# June 2024



R. Gordon R. McInally President 2023-24

It's customary for a Rotary president in the final month in office to recap the past year on this page, and I am proud of all we have achieved together. But I want to focus on our future, and that begins with polio.

We have reached an astonishing 3 billion children with the polio vaccine, and we have averted an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis. But it's not enough. We must continue supporting the End Polio Now campaign to reach zero cases and keep our promise to the world's children.

Polio is not our only global commitment. In fact, Rotary has been working toward global peace even longer. Spreading Positive Peace through service projects and Rotary Peace Centers around the world is more important than ever.

We must also continue to build peace from within, and that begins with supporting mental health and wellness among our fellow Rotary members and the communities we serve. Rotary has an opportunity to help build a global mental health system that currently does not exist, and I urge all members to consider joining the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives to keep up the momentum we began this year.

It's been the honor of a lifetime to serve as your president. You have given Heather and me memories we will cherish forever. I look forward to our continued friendship and our collective commitment to *Create Hope in the World*.

# **RI President-elect – a brief introduction**



## **Stephanie A. Urchick**

President-elect 2023-24 Rotary Club of McMurray Pennsylvania, USA

Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She will serve RI as president in 2024-25. She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and traveled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland.

Currently, Stephanie is helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie's professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.

#### FROM THE Editor's Desk



June and July is to me and for most is the time when we turn a new leaf and start the Rotary Year with lots of hope, ideas and a promise to do better. President Elect and the Board are the most motivated. Lao Tzu once said "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a small step". It is that little step that our President Elect Harish and team are taking. On my part I wish them all the success in their endeavor. They are lucky to come in after Rtn.Abhimanyu, who has put Rotary Bangalore Prime on the top of Rotary District 3191 with some outstanding projects, increased membership and vibrancy, some class fellowship events and much more. The entire year passed off in a whiff. Chronicling Abhimanyu's many projects have been a big challenge for me at ANAHA.

### What a great year Abhimanyu, Pooja and Lavanya take a bow!!

President Harish is fantastic Rotarian and he has shown that he is capable of managing. His ably assisted by another live wire called Rtn Balaji between them they have lined up lots of exciting and meaningful projects which may prove to be game changer for our club. By the looks of it Bangalore Prime is poised to move many notches above from where Abhimanyu has left off.

I am waiting excitedly for the new team to take over. All the best Harish and Team RBP!!!!

Vibhakar P

## INCOMING AND OUTGOING PRESIDENT ALONG WITH THEIR FIRST LADIES





President Rtn V S Harish & First Lady Rtn Triveni 2024 - 2025

President Abhimanyu & Rtn Pooja Agarwal 2023 - 2024

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 







Rtn Indira Raghu Rtn Lavanya Vice -President President Elect



Rtn V Balaji Secretary



Rtn Sanjay Tayal Treasurer



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Director - Club Service

Rtn Prasad Gupta Rtn Praveen Kumar Director -**Vocational Service** 



Rtn Pooja Agarwal Director-Community Service

Rtn Radha Chetan Director-International

Service





Youth Service





## **INTERACT AT BGSIAS – FUTURE LEADERS IN THE MAKING**

ON 6<sup>TH</sup> Mar 2024. Under the leadership of Rtn Abhimanyu and Rtn Vikas Khoria, An Interact Club of BGSIAS under Rotary Bangalore Prime was installed. 18 Interactors were inducted. Ms Divya Madhusoodan and Ms Shreya were the Charter President and Secretary respectively. The function was held at the Auditorium of the BGSIAS. Principal Mr Madhusoodan welcomed all the guests. Rtn Nand Gopi Dist. Representative Interact was the chief guest. Rtn Prasad Gupta, Dir Youth Services, Rtn Vikas Khoria Interact and Rotaract Chair and Rtn V Balaji Secretary Elect from Rotary Bangalore Prime were present, and one by one the interactors were pinned. Rotary Bangalore Prime is extremely proud that we could take these youngsters into the Rotary Intl and groom them for future leadership. We wish them all the success.

## <u>Rtn. Arvind Salalmpuria arranges for Scholarship to Students through - CSR Partner –</u> <u>Sudarshan Pipes</u>

Rtn Arvind Salampuria contributed Rs.5,28,000/- from his company's CSR, for education expenses of needy students at Rani Sarla Devi Educational Institution and students in other states too. What a noble thought from Rtn Arvind.



## Pond for Birds & Animals

Pond at Bangalore University benefiting Birds and Animals and Rain water harvesting.

A MOU was signed with Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University for the development of a Pond ("Chowdara Tank") in Dr B R Ambedkar Bhavan Compound for the benefit of Wild cats, Jackals, Peacocks, Sparrows, Parrots, etc. Approximate cost of the project is Rs 2 lacs and the amount was contributed by our member Rtn Sanjay Agarwal. We would like to thank Rtn Sanjay Agarwal for his kindness towards wild life. Project will start in a week and will be completed in a month's time. We would also like to thank Rtn Prasad for his time and valuable insights. Thanks to President for his overall coordination. This is our 1st project under Water and Sanitation for this Rotary Year



## **Sapling Plantation - Environmental Day**

On World Environmental Day, 1000 saplings planted with the help of 200 school children at Kolar. President Abhimanyu and Rtn Pooja were instrumental in driving this monumental task, contributing towards a health atmosphere.





## An Animal Ambulance for "We Save Animals" – a unique deed

The most philanthropic family of Rtn Rajkumar Jain and Rtn Suman Jain stepped out for the animals, a van was donated as an ambulance for animals through Rotary Bangalore Prime to NGOs "We Save Animals" WSA. This ambulance will help them to rescue hundreds of animals, especially in the nighttime. Rtn Sanjay Tayal donated a creche for the dogs again to WSA.



## Geysers to AiR Humanitarian Homes for abandoned and homeless elderly people

on Sunday, 9th June at AiR humanitarian, an organization where 450 elderly and destitute people are well kept by providing shelter, food, medicine and other care. Rtn Maruthi had arranged for 4 geysers and 1000 packets of Chapathis to be served to the inmates. This noble home is run by the Businessman Ravi Melwanis of Bangalore







Rotary Bangalore Prime is happy to have installed a RO Plant at Government Scholl, Guloor in Tumkaru. This will address the drinking water needs of the school children and others.

## PROJECT ROTI

## Project Roti at Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology

Project Roti is becoming popular by the day and the beneficiaries of this project continue to increase, prompting us to start this project to places where the beneficiaries come. We have started distribution of 200 packets of chapati to the patients and attenders on daily basis except Sundays and holidays. We have started at Jayadeva Institute of Cardiology Bangalore and at Sathya Sai Hospital Mudenahalli



## Roti distribution in Sathya Sai hospital Muddenhalli

Started distribution of 400 packets of chapati to the patients and attenders on daily basis except Sundays and holidays.



## **SPEAKER MEETINGS**

Our members look forward to speaker meet. No better way to have fellowship and gain knowledge on the latest happening in various sector. The Fellowship at these events are indeed great and bring about a bonding among members

#### **Speaker Meet - Investing in Capital Markets**

On the 5th of June, we had a speaker meet on Capital Market at 1947, Jayanagar. The speakers were Mr. Akshay, Mr Abhishek Pandit, and Mr Ratheesh of Axis Securities Ltd. The speakers explained about the capital market with a lot of historical data and gave a new perspective to look at the markets. The event was attended by 41 members.



All about Mangoes was a very innovative meet. Members had to pull themselves out of their beds on Sunday morning. Once they reached the venue at Lalbagh at 08.00 am, the cool breeze amid the park and the topic got our members very enthusiastic. Mr Reddy who is Mango grower spoke in depth about varieties of mangoes, answered questions and dispelled wrong notions about this great fruit. Delicious breakfast was arranged by Rtn Pooja Chhapolia. A innovative mango cake baked by Ms Pooja Borad was cut by President Abhimanyuand President Elect Rtn Harish. Each member got a hamper of variety of mangoes as take away gift. This was a well spent Sunday.

Date : 05-06-2024





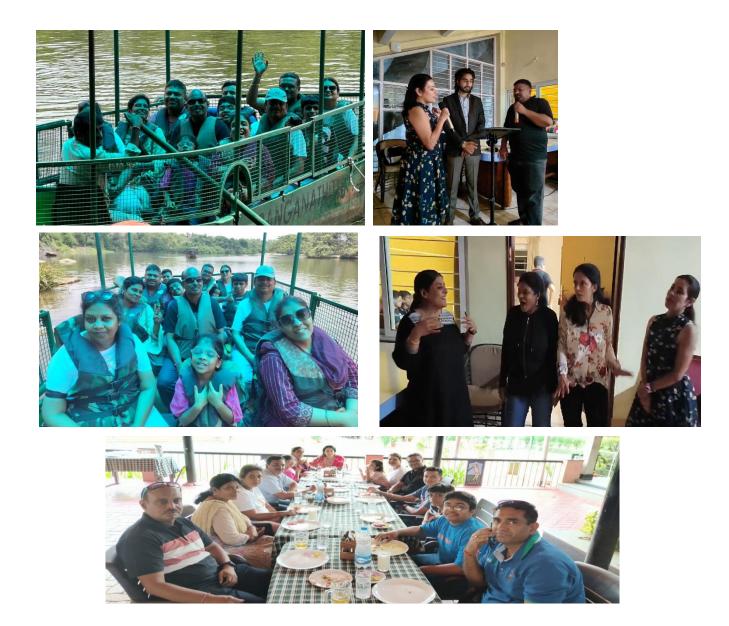
#### Speaker Meet at Mysore

Dr. Chandan Kareegowda BNYS, MD(Acu), MSc (cnd), Visiting Naturopathic Physician, Licensed International Acupuncturist, Clinical Nutritionist who is here In India till August end, took time off and spoke to our members about Accupressure in daily life and about Naturopathy. Our members were all ears and relaxed as they were on an excursion to Mysore. The timing could not have been better.



#### Family Trip to Mysore.

A family outing to Mysore was arranged by President Abhimanyu and his live wire spouse Rtn Pooja Chhapolia on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Members and their families had a blast as their schedule was packed from the word go. Breakfast on the way, Treasure Hunt, dipping at waterfall Balamuri on their way Lunch at Wadiyar Golf Club, speaker meeting, evening DJ Music, Cocktails and food. Morning Yoga session and breakfast before bidding adieu. Rtn Maruthi played a key role in arrangement, so that members have a memorable outing. It was good to catch up with Rtn Rajesh who is now based in Mysore.



### Speaker Meet - "Vastu"

We have conducted a speaker meet on Vaastu by our own Vaastu expert Rtn Prasad Gupta. He shared his immense knowledge on Vaastu and answered all queries about Vaastu from all angles of the meeting. The Dinner was a delicious spread arranged by President at Restaurant 1947 !





#### **Classification Talks**

Many of our members were present at a very unique meeting, where members were given a chance to talk about their classification and their vocation. Members got a chance to understand various vocations and this interactive session made our members closer than before. The session was followed by a sumptuous dinner







### Speaker meet on " All about Rotary"

Our Chaarter President, and a great speaker Rtn Mohankumar spoke "All about Rotary". New members in the club gainied insight into the workings of the great organization "Rotary International". He not only discussed the history of the Rotary but also imparted the knowledge about Rotary in current context.



#### **Board of Directors Training**

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, a special training was arranged at Rtn V S Harish's office for the incoming Board Directors. Rtn Mohankumar spoke about the importance of their roles and their responsibilities. The New Board is a motivated board. Birthday Boy Rtn Arvind Salampuria cut a special birthday cake.



#### Speaker Meet with Dr. Madhu on lifestyle

A Speaker Meet was arranged on life style modification to have healthy skin and hair by Dr. Madhu Bhatia. Very informative and useful session. Thank you Dr Madhu



#### Holi family get together

Holi was celebrated by our members in Rajasthani style at Rajasthani Dhani and Resort in style with wonderful and colourful get together. Members got a chance to wear Rajasthani costumes, danced in the traditional moves and enjoyed making pots, fire dance, and dhol. The Rajasthani amongst us got a chance to show off their tradition. Most relaxing part was the head massage!!!!



#### **Governor's Official Visit GOV**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March Governor Rtn Udaya Bhaskara visited the club and had a chance to go through the documents and interact with the members trying to understand how the club was functioning. GOV is always a chance once in a Rotary Year for the President and the members to show off the achievements

of the Club. DG was all praise for Rotary Bangalore Prime and the projects done in all Avenues of Service.

The Evening ended with the DG's speech, Fellowship and Dinner.





A CONSISTENT AND OUSTANDING PERFORMERS WITH THE PROJECTS THEY EXECUTE YEAR ON YEAR



ROTARIAN B R MARUTHI, RTN RAJKUMAR JAIN AND RTN BALAJI FOR PROJECT ROTI



RTN K V MOHANKUMAR - INTL AMBASSADOR – LN4, TRAINER PAR EXCELLENCE, AVENUES OF SERVICE CITATION AND MANY MORE



RTN ARVIND SALAMPURIA - BASIC SCHOOL EDUCATION



RTN CHETAN VENUGOPAL – VOCATIONAL TRAINING ORGANISED TALLY TRAINING CLASSES AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS WORKSHOPS FOR POOR STUDENTS