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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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.

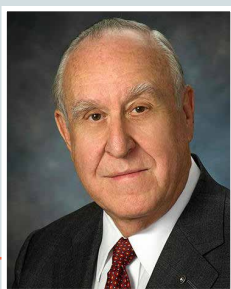
This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

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.

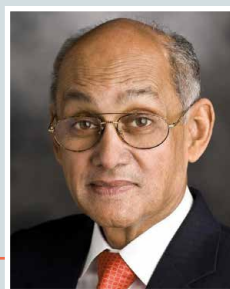
Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25



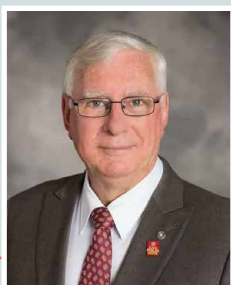
John F. Germ,
Past President of Rotary International
(2016-17)

"Vocational Service is not just about what we do for a living; it is about the way we serve others through our professional lives. It is the commitment we make to work with integrity, to be role models for others, and to make a difference in the communities we serve."



Kalyan Banerjee,
Past President of Rotary International
(2011-12)

"The true test of leadership is not what we achieve in our own lives, but how we inspire and uplift others to achieve their fullest potential through the work we do."



Ian H.S. Riseley,
Past President of Rotary International
(2017-18)

"Vocational Service is about striving to do the best you can in your profession while serving others. When we embrace this, we strengthen our communities, enrich our own lives, and inspire others to do the same."



Gary C.K. Huang,
Past President of Rotary International
(2014-15)

"Rotary's commitment to Vocational Service is a reminder that our work should not just bring personal success but should also contribute to the public good. As Rotarians, we must inspire others to follow our example and use their professions to make a difference."



Ron D. Burton,
Past President of Rotary International
(2013-14)

"Vocational Service is the cornerstone of Rotary because it is rooted in the belief that the work we do in our professions should uplift society. This is the true measure of our success."



Jennifer Jones,
Past President of Rotary International
(2022-23)

"Our professions provide us with the unique opportunity to make a lasting impact in our communities, not just by offering our skills, but by leading with integrity and empathy. Vocational Service is about embodying the ideals of Rotary through our work."

These quotes from Rotary leaders underscore the importance of aligning personal values, ethical behavior, and professional expertise with the mission of service above self, which defines Vocational Service in Rotary.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Rotary Friends,

As we step into a new year, it is a fitting time to reflect on the values that define us as Rotarians and the work we do in our communities. January marks the beginning of a fresh chapter, and with it, we focus on one of the most integral pillars of Rotary: Vocational Service.

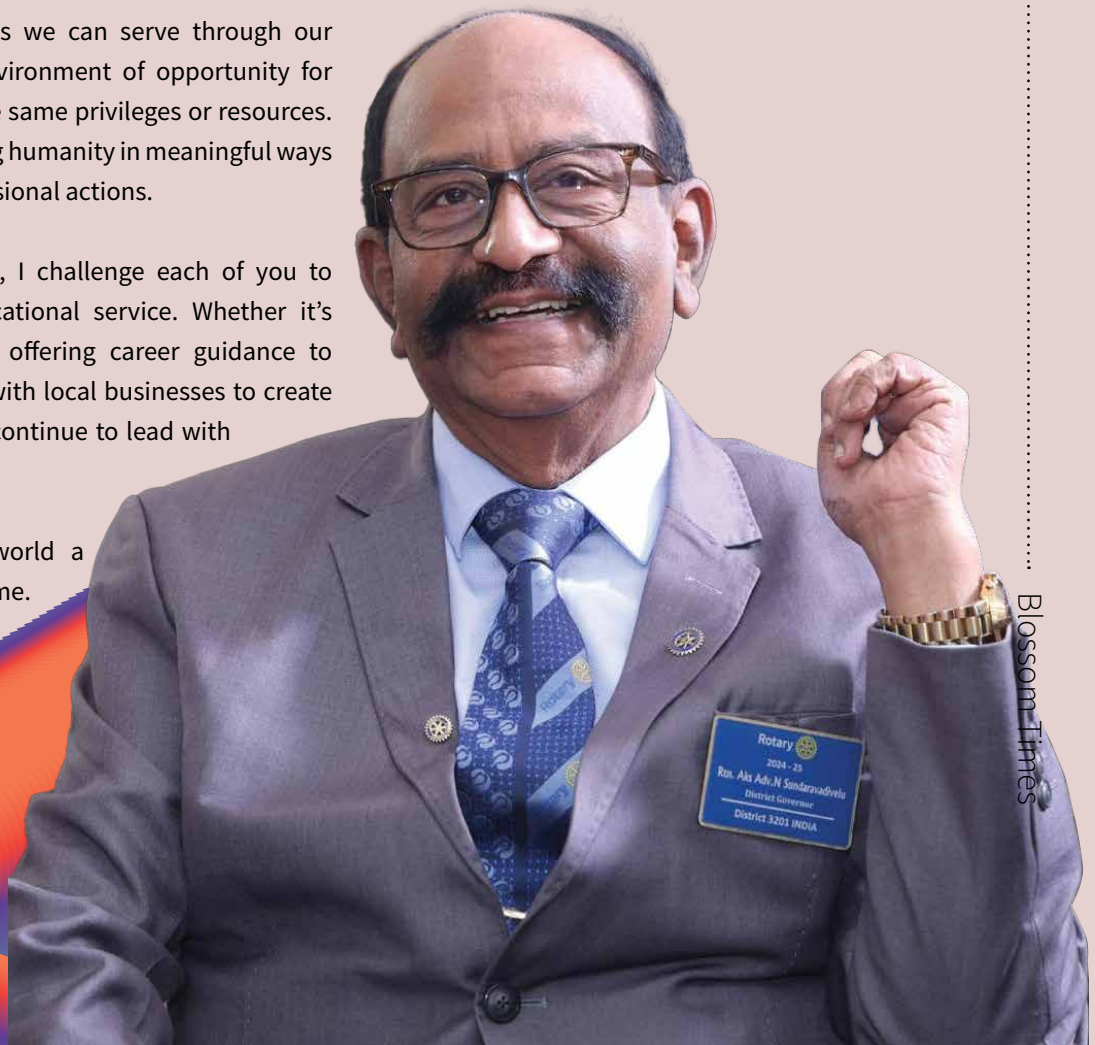
Vocational Service is about more than just professional ethics; it's about using our skills, expertise, and networks to make a positive difference in the lives of others. It's about leading by example, demonstrating integrity, and offering our talents in service to others, especially in our communities.

In this month, let us take a moment to consider how we, as individuals and as a club, can promote high ethical standards in our professions and encourage others to do the same. Whether through mentorship, job training, or community outreach, vocational service allows us to directly impact the lives of individuals and create lasting change.

One of the most powerful ways we can serve through our vocations is by fostering an environment of opportunity for those who may not have had the same privileges or resources. This is the heart of Rotary: serving humanity in meaningful ways through our personal and professional actions.

As we move forward into 2025, I challenge each of you to find new ways to embody vocational service. Whether it's through vocational workshops, offering career guidance to young people, or collaborating with local businesses to create sustainable solutions, let us all continue to lead with purpose and dedication.

Together, we can make this world a better place, one vocation at a time.



TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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.

Thank you for all you do.

Mark Daniel Maloney
Trustee Chair 2024-25



DISTRICT PRIORITIES



The Governor, Rtn AKS Sundaravadivelu , recorded a talk on AIR, at their Ramnathapuram station , on 8 / 1/ 2025, on The KOUSHIKA REVIVAL PROJECT.

This recording facilitated by RCC ELITE, is expected to be broadcast in February . The schedule will be intimated in advance.

DISTRICT EVENTS

Rtn. G.N. Ramesh Meet n greet



Bon Voyage to DGE Rtn. Chella K Raghavendran & Rtn. Preethi





Jithin Vijayan

A Rotarian Soaring to
New Heights



Rotarian Jithin Vijayan, a proud member of Rotary District 3201 and the Rotary Club of Cochin Heritage, continues to inspire with his exceptional achievements, both in adventure and service. Recently, Jithin made history by setting a Guinness World Record for the longest outdoor freefall during a jump in Whiteville, Tennessee, USA. Descending from an altitude of 42,431 feet, he freefell for 2 minutes and 47 seconds, covering 36,929 feet without a drogue, also earning two Asian records in the process. Representing his nation and Rotary, Jithin carried the Indian national flag during his record-breaking jump, a moment that symbolized his dedication to promoting national pride on a global platform. His achievements reflect his adventurous spirit and commitment to excellence, which are hallmarks of his Rotary journey.

In addition to his skydiving milestones, Jithin was recently honored with the prestigious Rashtrapati Award, a testament to his extraordinary contributions and achievements. As a Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Cochin Heritage, he has become a beacon of inspiration, showcasing the values of leadership, service, and perseverance. Professionally, as the director of N-Dimensions Solutions Private Limited, Jithin combines his expertise in IT with his passion for adventure, proving that one can excel in diverse arenas. With 148 jumps completed in just ten months and a relentless drive to achieve greatness, Jithin's journey is a source of pride for his club, his district, and the entire nation.

Dr. Jose Chacko Periyappuram:

A Rotarian Honoured with Padma Bhushan

Dr. Jose Chacko Periyappuram, a distinguished member of Rotary Club of Cochin Global and District 3201, has brought immense pride to the community and the nation by being awarded the prestigious Padma Bhushan by the Hon'ble President of India. A visionary cardiac surgeon, Dr. Periyappuram is widely recognized for his pioneering contributions to heart transplantation, including performing the first heart transplant in Kerala. His exceptional medical expertise and tireless dedication have saved countless lives, establishing him as a beacon of hope and innovation in the field of medicine.



As a proud Rotarian of District 3201, Dr. Periyappuram has consistently exemplified the Rotary ethos of "Service Above Self." Beyond his surgical achievements, he has been deeply involved in Rotary-led initiatives, spearheading free medical camps, health awareness programs, and public healthcare projects. His Padma Bhushan award is a well-deserved recognition of his unparalleled contributions to society, both as a trailblazing medical professional and a compassionate humanitarian. The Rotary family is deeply inspired by his achievements and celebrates him as a shining example of leadership, service, and dedication, inspiring Rotarians to make meaningful contributions in their own communities.



Gold Club in TRF (APF) Challenge

Metro Dynamics	Reshma Ramesh
Cochin Suburbs	Jairaj Raghavan Jainiwas
Coimbatore Heritage	Christopher Rajkumar
Coimbatore Gaalaxy	Muruganantham.r



Silver Club in TRF (APF) Challenge

Coimbatore Manchester	Pradeep Gopal
Angamally	Abby David Kattukaran
Cochin	Prakash Deepak Aswani

100% Members Contribution to TRF

Coimbatore Saicity	Gokul Krishnan. A
Coimbatore Manchester	Pradeep Gopal
Coimbatore Heritage	Christopher Rajkumar
Coimbatore Gaalaxy	Muruganantham. R
Coimbatore Smart city	Rohini Sharma
Coimbatore Aram	Arivumani Ramasamy
Metro Dynamics	Reshma Ramesh
Cochin Heritage	Vijayan V.T
Angamally	Abby David Kattukaran
Cochin	Prakash Deepak Aswani
Tripunithura	Benoj Paul
Cochin Queen city	Rakesh Rajan
Cochin Titans	Ramesh Kongattil



RIAMVARDS

VOCATIONAL SERVICE: The Heartbeat of Rotary

As Rotarians, we are called to serve others, to lead with integrity, and to foster a culture of ethical professionalism. At the core of our mission lies Vocational Service, one of the five avenues of service that sets Rotary apart as an organization dedicated not only to humanitarian work but to the values that shape our everyday lives.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their professions by exemplifying high ethical standards, mentoring future leaders, and using their skills for the betterment of society. It's about more than just providing service in our communities—it's about elevating our professions and using our expertise to bring about positive change.

Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, believed that a commitment to Vocational Service would be the foundation for creating a better world. He said, "In the last analysis, the individual Rotarian must depend on his own good will and personal integrity in every situation and in his relations with his fellow men."

Practicing Vocational Service in Everyday Life:

Vocational Service can be practiced in countless ways, from mentoring young professionals to encouraging ethical behavior in the workplace. It involves setting a standard of excellence in our work and

striving to build a society where professionalism and integrity are paramount.

The Power of Networking and Collaboration:

Another key aspect of Vocational Service is the ability to connect and collaborate with others in similar fields. Rotary clubs provide a space for professionals from all sectors to come together, exchange ideas, and support one another in both their work and their service to the community. These connections often lead to fruitful partnerships and creative solutions that amplify the impact of service projects.

Looking Ahead: The Future of Vocational Service

As we look ahead, the importance of Vocational Service will only continue to grow. In an increasingly globalized world, the demand for ethical leadership, sustainable business practices, and professional excellence is at an all-time high. Rotary is well-positioned to lead the way by showing how the values of Vocational Service can improve both the workplace and the community.

It's our duty, as Rotarians, to continually foster a culture of vocational excellence, mentorship, and ethical conduct. As we do, we not only transform our own lives but contribute to the collective betterment of society.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

A Panoramic View Of **DENTISTRY AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)**

- *By a Dentist*

Dentistry has long been regarded as a rewarding and noble profession, offering numerous advantages and perks to those who dedicate their lives to the oral health of their patients. As a practicing orthodontist and general dentist for the past 20 years, I have had the privilege of witnessing the evolution of dentistry firsthand. Despite the recent concerns about artificial intelligence (AI) encroaching on various professions, including dentistry, the essence and value of this field remain strong. Here, I reflect on the benefits of this career and address the challenges posed by AI.

Dentistry is a profession that allows practitioners to make a tangible difference in people's lives. Whether it's alleviating pain, restoring confidence with a beautiful smile, or improving overall oral health, the impact on patients is immediate and deeply satisfying.

Dentistry offers a lucrative career path. With the right mix of expertise and dedication, both orthodontists and general dentists can achieve significant financial rewards. The demand for dental services remains consistent, providing a stable income source.

Many dental professionals enjoy the benefit of flexible work hours, which is crucial for maintaining a healthy work-life balance. This flexibility is especially appealing to those who value family time or have other commitments.

The field of dentistry is vast and offers various specializations such as orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics, prosthodontics and cosmetic dentistry. This diversity allows professionals to pursue areas that align with their interests and strengths.

Often dentists develop lasting relationships with their patients, sometimes spanning generations within families. These relationships foster trust, making patients more comfortable and compliant with treatment plans. Dentistry is a dynamic field with continuous advancements in technology, techniques, and materials. This provides an ongoing opportunity for professional development and growth, keeping the work both challenging and interesting.

THE IMPACT OF AI ON DENTISTRY

While AI is revolutionizing many industries, Dentistry, like many other fields, is undergoing a significant transformation with the rapid evolution of artificial intelligence (AI). As a practicing dentist, I have witnessed firsthand how AI is reshaping the profession, raising both opportunities and concerns about its impact on the core essence of dental practice. Its impact on dentistry is a double-edged sword.

From AI-driven imaging systems that can detect cavities and oral diseases more accurately than the human eye to robotic systems capable of performing precise dental surgeries, the integration of AI in dentistry promises to enhance efficiency and outcomes. These advancements allow dentists to provide better care and streamline their workflows.

As AI becomes more prevalent, there is growing concern that the traditional role of the dentist is diminishing. The hands-on, personalized care that has been the hallmark of dentistry is at risk of being overshadowed by machines and algorithms.

AI systems are increasingly taking over routine tasks such as dental cleanings, diagnostics, and even complex procedures. This shift could potentially reduce the need for human intervention, leading to a decrease in the demand for skilled dentists. Moreover, the reliance on AI might erode the trust and rapport that patients have traditionally built with their dentists.

These advancements are undeniably impressive. AI systems can analyze vast amounts of data in seconds, providing insights that would take humans

much longer to deduce. This capability can lead to early detection of oral health issues, potentially improving patient care and reducing the need for invasive treatments.

Dentistry is a highly personalized field that relies heavily on human interaction, empathy, and the nuanced understanding of patient needs. AI may assist in diagnostic and procedural tasks, but the human touch in building patient relationships and providing customized care is irreplaceable.

The rise of AI in dentistry also raises ethical questions. Who is responsible if an AI system makes an incorrect diagnosis or treatment recommendation? How do we ensure that AI systems are used ethically and do not compromise patient care?

Moreover, there is a concern that the over-reliance on AI could lead to a loss of critical thinking skills among dentists. The art of dentistry, which involves not just technical skills but also judgment, experience, and patient interaction, may suffer as a result.

PRESERVING THE ESSENCE OF DENTISTRY

To preserve the essence of dentistry amidst the AI revolution, it is crucial for us dental professionals to adapt and evolve. Rather than viewing AI as a threat, dentists should embrace it as a tool to enhance their practice. This involves:

1. Continuous Education: Staying updated with the latest AI technologies and understanding how they can be integrated into practice.
2. Human-AI Collaboration: Leveraging AI to handle routine tasks while focusing on complex procedures and patient relationships that require human expertise and empathy.
3. Ethical Oversight: Establishing guidelines and policies to ensure that AI is used responsibly and ethically in dental practice.
4. Maintaining the Human Touch: Despite technological advancements, the human touch remains irreplaceable in healthcare. Dentists must strive to maintain personal connections with their patients, providing reassurance and holistic care that machines cannot offer.

In conclusion, being a practicing orthodontist and general dentist over the past two decades has been an immensely rewarding journey. The profession offers numerous perks that go beyond financial gains, such as personal satisfaction, professional growth, and the joy of transforming lives.

The rise of AI may have sparked concerns about the potential reduction in the need for human dentists. However,

Despite the challenges posed by AI, the core essence of dentistry—caring for patients—remains unchanged. Embracing technological advancements while maintaining a strong commitment to patient care ensures that dentistry continues to thrive as a profession. Dentists who adapt to new tools and integrate them into their practice will not only survive but also excel in this evolving landscape. Dentistry will retain its significance and appeal, even in the age of AI.

Dr. Neetika Prabu is a practicing orthodontist and general dentist with over 20 years of experience. She is passionate about advancing dental care and adapting to the evolving technological landscape to provide the best outcomes for her patients.

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SPOTLIGHT

Rotary Club of Kovaipudur

The Rotary Club of Kovaipudur hosted members of Rotary Club of Neckertal, Switzerland, exchanging club flags and sharing their magazine Envision, earning appreciation for their impactful projects. The club also celebrated India's 76th Republic Day at CBM School, Kovaipudur, with President Rtn. R. Lokanatha Guptha unfurling the flag. Cash awards (₹3,000), sweets, and prizes were distributed to students, with heartfelt thanks to members and sponsors for their support.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore South

The Rotary Club of Coimbatore South successfully organized the Shuttle South Tournament at Jenny's Residency, witnessing enthusiastic participation from 120 players across 60 teams. The event was graced by District Governor Rtn. AKS. Sundaravadivelu as the Chief Guest and Rtn. Subramaniam (DGS) as the Guest of Honour, adding prestige to this sporting initiative.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Monarks

Under the leadership of President Rtn. PHF Sharavana C N and Project Chairman Rtn. Ankit Agarwal, in collaboration with Rotaract Club of AIHSHEW, RC Coimbatore Monarks launched “The Baking Journal”, a continuous vocational training program. The first two batches trained 29 students from Minerva College of Catering, with certificates issued. Sessions are held every Saturday from 11 AM to 4 PM.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Vadavalli

District Governor Rtn. AKS Sundaravadivelu inaugurated a school renovation project at Corporation Middle School, Vadavalli, on January 29, 2025, during the Governor's official visit to the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Vadavalli. The ₹5 lakh project, undertaken by the Club, included tiling six classrooms and a 3,000 sq. ft. corridor with tiles donated by Rtn. MD. Muthuraman of Lakshmi Ceramics. The renovation also included painting walls and windows.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Uptown

Rotary Club of Coimbatore Uptown, in collaboration with OTPw Foundation, is planting 1,500 trees across 1.5 acres using the Miyawaki method, ensuring proper irrigation. With a project cost of ₹3,00,000, this afforestation initiative supports environmental conservation. OTPw Foundation has planted 9,000 saplings across six sites in three villages (Pattanam, Peedampalli, Pallapalayam). RC Uptown has also partnered with Siruthuli to install 1,500 sparrow boxes in public spaces.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Elite

The Nation Builder Award, honouring 304 exceptional teachers from Coimbatore & The Nilgiris, was a grand event held at United Education Institution (UEI) on January 5, 2025, under the leadership of Chairman Rtn. Shanmugam in association with RCC Elite. DG Rtn. Sundaravadivelu, the Chief Guest, delivered an inspiring address, alongside Rtn. Ramesh Veeraraghavan and Dr. Kavidhasan, HR Director, Roots Industries Ltd.

Additionally, SIRPPAM, a CSR initiative launched in July 2024, conducted a Food Safety & FSSAI Awareness Program at Rhythm Centre, Race Course, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Food Safety Department on January 6, 2025. The session empowered 20 beneficiaries to apply for new FSSAI licenses, reinforcing the club's commitment to public welfare and entrepreneurship.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Industrial City

On January 3, 2025, the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Industrial City, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Legend, conducted the Bhoomi Pooja and foundation stone-laying ceremony for a Medical Shelter in a tribal village in Anaikatti. This crucial initiative aims to support the local community, where 50% of the population suffers from sickle cell anaemia, by providing essential medical care and resources.



Rotaract

SPARK - RYLA 2024-25

Empowering Future Leaders

SPARK - RYLA, held on 12th & 13th December 2024 at PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, was a transformative two-day event organized by the Rotaract Club of PSGR Krishnammal College for Women. With 300 participants, the program focused on fostering leadership, teamwork, and social responsibility among young minds.

Day 1 featured impactful sessions on Social Advocacy and Literacy by Adv. Navas Jan, Leadership and Finding Your Leadership Style by Rtn. PHF. Muthuswamy, and a session on Digital Detox by Rtn. Selvakumar, emphasizing personal well-being and balanced digital engagement. Day 2 emphasized Community Needs and Team Building, led by DT Rtr. PP. Abhijeet, followed by the Mr. & Ms. RYLA competition, judged by DT Rtr. Mohammed Afsar and DT Rtr. Lakshmi Priya. The event concluded with a grand Valedictory Ceremony, where outstanding participants, including Miss RYLA and the Best-Dressed Participant, were felicitated.



RefreshID – Empowering Tribal Communities Through Aadhaar Updates

On December 8, 2024, the Rotaract Club of GCT Coimbatore organized RefreshID, an Aadhaar update camp to assist tribal communities in Nilampathy and Ukkayanoor. A dedicated team of 10 Rotaractors overcame challenging terrain and poor network connectivity to complete 50+ Aadhaar updates, including address changes and identity corrections. This initiative enhanced access to government welfare schemes, ensuring seamless eligibility for essential services. For daily wage earners, this effort wasn't just an update—it was a gateway to a better future, reinforcing our commitment to social responsibility and inclusive development.





Interact Club of Brindhavan Vidyalaya – **Community Outreach & Awareness Initiatives**

The Interact Club of Brindhavan Vidyalaya actively engaged in social responsibility and awareness initiatives through impactful projects.

On 31st January 2025, 3rd-grade Interactors visited Ulliampalayam Blind School, learning about visually impaired students and the Braille system. They also raised funds, purchased essentials, and donated them, making it a meaningful experience. Meanwhile, 9th-grade students extended their generosity by distributing clothes at Mariyalaya Orphanage, Ganapathy, earning appreciation.

On 30th January 2025, the club organized an Anti-Drug Awareness Event, where students created posters promoting a drug-free society. The Principal addressed the students, emphasizing the dangers of substance abuse. These initiatives fostered compassion, awareness, and responsibility among young minds.



Interact Club of Vidya Vikasini Matric HR Sec School – Orphanage Visit

On 29th January 2025, the Interact Club of Vidya Vikasini visited Families for Children orphanage, accompanied by the Staff Advisor, Vice Principal, and a faculty member. Grocery items worth ₹40,000 were donated to Ms. Kalaiselvi, the in-charge. The students engaged with the children through music and fun activities, making it a socially enriching and meaningful experience.



Interact Club of National Model Matric HR Sec School – Road Safety Awareness Program

On 22nd January 2025, the Interact Club of National Model Matric HR Sec School hosted a Road Safety Awareness Program at the school auditorium. Chief Guest Thiru. A. Sekar, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Coimbatore - East, delivered an insightful session on traffic rules, pedestrian safety, and responsible driving. Students actively engaged in discussions, took a road safety pledge, and committed to becoming road safety ambassadors. The program successfully instilled awareness and responsibility, ensuring a safer future on the roads.



GOV

Rotary Club of Angamally Greater

The Governor's Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Angamally Greater took place on 8th January 2025. Chartered in 2014, the club has 48 members, including 5 women members.

District Governor Rtn. AKS Sundaravadivelu presided over the GOV, commending the club's impactful initiatives. The Signature Project focused on a Housing Project, reinforcing the club's commitment to community welfare. Other major projects included collaborations with the Indian Coast Guard, Greater Peace Valley Dialysis Center, and Govt. LP School Perumbavoor. The club actively supports vocational training for fishermen and promotes literacy through Vayanakalari at St. Joseph's School.

The club pledged \$60,000 to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), with an additional \$5,000 planned. Under the district project 'Blossom,' they contributed to Basic Education & Literacy and Menstrual Hygiene Management. The AG's observations highlight the club as a very promising entity, poised for continued success.



Rotary Club of Cochin East

The Governor's Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Cochin East took place on 13th January 2025. Chartered in 1972, the club has 74 members, including 9 women members.

The club's signature project is "Kelkamo" – a hearing aid initiative, which has already distributed 179 hearing aids to deserving students. Other key projects include pain and palliative care initiatives, medical camps, free Parkinson's clinics, and monthly medicine distribution at Thevara Old Age Home.

The club has contributed US\$ 279 to TRF so far, with a planned contribution of US\$ 3,000. Under the District Project "Blossom", the club supports St. Philomena's School, organizes blood checkup camps, and aids Kochal Village's development.

Rotary Club of Palakkad Fort

On 10th January 2025, the Rotary Club of Palakkad Fort hosted its Governor's Official Visit. The club has 29 members and its signature project, BIG LEAP, aims to impact 10,000 students from various schools of the Palakkad District, guiding them toward fulfilling careers. Other major projects include vegetable gardens in schools, study material distribution, and drinking water supply for festival attendees. Prathamya - The RI Priority and District Priorities seminar, jointly hosted by RC of Palakkad Fort, RC of Palakkad and RC of Palakkad ACE, held on October 20, 2024, at C-Cube Auditorium, Palakkad, brought together 450+ Rotarians. The event featured insightful discussions, cultural performances, and expert talks on education and environmental sustainability.



Rotary Club of Cochin South

The Governor's Official Visit (GOV) of RC Cochin South was held on January 20, 2025, coinciding with the club's 36th Charter Day celebration. Chartered in 1990, the club currently has 28 members, adding 9 new members in the last six months.

Signature Project: The club is in discussions for a backwater/water body conservation project.

Major Projects: Conducted six blood donation camps, food and grocery kit distribution in Thiruvankulam, a three-day RYLA camp for college students, and a startup seminar to support young entrepreneurs.

TRF Contribution: \$245 contributed, with a planned commitment of \$5000, including one or two PHS members and additional PHFs.

District Project – 'Blossom': Initiatives include supporting education, providing uniforms for kindergarten children, and distributing sanitary napkin incinerators.



Rotary Club of Kovaipudur

The Governor's Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Kovaipudur was held on 7th January 2025 at Shanti Ashram, Kovaipudur. Chartered in 2009, the club has 42 members actively engaged in community service. The signature project, PEGASUS 24, an inter-Interact district cultural and literary event, received high praise. Other notable projects include a Vocational Training Center empowering over 800 women and a cyber safety program for 600 students. The club has contributed \$1301 to TRF and actively supports District Project 'Blossom' through health checkups and educational initiatives. The Governor appreciated the club's commitment to youth and vocational service.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore East

The Rotary Club of Coimbatore East (chartered 1976) hosted the Governor's Visit on January 2, 2025. With 106 members, it leads initiatives in cancer support, community development, and youth counseling. The club contributed USD 27,255 to TRF, aiming for USD 100,000. Under Project "Blossom," it supports blood donation, smart classrooms, and scholarships. The Governor praised its service.



Rotary Club of Sree Krishnapuram

The Governor's Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Sree Krishnapuram took place on 3rd January 2025. Chartered in 2015, the club has 30 members, including 9 women members.

The club's signature project is an Anti-Drug Campaign at Engineering Colleges, creating awareness among students. Other notable initiatives include support for the Santhal Sadan Old Age Home, a homeopathy medical camp, and Ayurveda medicine distribution for postpartum mothers. The club has pledged 100% member contributions towards TRF. Under District Project 'Blossom', 150 books were donated to a school library, furthering education and literacy.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Vadavalli

During the Governor's Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Vadavalli on January 29, 2025, District Governor Rtn. AKS Sundaravadivelu inaugurated the Tiles Laying & Wall Painting Project at Corporation Middle School, Vadavalli. The ₹5 lakh project featured tiles donated by Rtn. MD. Muthuraman, covering six classrooms and a 3,000 sq. ft. corridor, along with fresh wall and window painting.



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Infra

On January 30, 2025, District Governor Rtn. AKS. Adv. Sundaravadivelu. N visited the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Infra for the Governor's Official Visit (GOV). He conducted the District Governor's Assembly and Public Meeting, addressing key district projects and initiatives. The club pledged an insulin pump donation for children with Type 1 Diabetes and saw members commit to skin donation. The event was graced by AG Rtn. PHF. Subramanian, GGR Rtn. Dr. Madhanagopal, G50 leaders, club members, Anns, and Annets, reaffirming the club's dedication to impactful community service.



To Sir **With Love**



Dear Respected Sir,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Jacob Koshy, and I'm a member of the Rotary Club of Trichur West, currently serving as GGR. I'm excited to share that our club has recently earned the distinction of becoming a Peacebuilder Club, and we're now associated with the Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP).

Our President, Mr. Rahul Chaly, and I have been invited to attend the prestigious Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul, scheduled to take place from February 20 to 23. As we move forward with various approvals, such as Peace Fellowship, we require the formation of a District Peace Committee.

Would you be willing to chair this committee and include both our President and me as members? Your leadership in this matter would be greatly appreciated. To confirm the details, please log in to the Rotary International website, where DG has to put the District Peace committee Char and members names in his RI Dashboard.

Thank you for considering our request.

Best regards,

Jacob Koshy
GGR, Rotary Club of Trichur West
Club ID 15897



From:
Jayasankar P G
Rotary Club of Cochin South

To:
Rtn.AKS Sundaravadivelu
District Governor,
Rotary District 3201

Subject: Gratitude for Your Unwavering Support

Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Cochin South, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your generous offer of unwavering support during GOV on 22nd January @ Hotel Mercy Estate, Ernakulam.

Your inspiring leadership and commitment to our club's initiatives have deeply motivated us to strive harder toward achieving our goals.

At least 3 members have come forward to become PHS member on the same day itself.

Your assurance of support serves as a great encouragement to all our members and reinforces our shared mission of making a positive difference in our community. It is through the strength of partnerships and guidance like yours that we can continue to live by Rotary's core value of "Service Above Self."

We sincerely appreciate your time, efforts, and dedication and a great inspiration to all of us also we look forward to your continued support and guidance as we work together to create lasting change.

Once again, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support and leadership.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jayasankar P G
President,
Rotary Club of Cochin South



Respected Sir,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unconditional support and guidance. Your presence at our event was a tremendous honor, and we were deeply touched by your warm and gracious demeanor.

Your visit was a milestone in our Rotary journey, inspiring and motivating us to strive for excellence. While we acknowledge that there's always room for improvement, we're thrilled that you could join us.

Once again, I offer my sincerest thanks from the bottom of my heart. May your path be fruitful, and may your leadership continue to inspire us.

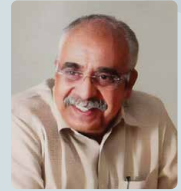
Best regards
Rtn Rajesh kumar R
President 24-25
RC Tripunithura Royale.



Rtn. Stephanie A Urchick
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Dist. Governor 2024-25



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Chairman District Conference 2025

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AGENDA

Day 1 - 15th February 2025 (Saturday)

- Inauguration: 8:30 AM - Grand Opening Ceremony
- Morning Session: 9:30 AM - 1:15 PM - Keynote Speeches
- Lunch Break: 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM - Networking Lunch
- Afternoon Session: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM - Special Address / Keynote Session
- High Tea: 3:30 PM
- Gala Entertainment Night Extravaganza
Live Band Music | Fellowship & Dinner - 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Day 2 - 16th February 2025 (Sunday)

- 1st Session: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Keynote Speeches
- Valedictory Session : 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - Closing Remarks
- Lunch & Departure: 1:00 PM - Lunch & Networking

DG'S FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

02
FEB

RC Cochin
Heritage

03
FEB

RC Tripunithura
Royals

05
FEB

RC
Uptown

07
FEB

RC
Satellite

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FEB

RC
Chalakudy

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RC
Chalakudy
South

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FEB

RC
Athirapally

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RC Kalady

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RC Mala

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FEB

RC Cochin
Milan

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FEB

RC
Technopolis

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FEB

RC
Coimbatore
Midtown

Probable projects for **FEBRUARY**

Rotary has long been committed to promoting peace and preventing conflict, and there are numerous ways clubs can engage in projects that support these goals. Here are some ideas for potential Rotary projects related to Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention:

1. Community Dialogue and Mediation Programs

Organize community dialogue sessions and mediation training programs where people from diverse backgrounds (ethnic, religious, or political) can come together to discuss their differences and find common ground.

Objective: Foster understanding, resolve misunderstandings, and build bridges between divided communities.

2. Youth Leadership and Peacebuilding Training

Partner with local schools, youth organizations, and international organizations to deliver training, provide scholarships for peace-related education, or host youth peace conferences.

3. Support for Refugees and Displaced Populations

Collaborate with humanitarian organizations to provide essential services, raise awareness about refugee issues, and offer vocational training for economic empowerment.

4. Conflict Resolution in Schools

Provide funding for peace education curricula, create partnerships with local education authorities, and organize workshops for students and teachers.

5. Promoting Interfaith Dialogue

Project Idea: Facilitate events, create safe spaces for dialogue, and collaborate with local religious leaders and organizations.

6. Community Peacebuilding Initiatives

Organize community meetings, support local peacebuilding leaders, and coordinate with local law enforcement to ensure a holistic approach.

7. Support for Disarmament and Anti-Violence Campaigns

Partner with government agencies and international organizations to run anti-violence campaigns and promote gun safety laws, or implement “buyback” programs for firearms.

8. Trauma Healing and Counseling Programs

Fund counseling centers, train local therapists, or partner with mental health organizations to deliver trauma-informed care.

9. Peace Fellowships and Scholarships for Conflict Resolution Studies

Raise funds for fellowships or collaborate with universities to provide educational opportunities for promising candidates.

10. Promoting Economic Development to Prevent Conflict

Work with local governments and NGOs to design and implement sustainable economic programs, providing grants and technical assistance to startups or small businesses.

11. Public Awareness and Advocacy on Peace Building

Use Rotary’s platform to amplify the message of peace, collaborate with media outlets, and host public discussions or events.

12. Support for Peacekeeping Efforts in Conflict Zones

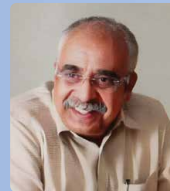
Mobilize local resources to support international peacekeeping missions, or help displaced people through relief and recovery efforts.



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