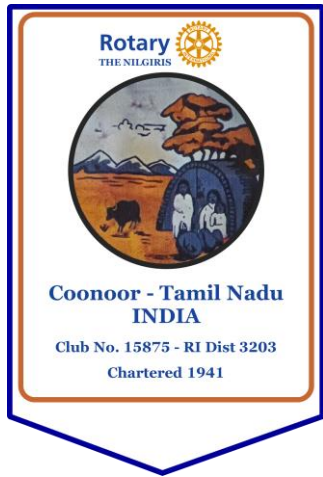




Presenting the Royals of
The Rotary Club of the Nilgiris
At the third Fireside gathering on the 23rd of March

President's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we embrace the spirit of service and camaraderie, the month of March has been yet another testimony to our club's unwavering dedication to making a meaningful impact. This month was filled with service activities, celebrations, and strengthening of our bonds within the Rotary family.

We began the month with our **7th Board Meeting on 4th March**, where we deliberated on ongoing and upcoming projects, ensuring that our club remains

steadfast in its mission. Our **Regular Meeting on 4th March** was a **family speaker meeting**, where we had **Brig (Retd) Pabitra Kumar Chakravarti**, who spoke about *Reflection of Life*. Our **Regular Meeting on 11th March** was also a **family speaker meeting**, featuring **Dr. Kannan Maharajan**, who sought to change the way we see cancer beyond the fear, and **Dr. Soundappan**, who enlightened us about gut health and healthy living as the best defence against gastro diseases. Prior to the meeting, both doctors also visited the **Government Lawley Hospital** with our members to assess the **Palliative Care Center and the Dialysis Center**, with a view to assisting in enhancing healthcare services and facilities at these centers. Our **Regular Meeting on 18th March** also saw active participation from our members, fostering discussions on various service initiatives.

An **awareness rally was held on 7th March under the aegis of the Wellington Cantonment Board**, aiming to create awareness about the hazards of plastic pollution. This initiative was instrumental in spreading the message of environmental responsibility within our community.

A highlight of the month was the **Fireside gathering on 23rd March**, hosted by **Group Three** at **Rtn Sangeetha's lovely home**, offering breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape. It was a day filled with warmth, fellowship, and engaging conversations, further solidifying the bond among members and their families. We also took the opportunity to celebrate the birthdays of **Rtn Mathew, Annet Divya, and Annet Jonathan**, making the event even more special.

Our commitment to service was exemplified through various donations this month. We provided a **Dressing Trolley and a Steam Press** to the **Little Sisters of the Poor's Old Age Home at Balaclava**, ensuring better healthcare and comfort for the elderly residents. Additionally, a **Water Doctor**, sponsored by **Mrs. Lata Dodeja** in memory of her late husband, was donated to **Anayapalayam Tribal School**, along with **school uniforms, shoes, socks, and ties** generously sponsored by **Shri Moti Bhai**, ensuring that young students have access to basic necessities for their education.

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Our **ALS Ambulance** service received a much-needed upgrade, thanks to the generosity of **Mr. Navroze Sethna**, who donated a set of tyres after being impressed by the facility while using it to transport his father for a medical check-up in Coimbatore. This act of kindness will enhance the reliability and efficiency of our emergency medical services.

A significant milestone was achieved at the **Palliative & Geriatric Care Center at Government Lawley Hospital**, where **Kinder Trust**, led by **Rtn Diana Bharucha**, established a **physiotherapy facility**. This initiative will benefit not only the inpatients but also the general public, offering much-needed rehabilitation and care.

March also saw the induction of new student leaders into our **Interact Clubs**, with installation ceremonies held at **Laidlaw Memorial School & Junior College, Ketti on 14th March**, and **Mrs. Bullmore's Matric School, Coonoor on 19th March**. The enthusiasm of these young Interactors is truly inspiring, and we look forward to their journey in service.

Our commitment to education was reinforced through the **Annual Day celebrations** at **Panchayat Union Middle School, Bettatti on 21st March**, and **Municipal Middle School, Gandhipuram on 28th March**. These events were a wonderful reminder of the role we play in shaping young minds and creating opportunities for their future.

Our ongoing **Eye Camps** continued across various villages, providing crucial eye care to underserved communities. Additionally, on **14th March**, we organized a **Glaucoma Awareness Rally**, covering the stretch from Upper Coonoor to the Bus Stand via Mount Road. This initiative aimed to spread awareness about glaucoma and the importance of early detection and treatment.

We were also delighted to **re-induct Rtn Air Cdre Sanjay Khanna into our club**. Having been at the forefront of our educational initiatives in the past, his renewed involvement is expected to bring fresh momentum to our efforts in the field of education and community development.

A moment of pride for our club was the **honorary induction of AKS Rtn Shirley George** through an online ceremony attended by her family. Her sister, **Rtn Sheela Bhasin**, was present physically to receive the **AKS pin** on her behalf. Shirley's **generous contribution of over US\$ 450,000 to the Rotary Foundation** is truly commendable, and she will be further recognized at the **District Conference upon the request of our District Governor**.

Additionally, we extend our gratitude to **Rtn Manish Jain and Rtn Divya Jain**, who, due to personal commitments, had to resign from our club. Their contributions have been invaluable, and they will always remain cherished members of the Rotary family. We also thank **Rtn Nithya**, who

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has stepped in to take over the responsibilities of Treasurer, ensuring a seamless transition.

President-Elect Rtn Hari Krishnan and Secretary-Elect Rtn Daksha Bhat flew to **Malaysia** to attend the **Training Seminar** held on **19th & 20th March**. This seminar was hosted by the **Rotary Club of Tirupur South**, under the **dynamic leadership of District Governor-Elect AKS Rtn Dhanasekar**. This training will undoubtedly equip them with insights and strategies to lead our club efficiently in the coming year.

March has been a fulfilling month, and as we move forward, let us continue our journey with the same passion and commitment. **Each initiative we undertake is a step towards creating a better world, and it is your collective efforts that make it all possible.**

Let us keep the momentum going!

Yours in Rotary



From the Editor's desk

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

The Magic of Rotary is happening all around us. We work to support the elderly with initiatives such as the P&G centre and support to old age homes, we endeavour to improve the lives of locals with health and eye camps, and hope to improve the future of the younger generations with projects in schools. There is so much to be done, and our Rotarians are ready to take it on.



One project that stands out is the sewing machine project, which is an attempt to provide women with opportunities to support themselves. Spearheaded by Rtn. PDG Aruna Kaushik of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, and supported by clubs from Rotary District 6400, the project is coordinated by District 3203 and the Rotary Club of Gudalur Valley along with Sevalaya Trust and District 3234 (Chennai, India) and the Rotary clubs of Chennai-Mambalam and Kilpauk.

80 women were selected and taught basic sewing skills like stitching saree blouses, kurtas and salwars. Upon completing the training, they received certificates and they signed agreements that they would use their skills in a proper way to support themselves. They were all gifted sewing machines on their graduation day.

We are part of a magic that transcends borders and reaches out across oceans! What a wonderful thought!

Yours in Rotary,

Dakṣha Bhat





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Weekly Meeting
Family & Speaker Meeting
Visit to Old Age Home |
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| 07 |  | Awareness Rally at Wellington Cantonment |
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| 11 |  | Weekly Meeting
Family & Speaker Meeting |
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| 14 |  | Interact Installation at Laidlaw School
Glaucoma Awareness Rally |
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| 18 |  | Weekly Meeting
Interact Installation at Mrs. Bullmore School |
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| 21 |  | Annual function at Bettati School |
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| 23 |  | 3 rd Fireside |
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| 28 |  | Physiotherapy for Palliative patients at Govt
Lawley Hospital
Gandhipuram Municipal Middle School
Annual day function |
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Rotarians visited The Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged, to handover two stainless steel dressing trolleys and a steam press. These were donated by Mrs Jaswinder Atwal, a dear friend of Rtn Sonia Gadeock.



Events



Guest Speaker Brigadier Pabitra Chakravarti spoke to members on the topic "Reflection of Life". It was an interesting session with participation from the members.

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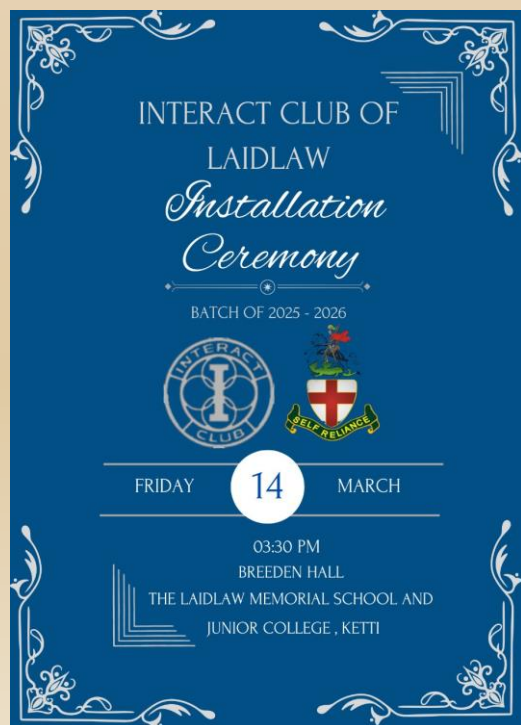


Guests from Royal Care Speciality Hospital, Dr Kannan Maharajan, Consultant Radiation Oncologist and Dr Soundappan S, Expert in Gastro, Laproscopic, Robotic Surgery and Liver Transplant visited the P&G Centre. Later in the evening they addressed the club. Dr Kannan Maharajan spoke on "Beyond the Fear: changing the way we see cancer." Dr Soundappan spoke on "Healthy Living: the best defence against gastro diseases."

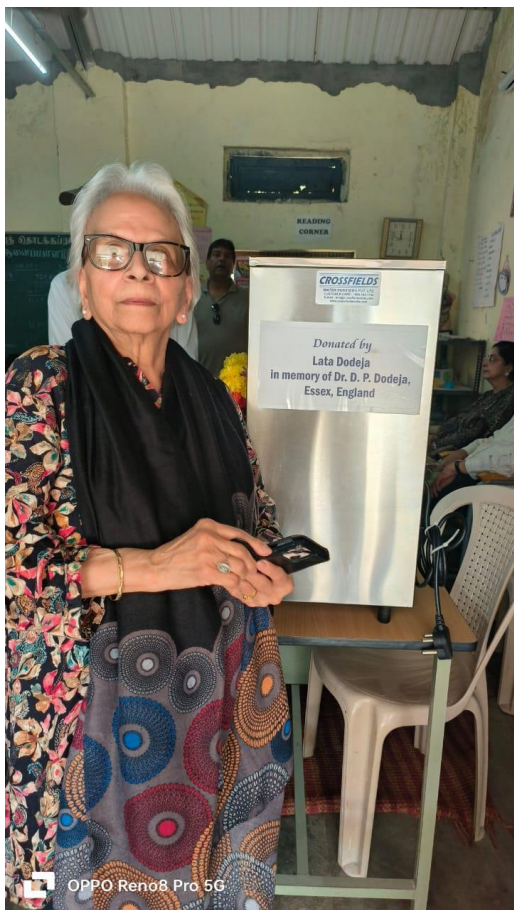
11/03



The installation ceremony of officers of the Interact Club of Laidlaw Memorial School was conducted in a grand manner. The young Interactors donated Rs 5,000/ to the Polio Pulse Fund. Rtn Dr. Meenakshi Venkataraman has come forward to sponsor the school to ESRAG



Rotarians visited Yannaipalayam Tribal School. A Water Doctor was donated by Mrs Lata Dodecha in memory of her late husband Dr. D P Dodecha. School uniforms, including shoes, socks & ties, along with sweets and fruits were distributed to the children, thanks to the generosity of Shri Moti Bhai who funded the same through the Smt. Damyanti Harlalka Trust of Chennai.



Rotarians attended the installation ceremony of officers of the Interact Club at Mrs Bullmore's Matriculation School. The young Interactors contributed Rs.2000/- to the Polio Plus Fund



“ The Rotary of today is different from the Rotary of yesterday and the Rotary of tomorrow cannot, must not, be the same as the Rotary of today. Rotary will continue to evolve. ”

- Paul Harris





President Elect Rtn Harikrishnan Halan & Secretary Elect Rtn Daksha Bhat travelled to Malaysia to attend the PETS-SETS





The Bettati School Annual Day Function on 21st March



The Third Fireside on the 23rd of March
Graced by Royalty of Rotary.





Dear Group 3,
We just wanted to express our heartfelt gratitude for the royal day we shared together! The games, delicious food, and signature cocktails all combined to create an unforgettable experience.

Special thanks to Sangeetha and David for graciously opening their beautiful home to us. Your hospitality is truly appreciated!

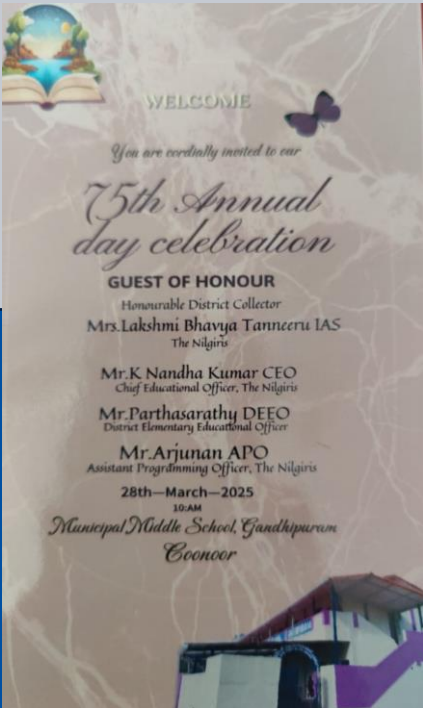
Thank you Rtn Raunak for ensuring everyone's spirits were high.

And to Queen Diana, thank you for expertly holding everything together. Your leadership and organization made the day seamless and enjoyable for all.

Yours truly
Burger King







The 75th Annual day of Municipal Middle School, Gandhipuram

Physiotherapy sessions were provided at the P&G centre by Rtn Diana Bharucha of Kinder Trust



Rtn Sonia bringing smiles to the patients at the P&G centre



10/03 @
Yedapalli Hatty



19/03 @
Ulikal Peruratchi

**24/03 @
Nedugula Hatty**



**28/03 @
VOC nagar
Kotagiri**



Wheels of Kindness

A most generous and helpful appreciation of our service efforts came from Mr. Navroz Sethna who used our Rotary Ambulance to transport his dear father to Coimbatore for treatment and thereafter back to Coonoor.

He arranged a new set of four tyres for the ambulance with wheel balancing and alignment. The club is grateful for his gesture.

Dear General Girish,

At the outset, please accept my most heartfelt thanks for helping me transport my ailing father in your Rotary ambulance from Coonoor to Coimbatore on the 16th of March and from Coimbatore to Coonoor on the 17th of March.

The service rendered by manager Vignesh, driver Ismail, and nurse Archana was, to say the least, exemplary and, most of all, compassionate.

My sincere thanks once again to you and your fantastic team at Rotary Coonoor.

With warm regards,
Navroze



April Birthdays

03	Annet Rishant S/o Cherian Mathew
08	Ann Shalini Spouse of Rtn Harikrishnan
15	Annet Rhea D/o Deepika Unni
17	Annet Sabrish S/o Rtn Devraj
	Annet Lavaan D/o Rtn Hrikrishnan
23	Annet Kuruba Hannah Vidhyantha D/o Rtn Jayanthi Premkumar
24	Rtn Sonalika Gadeock
29	Annet Zac S/o Rtn Glen Croning
	Ann Sheila Spouse of Rtn Krishn Dev

Anniversaries

03	Rtn Mohankumar
04	Rtn Sonalika Gadeock
20	Rtn Sunil Goyal
24	Rtn Sangeetha Shinde
25	Rtn Stephen Jayaseelan