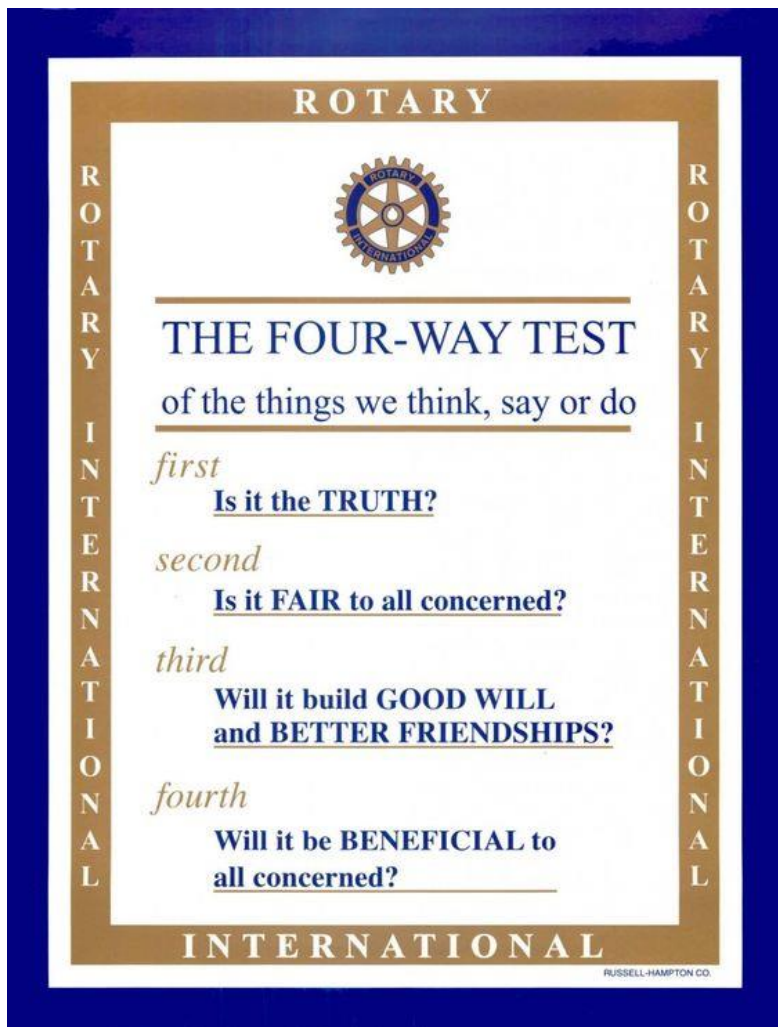
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## From the archives



Rotary is well known globally for playing a vital role in eradicating Polio from the face of the Globe. The stamp shown here was released in 1987 during the Asia Regional Conference – Polio Immunisation Programme.



### HISTORY OF FOUR-WAY TEST

The **Four-Way Test**, was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

It was adopted by Rotary in 1943

Since then the **Four-Way Test** has been translated into more than hundred languages and published in more than thousands of ways.

Rotary  
District 3190



Rotary Opens  
Opportunities

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is truly an honour to serve as President of the Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchards and I want to thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Although this year will be a bit challenging because of the Pandemic, herein lies the opportunities. Almost seems like our **RI President, Holger Knaac** had a premonition when he laid out the Rotary Theme for the Year – **Rotary Opens Opportunities**.

Indeed Rotary does open opportunities – Opportunities to serve the society we live in, opportunities to make new friends, opportunities to pursue hobbies (Fellowship groups), opportunities to sharpen skills, the opportunities are endless!

In July 2013, I joined Orchards with limited knowledge of what being a Rotarian meant. Although I was told that Rotary was a group of well-meaning individuals, little did I foresee that it would open up a different world for me. I have enjoyed the last 7 years in Rotary and look forward to many more years of Service.

Over the last 35 years, Orchards has and continues to be involved in so many varied projects in the areas of education, health, environment. And in each of these areas, enormous work has been done.

In the education domain - partnering with public and private charitable institutions to provide better infrastructure, to provide better sanitation facilities and most importantly to provide an environment to encourage the children in their pursuit of education.

In the area of health, providing for medical care for the underprivileged and associating with medical care facilities.

And in the area of protecting and nurturing the environment, increasing the green cover has been a passion with Orchards.

And of course, the fellowship and camaraderie in Orchards has been par excellence. Given the current situation of Covid-19, this may be a bit subdued, in the current year. However, I do fervently hope and expect matters will improve over the next few months for us to meet in person.

Given these qualities of Orchards, so carefully nurtured and upheld by the 34 past presidents, expectation in the current Rotary year too will continue to be high.

The previous year's team, led by the President, have done yeomen service in several areas such as providing for cataract surgeries, providing for healthcare workers involved with the Covid-19 care, continuing with the Happy schools program etc.

In the current Rotary year, with the support of the 84 enthusiastic members, I expect to continue working and strive to keep the RBO flag flying high.

Looking forward to another glorious year.

**Rtn Narasimha Dwarakanath**



## District Governor's Message

Dear **Sky Rockers**,

Warm Greetings to you from **RI President Holger Knaack & Susanne!!**

I would like to congratulate **TEAM DAZZLERS** for their Dazzling Rotary Year. Despite these challenging times, the team has put together a wonderful year.

A true Rotarian is one who contributes to the community, especially during the times of need to make the world a better place. While the nation was under lockdown, our **COVID warriors of 3190** were out on streets providing - meals, dry ration, clothes, toiletries, masks, sanitisers and other essentials to the stranded and the needy. Your club's committed participation in the recovery and reconstruction for our society is undoubtedly appreciated.



While COVID-19 imposed many challenges, we ensured to transform these challenges into new opportunities. For instance, the training programs for the year 2020-21. While in-person training was not possible, we organised video conferencing calls for majority of our training programs. I appreciate and applaud the Sky Rockers Team for adapting to these online training programs. Furthermore, I am proud to mention that RID 3190 was the first District in the entire world of Rotary to conduct full-fledged training programs online. Congratulations to District Trainer PDG K P Nagesh for successfully completing all the mandatory training programs and many more. I thank each one of you for your active participation in it.

*Rotary Opens Opportunities.* The current situation has brought to light unique events that can be conducted to serve the community. Therefore, let's join together to focus on environment and agriculture to create a positive impact and make a difference in the society. We have lined up various projects for the Rotary year 2020-21. Some of them being - Kamadhenu, Kalpavruksha, tree planting, blood bank, school benches, solar lamps, lake rejuvenation, vocational training programs, RYLAs, women empowerment. As **RI President Holger Knaack** says, **"Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere"**. I would like to invite you for your active participation in these projects to create a significant outlook for the rest of the community.

RI President Knaack wants *"clubs to focus on keeping current members engaged and adding new members who are the right fit for your club"*. I appeal to all of you to work towards 100% retention while looking for organic growth of your Club membership. Let us also encourage Youth in Rotary, Women in Rotary and support our Rotaractors and Interactors in their activities.

I request your whole-hearted support for the District Conference "Darbar" and Bandhana, ICGF registrations, fellowship & learning opportunity that would get the show on road as soon as the pandemic comes to a halt.

Rtn. Meera Prasad and I wish you success in all your endeavours and assure you the best of our support. Stay Safe.

Yours in Rotary,  
**Rtn Nagendra Prasad**  
District Governor, RI Dist 3190.



## R.I. President's Message

Dear Rotarians, Rotaractors, and friends,

This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal.

Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.

Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities.

We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.



All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly — and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve — but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future.

The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary that the world so desperately needs.

This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times — to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done.

The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that Rotary Opens Opportunities for generations to come.

**HOLGER KNAACK**

**President, Rotary International**



# ROTARY BANGALORE ORCHARDS

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## Outgoing Presidents Message

Dear Members,

My team and I are at the threshold of handing over charge to PE Rtn. Narsimha Dwaraknath and his Team 2020-21. A year of service projects and happenings has come to an end today. As we look back, a great feeling of satisfaction and completion fills our hearts. The plans that were chalked out were executed with a fair degree of perfection. The support from all of you Members and guidance from our Mentors helped us cross many a bridge and walk through storms.

Some of the notable projects have been:

**Divya Drishti** - the successful completion of 100 cataract surgeries at PT Hospitals.

**Govt. PU College in Malleshwaram** - the series of small projects supporting the 1300 strong institution.

**Happy Schools and Associated Initiatives** - received the attention & support – rightfully.

**Covid-19 Battle** - the service rendered to Govt. healthcare workers and migrant labour has had a deep reach across the state.

As a break from tradition we have been inspired to handover two Service Projects, namely, Cataract Surgeries and the Covid-19 Battle to the incoming team, along with specifically earmarked funds of **Rupees 11 Lakhs**. This will enable them to commence and complete these two projects with greater zeal and enthusiasm.

Rotary Connects the World and Opens Opportunities.

Pray and wish that together, we achieve this for the glory of our Rotary Bangalore Orchards and for the inspired Service of the needy.

The guidance and support from all Past Presidents is gratefully acknowledged. Of special mention is the solidarity received from PPs Rtns. Rajanna Srinivas, K Ravi, Kirit Morzaria and Aleemulla Khan.

My sincere thanks and warm appreciation to Secretary R Ravi Kumar, Treasurer Manandi Dwaraknath, Rtns. Dr. Chandrashekar, Manoj Agarwal, Ajay Shand and my entire Board.

The outstation trips to Wynaad & Amritsar and the Rajyotsava Family Night brought together all members to enjoy fun filled days.

On this happy occasion we wish PE Rtn. Narasimha Dwaraknath and his Team 2020-21, that the year be filled with great cheer and lots of Service Projects.

With warm regards,

**Rtn. Hari Gobind Seth**  
**President RBO 2019-20**

30th June 2020



## From our Senior Citizen's Home



Seen in the picture is **Leela Krishnaswamy** our New Resident at Rotary orchards Chaitanya Senior Citizens Home abbreviated as **ROCSCH**.

**Leelaji** is 87 Years of age and a PhD. She is very lively, and a very well-spoken person. We were touched by this WhatsApp message from her. She has sent it to her friends and family who were opposing her decision to join our Senior Citizens Home. We have culled and reproduced it below without any editing. Her words have been like an Elixir for **Team ROCSCH**. Kudos to all who made our Club's dream of a Senior Citizens Home a reality.

**Leela Krishnaswamy writes:**

*Here's my debut report from Orchards.*

*We often think of assisted living homes as esoteric ventures designed for only the handicapped elderly. A visit to Orchards will cause this notion to be banned from your mind, for it embraces all who wander the region of many and variable. We touch reality most deeply here, for you see the many faces of fulfilment and of struggle, failures and triumphs of life. People find comfort in the way of living of the Rotary. For some it is a release from the mundane, while for others it is a renewal of their spiritual life.*

*While the sight of only the elderly under one roof can be less than joyous, you see so much humanity on display with the 20 something boys and girls tending to their wards in a loving and considerate manner, ministering to their every need with the creative affirmation of saints. Their utter devotion to their job and their perpetual cheerful countenances is awe inspiring.*

*Suddenly, the meaning and value of existence dawns on you and you are enveloped by a moral intuition which unites mind and spirit.*

*Every institution has on offer an assemblage of positives and negatives. To seek out the positives will be the triumph of every individual. When I chose to make Orchards my departing lounge, I came with an open mind. I have been most fortunate in making my choice, for my humble aspirations have been fulfilled. I wake up each morning aspirationally. I have not had to make any lifestyle changes having led a disciplined life always. That has helped me settle in without any extra effort. The team have done an outstanding job of setting up and running this place.*

*For anyone seeking comfort in their evening years, consider Orchards. Totally not an oversell.*



**ROTARY ORCHARDS**  
**CHAITANYA**  
**SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME**



# THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

The Rotary International is one of the largest and longest surviving Non-Profit organisation engaged itself in serving the Humanity over last 100 years. Today its presence can be seen in as many as 178 countries with memberships swelling to over 10 million. Paul Harris the founder, conceived the idea of formation of Rotary Club while meeting with his four friends, namely **Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey, Paul P. Harris**. Meeting at Unity Building on Dearborn Street, Chicago on 23 rd May 1905. All the four friends came out with common idea that they should address the needs of community with service and accordingly they raised funds to build a public bath room. That was the first



community project of Rotary.

Rotary Foundation (TRF) was established in the year 1917 with the initial contribution by Arch C. Klump donating \$29.50 and today the Rotarians and Public have been donating and as on 2018 total revenue collected by TRF is \$ 105,86,106 and 92% of the amount is utilised needs of society in the field of education, sanitation, local economics and sanitation projects.

Rotary Bangalore Orchards is part of District 3190 has been engaged in various service activities since its establishment in the year 1985.

Today with membership over 89 has significantly contributed in the field of education, senior citizens care, refurbishing of Government schools, building of School for children with multiple disabilities and boys hostel and significant contribution in the Environment protection by engaging itself in District pilot programme KOTI NATI.



ROTARIANS FROM ORCHARDS – Koti Nati Program

Rotary Bangalore Orchards back in the year 2000 itself felt the need of establishing a free library for students perusing professional courses and today after 20 years more than 4,000 students have been benefitted through its Book Bank . Government Boys High School which was established almost 90 years ago has been adopted by the Club. We have been regularly supporting the School in its progress and attending to the needs of the School in a significant way.

In the year 2006 they built a school for children with multiple disabilities in association with an NGO **Dharithri** near Bangalore and today **Dharithri** is able to engage children with multiple disabilities particularly living in rural areas in physical activities and provide them shelter and taking care of their needs in order to bring them to main stream of society.


**Shri. Varadarjan Iyengar and Smt. Andal** donated land measuring 25,000 square feet near Bangalore in order to build Senior Citizens Home and Rotary Orchards Bangalore took the up the task by constituting a charitable trust comprising of Rotary Orchards and the family of donors and built Chaitanya Senior Citizens Home which is taking care of nearly 70 senior citizens who are happy to have found a Home away from Home



Recently Rotary Bangalore Orchards venture to refurbish the Government High Schools under Happy Schools Projects and more than 125 schools have been renovated by strengthening the existing structure, building toilets, providing facility for drinking water,

painting and providing play equipment Rotary Bangalore has been constantly engaged in improving the standard of life of people living in the community through its various projects and thereby justifying the Vedic saying **VASUDEVA KUTUMBAKAM**

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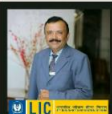


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**TWILIGHT VIEW OF ROTARY ORCHARDS CHAITANYA SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME**



ROTARY ORCHARDS

CHAITANYA

SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME



## Rotarian Birthday

- Krishna Mohan 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Aleemullah Khan 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Govindraaj K S 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Dr.Chandrashekhar C S 10<sup>th</sup> July
- C V Govardhan 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Ramesh Chari 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Srinath Bysani 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Raju Swamy 25<sup>th</sup> July

## Spouse Birthday

- Ramya Ramesh Babu 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Farooq Jabeen 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Divyashree Ravishankar 2<sup>nd</sup> July
- Kusuma H Ravikumar 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Mamata Bysani 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Aparna Pankaj Kapoor 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Sandhya Shyam Heranjal 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## Wedding Anniversary

- Ganesh & Sunitha 4<sup>th</sup> July
- Srinath & Mamatha Bysani 5<sup>th</sup> July

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## ROTARY QUIZ FOR

### JULY 2020

**I)** The idea of Rotary was conceived by 4 friends in a meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1905 in Unity Building Chicago. Please tick the correct names:

- Arch C. Klump
- Gustavus Loehr
- Silvester Schiele
- Hiram E Shorey
- Paul P Harris

**II)** When was Rotary Foundation (TRF) inaugurated?

- 1905
- 1917
- 1907
- None of the above

**III)** In which year was the Rotary 4-Way Test adopted?

- 1923
- 1907
- 1943
- 1958

**IV)** Who created the Rotary 4-Way Test?

- Robert J Taylor
- Paul Harris
- Hiram E Shorey
- Arch C Klump



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Our Senior Resident **Mr.Narasimha Murthy's** son **Sham Murthy** handing over 2 nos **Medical Infrared Thermometers** for **ROCSCH** use to **Ms.Indu**

ROTARY ORCHARDS CHAITANYA  
SENIOR CITIZENS HOME

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