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Dear Friends,

Warm Rotary Greetings.

It's with great pleasure that we present the first Governor's Montly Letter of RID 3233, MAGICAL MOMENTS, to you.

At the outset, my heartfelt thanks to DGE Rtn Mahaveer Bothra for entrusting me with this important responsibility of bringing out the monthly editions.

We have a lovely team who has worked hard to ensure this comes out the best. Kudos to Rtn Gnanavelan, our advisor, and Rtn Ramesh, our mentor, for ensuring the seamless flow of information; Rtn Manickavel for the design; Rtn Divya, Rtn Saravanan, along with our Rotaract friends Vishnu, Janaki and Michelle for collating and editing; Ann Raji Balachandar for the proofreading; and Rtn Jagadish for printer coordination. They have all worked together as a team and have done a fabulous job in terms of delivering this first edition.



We are sure Magical Moments, showcasing the great work done by Rotary District 3233, will definitely touch your entire family and your friends.

Yours in Rotary,

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Dear fellow Rotary leaders:

As we begin a new year of service, let us not forget the importance of every one of Rotary's members.

We need your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. Rotary has a chance to capture the world's attention and realize possibilities beyond our expectations. But

we must build on the work that has come before us if we are to reach our goals, such as defeating polio and unlocking the power of girls and women.

Rotary offers people of action a chance to connect and find belonging, and this fellowship gives us the potential to improve our communities and the world. By following Rotary's Action Plan and helping make sure all members feel a sense of belonging in their club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make Rotary a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in every community.

Remember that your work can and will change the world with The Magic of Rotary.

Warm regards,

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Rtn. S. Mahaveer Chand Bothra District Governor – 2024-25, Rotary District 3233

Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra was born in Mayavaram, Tamilnadu, and after his education, he joined his family business of manufacturing and marketing diamond jewellery. He then shifted base to Chennai with his elder brother Goutham Chand Bothra in 2000 and ventured into the Diamond Jewellery business in a big way. Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra is the Director of Whitefire Diamond Private Limited, a leading player in the Diamond Jewellery Business in India with Manufacturing units at various centres in India.

Whitefire has been a leading diamond jewellery brand for over 30 years and Rtn. Bothra is also the proprietor of Gee Beers Trading Corporation. Besides Rotary,

Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra is also the member and office bearer of many Community, Business and trade organizations and was the President of the Rajasthan Youth Association. He has attended over 100 International and National Diamond Fairs and took an active part in all events.

Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra started his Rotary Journey as a Rotaractor in Rotaract Club of AVC College, Mayavaram, then as a rotarian with Rotary Club of Mayavaram in 1997. He then joined Rc of Madras T Nagar in 2001. An avid traveller all over the world in expanding his business, Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra established the brand Whitefire Diamonds. Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra has been an active member all through, contributing to the Programs and Projects of Rc of Madras T Nagar and became the President of the club in the Light Up Year 2014- 15 and won the Platinum Trophy from the District for overall performance and was declared one of the Best Presidents of the year. As President of Rc of Madras T Nagar, Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra introduced many mega Programs and welfare projects for the Club.

With great success as President of Rc of Madras T Nagar, Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra has been a District Officer decorating many key positions for all Governors since 2014- 15. He was President of Light Up Presidents Alumni, District Chair for various Programs, District Conference Chair- Nakshatras, Chairman of PETS, District Membership Chair, and became the unopposed and unanimously elected District Governor for Rotary District 3233 in the year 2024 -25.

Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra has been decorated with many Awards in Rotary and Business Forums which include “Most Valuable Rotarian of the District Award” consecutively for two years, Excellence in Service to humanity by Rotary Club of Madras T Nagar for a project as Chairman of Rotary Feeds during Covid Pandemic, involving distribution of Food and groceries for over 1 lakh families in Chennai and outside.

Rtn. S. Mahaveer Bothra is married to Jayashree Bothra and both are Major Donors to Rotary Foundation. Mahaveer Bothra and Jayashree have 2 daughters who are also a part of the family business along with his brothers children LATHIKA karan and Shruti they have a diamond jewellery showroom in the name of the EF IF I’Diamond Jewellery Navitha is happily married and Dr Shilpa is a dentist by profession with additional degree in diamonds and gems.



FELICITATION

On May 16th, 2023, the grand ballroom of Hotel Green Park glittered with anticipation as over 700 Rotarians gathered for the Felicitation function honouring DGE Rtn Mahaveer Bothra. The evening promised to be a celebration of Bothra's exceptional dedication to humanitarian causes in the Rotary community.

The distinguished guests included PRIP Rtn Kalyan Banerji serving as the Chief Guest. PRID Rtn. C. Baskar joined as an esteemed Guest of Honour. Leading the proceedings was DGN Rtn D. Devendran, whose presence underscored the importance of the occasion.

PRIP Rtn Kalyan Banerji took the stage with a heartfelt keynote address, his words weaving together Bothra's unwavering commitment to service. PRID Rtn C. Baskar followed, offering poignant insights into Bothra's character and his relentless pursuit of Rotary's ideals. Closing the evening, the then DG Rtn Dr N. Nandakumar eloquently tied together the significance of the event, emphasising Bothra's enduring spirit of generosity and innovation.







BON VOYAGE

The Grand Gala Bon Voyage Celebration at Le Royal Meridien on December 30th, 2023 drew over 500 Rotarians from the District despite heavy rain. The event's unique Bon Voyage theme, including a themed photo booth, captivated the attendees comprising incoming presidents, spouses, and past and incoming District Officers.

PRID Rtn. Venkatesh emphasized the morale-boosting nature of Bon Voyage and its role in preparing leaders for the International Assembly. PDGs from 3233 and 3234 and governors from other districts felicitated DGE Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra and Rtn. Jayashree.

RID 3233 Counsellor Rtn. ISAK Nazarpraised the tradition's unifying nature. Event Chairman Rtn. Shriram Duvvuri expressed gratitude to event mentor DLF PDG Rtn. Muthupalaniappan and the Bon Voyage team for their exceptional arrangements and thanked DGE Rtn. Mahaveer Bothra for the opportunity to host the Bon Voyage.







AGTS

On August 23, 2023, the GRT Convention Center hosted an Assistant Governor Training Seminar (AGTS), chaired by Rotarian Anees Begam. The seminar focused on honing leadership skills and understanding the role of Assistant Governors within the Rotary framework. PDG Karthikeyan, currently serving as the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 5, provided strategic guidance and motivational input.

The agenda covered various topics essential for effective leadership, with seasoned PDGs leading sessions. PDGs emphasized the critical functions of Assistant Governors in supporting club presidents, ensuring effective communication, and fostering collaboration. Interactive sessions focused on building strong teams, conflict resolution techniques, and setting clear goals. PDGs shared best practices for strategic planning, enabling Assistant Governors to lead their clubs towards meaningful projects.

The seminar featured hands-on workshops, encouraging active participation and fostering camaraderie among participants. The seminar was a success, empowering Assistant Governors and strengthening the overall fabric of the Rotary organization, ensuring a bright future for the communities they serve.







PETS

The President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) at Malaysia from 7th to 10th March, 2024 has set a new benchmark, exceeding all expectations and marking it as the finest seminar to date. Every aspect of the event was flawlessly executed, ensuring a seamless and unforgettable experience for all attendees.

DGE Mahaveer Bothraji's humble leadership and guidance were invaluable throughout the seminar. First Lady Jayashree Bothraji's gracious presence added warmth and hospitality to the occasion. PETS Chairman Natarajan, along with District Secretary Dr. Ramkumar and Rtn Ramesh, played pivotal roles in ensuring the seminar's success through their exceptional coordination. Immense gratitude is due to all Past District Governors (PDGs) and District Officials for their efforts and the time they took to share their wisdom about Rotary and their experiences with the Presidents.

Every President-Elect was treated like a celebrity and made to feel exceptionally special. It proved to be an unforgettable experience for all of them, filled with learning, laughter, entertainment, and meaningful connections.



With the knowledge gained, the bonds formed, and the enthusiasm shared, the presidents are poised for a truly remarkable year of service and impact and are all set to spread the magic of Rotary.









SETS

From March 24–26, 2024 Ooty hosted a highly successful Secretary-Elect Training Session (SETS), drawing 120 enthusiastic Rotarians. Chaired by Rtn Kathirvel Ganapathiappan, the event featured enlightening guidance from esteemed leaders, including PDG Rtn Srinivasan, DLF PDG Rtn Muthupalaniappan, Counsellor PDG Rtn ISAK Nazar, and DGE Rtn Mahaveer Bothra.

The conference offered a dynamic mix of learning and networking, empowering club secretaries to excel. Sessions focused on leadership, organizational skills, and Rotary's core values, leaving participants with enhanced abilities and a renewed commitment to service.

Beyond invaluable training, the event fostered unity and fellowship, reinforcing the Rotary community's dedication to service and leadership. This gathering not only equipped secretaries with practical tools but also strengthened the bonds of fellowship that define Rotary. The success of this training session set a positive tone for the upcoming year of Rotary service, showcasing the organization's commitment to excellence and collaboration.





DTA - BIRTH OF A NEW ERA

District 3233 embarked on a transformative journey with the grand Arivarangam program at Ramachandra University Auditorium on May 19, 2024. Under the leadership of DTA Chairman Rtn Ganapathy Suresh and supported by DTA Advisor PDG Dr Nandakumar and DLF PDG Muthupalaniappan, this meticulously planned District Training Assembly (DTA) for new club officers set an exceptional standard.

District Governor-Elect Rtn Mahaveer Bothra's visionary leadership ensured the event's resounding success, with TRF Trustee PRID Bharat Pandya as the Chief Guest and Rev. Fr. Jegath Gasper and Lt. Gen. Arun as esteemed Guests of Honour. The program featured a dynamic mix of sessions and activities, including insightful breakout sessions and key program highlights for the upcoming year.

With a turnout of over 1,000 registrants and more than 40 vendors, the event exemplified outstanding organization and hospitality. Attendees enjoyed unlimited refreshments and stimulating discussions in well-equipped breakout halls. District 3233 is poised for a bright future, bolstered by the unity and enthusiasm showcased at the Arivarangam Program.

