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Rotary
Garden Reach

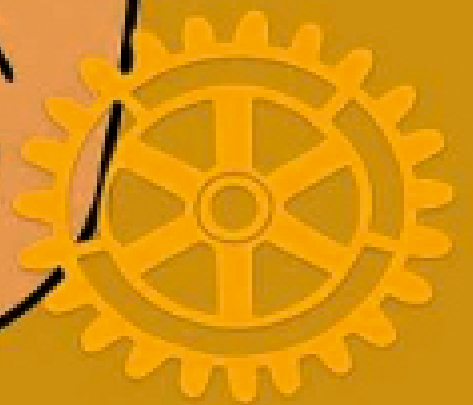


2321st Regular Weekly Meeting

Here's a secret,
Happy People are
in Rotary!

*Having a blast while making a positive
impact on the world is what we're all about!*

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Greetings on Birthday

July 29th : Spouse Rajshree, Wife of PP DK Rao

From Service to Sustainability: Rotary's Monthly Focus Shifts

As we wrap up *July — Maternal and Child Health Month*, we honour the life-changing work Rotarians do to support the health and development of mothers and children around the world. These efforts reflect Rotary's enduring commitment to people and communities in need.

Now, as we step into **August — Membership and New Club Development Month**, we turn our attention to the heart of Rotary: our members. This is the time to invest in our growth, embrace innovation, and strengthen the visibility and vibrancy of our clubs.

Call to Action: Grow and Promote Rotary

-  **Invite** someone new to a meeting or service project — a personal invitation is powerful.
-  **Mentor** a new or prospective member — share your Rotary story and help them find their place.
-  **Explore** new club formats (satellite, cause-based, or e-clubs) to reach more people.

Enhance your club's image with tools like:

- ✓ *Rotary Brand Centre: Access logos, templates, and promotional materials that reflect our global identity.*
<https://brandcenter.rotary.org>
- ✓ *People of Action Campaign: Share real stories and photos of your club in action to inspire others.*
- ✓ *Social Media: Regularly post engaging content that highlights your club's impact and invites community participation.*
- ✓ *Public Relations Toolkit: Use press releases and community outreach tips to tell your Rotary story effectively.*

Let's carry forward the compassion of July into the momentum of August — by growing Rotary and making sure the world sees the good we do together.

Take a closer look

Holger Knaack, TRF Trustee Chair

When you joined Rotary, chances are it was because you wanted to make a lasting difference. Arch Klumph felt the same way.



When he proposed The Rotary Foundation in 1917, he envisioned more than just a fund. He saw an enduring vehicle for Rotary members to serve their communities and create lasting change. More than a century later, that vision thrives, thanks to your dedication and to the Foundation's unique structure, which empowers members to identify and solve global problems at every level.

Today, I am not asking you for a donation. Instead, I invite you to look at The Rotary Foundation with fresh eyes. Imagine a charity governed by its own members. A global mission carried out by those very members. A Foundation that reflects the shared values of its members — ensuring

clean water and literacy for all, eradicating the scourge of polio, building local economies through entrepreneurship, and making the world more peaceful through conflict resolution training.

Doesn't this sound like an interesting charity? The Rotary Foundation is trusted around the world because we have earned that trust. After our successful Programs of Scale initiative in Zambia, the Gates Foundation and World Vision invited us to lead again — resulting in the \$30 million Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge across four African nations.

We are efficient, strategic, and guided by dedicated professional staff and passionate volunteers. Our Foundation consistently receives top marks from Charity Navigator. And the Gates Foundation matches our \$50 million



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annual commitment to polio eradication 2-to-1, depositing \$100 million into our account each year. That is trust, delivered.

Even in conflict zones, we are there. In Gaza, a single confirmed polio case triggered a humanitarian pause in the war, allowing health workers to vaccinate children and quell an outbreak. Rotary helped fund that urgent response. Once again, we proved to be a reliable partner in a crisis.

We can be proud that we made a difference. Now we look ahead to our ambitious \$500 million fundraising goal for 2025–26. We can reach it together, as we boldly support a Foundation that is doing bold things.

Rotary is not going anywhere, because Rotary is everywhere! That is our strength. That is our unique opportunity. Be part of the legacy of The Rotary Foundation. It is one that Arch Klumph would be proud of. It is a legacy that has changed the world and will continue to do so, as long as we are all part of it.

A Chennai women's club encourages small entrepreneurs

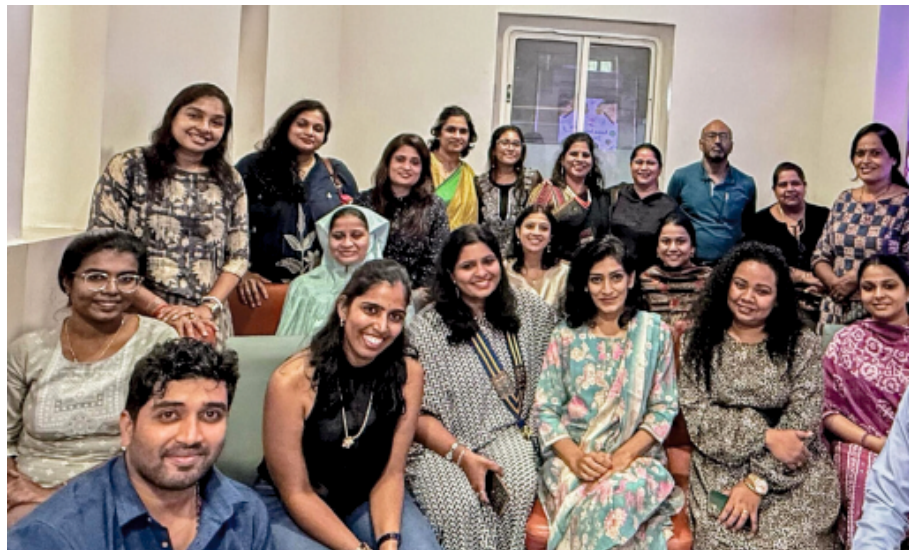
Project Spark was conceived in March 2024 when on a hot summer afternoon, I met a woman selling koozh (rice gruel) on a pavement. She used steel tumblers and a jug and I loved the drink. It's the most local gut-friendly food one can have in the scorching summers of Chennai," recalls Nisreen Madraswala, president of Rotary Chennai Bharathi, RID 3234.

This sparked an idea in her mind; she had always wanted to do something to help small and tiny entrepreneurs by providing them a space to market their produce. As this gelled nicely with her own interest in functional medicine and gut health, she decided to take it forward through her club's platform. Especially because it fell under Rotary's focus area of community economic development and would also be a great public image initiative.

The club's team invited people who owned small businesses to register, "and we met them every month and curated our Rotary speaker meets around themes such as business acumen, strategies and how to grow small businesses."

These efforts culminated in a grand finale in June, where 13 participants pitched their ideas to a jury comprising eminent people with expertise in wellness and start-ups. People were invited to take stalls and display their products or services under the same umbrella of wellness, traditional and sustainable products. Three winners were recognised with prizes and they will now connect with one of the jury members to grow their business further.

At the carnival-like event, there was laughter, music, learning and networking throughout the day. The participants



were invited for a "come pitch" initiative, a DIY workshop was held to up cycle glass bottles, a lively music concert was held in the hall by the On the Streets Foundation. (The OTS Foundation band performs across the streets, parks, beaches, metros and many other public places in Chennai with a vision to make the metro the Street Music Capital of the world!)

Considering the response it got, the event team was happy that it proved to be more than just a marketplace — "it was a vibrant confluence of sustainability, inclusivity, and heartfelt entrepreneurial journeys." Curated as a tribute to World Environment Day and Pride Month, Spark saw participation from 30 entrepreneurs, offering products such as medicinal chutneys, guilt-free desserts and wellness products. "What truly set the event apart was the compelling narrative behind every stall — from women-led enterprises to LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs and eco-warriors, every participant embodied a story of courage, creativity, and conscious living. It created a dynamic space for learning, networking, pitching and celebration," said Nisreen.

"Our intent was simple yet powerful, to create a space where local talent gets the spotlight it deserves, and their



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brands get consumer support. Seeing the energy, passion, and purpose in that room, we hope Spark is only the beginning of a larger movement.”

The products made by the participants ranged from Artisans Buzz’s up cycled bags made by women using tailoring waste, to Viridian Plate’s plant-based culinary innovations, to Namma Suvai’s farm-fresh groceries.

The funds raised — over Rs.1 lakh — will go towards supporting a trans-woman who runs a restaurant and “that lady selling koozh who inspired me to organise this event.”

Bharati, the wife of DG Saravanan took up a stall named the Thrift Store where all the pre-used items, from other women Rotary members of her group, were donated. This sale raised around Rs.15, 400 which will go to fund a food cart, another Rotary project.

Your gift will transform lives

Bharat Pandya, TRF Trustee

As we enter a new Rotary year, it is time to build on our past and step forward into the future. A future where Rotary is respected and more relevant than ever before. Thanks to The Rotary Foundation.



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives locally and globally. Your gift directly supports programmes like eradicating polio, providing clean water, improving literacy and promoting peace worldwide. Every contribution creates a measurable difference. The Foundation’s projects address both global issues and local needs. Your contributions make an impact where it’s needed the most.

Through global grants and other Foundation programmes we can truly touch lives and transform communities. With a stellar rating from Charity Navigator, TRF ensures that your donations are used efficiently and effectively.

Foundation grants are taking Rotary in a new and meaningful direction. The impact of grants goes far beyond helping the beneficiaries. They help to engage members, give a positive public image of Rotary and are a great retention tool too. Indeed a multiplier effect. Through the Seven Areas of Focus, TRF is aligning with Rotary’s vision statement and the Action Plan.

We are very close to a polio-free world. The journey has been long, arduous and challenging but Rotarians worldwide have proved ‘where there is a will there is a way’. This is the time to rededicate and redouble our efforts. Supporting the Polio Fund is now more critical than ever. Without Rotarians’ contributions we cannot achieve our dream of a polio-free world. I urge each Rotarian to contribute to the Polio Fund. Your contribution becomes three-fold with the Gates Foundation match. Our support to the Annual Fund today ensures global grants tomorrow. And Endowment Fund is the future of TRF.

By supporting all the three funds of TRF, each one of you is a change-maker committed to making the world a healthier, more equitable and more peaceful place. Your generosity today builds hope for tomorrow. That is the opportunity TRF opens up for us. Let’s use this in the best way to Unite for Good.



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48TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY Rotary Garden Reach



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Minutes of the 2320th RWM & 48th Installation held on July 18th, 2025 at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach

1. The 48th Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Garden Reach was called to order by the MC for the evening PP Dr. Arabinda Ray. Everyone was asked to rise for the national anthem. Vice Governor Ravi Sehgal was the Chief Guest for the evening. PP Dr. Arabinda introduced and welcomed the distinguished guests.
2. The gathering was warmly welcomed by IPP Biswajit Saha who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, Rotarians, and family members present.
3. Rtn. Bandaru Mohan presented the "Secretary's Report", a brief report on the activities, projects, and achievements of the Club during the Rotary year 2024-25.
4. Vice Governor Ravi Sehgal conducted the installation of Rtn. Bandaru Mohan as the 48th President of Rotary Garden Reach. The collar, gavel, and charter documents were handed over by IPP Biswajit. The newly installed President, Rtn. Bandaru delivered the acceptance address outlining the vision, plans, and focus areas for the year ahead.
5. The incoming President introduced the office bearers for the year 2025-26 who were duly installed.
6. PP Tanu Roy introduced the Interact Club of Julien Day School, Howrah and the Interactors were felicitated; along with the Vice Principal, Ms. Cheryl Ann Sampayo, and other teachers. A small token of donation was given to the Interact President from Rotary Garden Reach. VG Ravi Sehgal delivered his message wishing the newly installed committee the best.
7. CFC PP Tapan Roy announced a donation of US\$2051 to the Rotary Foundation by Rotary Garden Reach. Out of which US\$200 was donated to the Polio Plus Fund. The cheques were handed over to DRFC Utpal Majumdar & DPPC Mukul Sinha respectively.
8. Secretary Rtn. Shubhayan Sengupta conducted the club business and President Rtn. Bandaru confirmed the minutes of RWM 2319.
9. President Elect Dr. BN Jha delivered the Vote of Thanks, extending gratitude to all dignitaries, guests, Rotarians, and the Master of Ceremonies, PP Dr. Arabinda Ray, for their contributions to the success of the evening. He requested to join for fellowship & dinner.



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