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Larry A. Lunsford selected to be 2027-28 Rotary International president



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He first encountered Rotary when he received a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to spend the 1981-82 academic year at the University of Newcastle in Australia. A certified public accountant, Lunsford spent seven years working for Ernst & Young before joining a family-owned business, Bernstein-Rein Advertising, in 1990. He is currently executive vice president and chief financial officer for the Bernstein group of companies. He has held positions on the boards of the Kansas City Spirit Festival and the Variety Club as well as serving as director of a local bank and treasurer of the Epilepsy Foundation for the Heart of America. He has also served on Truman State University's alumni and foundation boards and received the university's Distinguished Service Award.

Lunsford joined the Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza in 1991 and has since served as district governor (2001-02), RI director (2013-15), and trustee of The Rotary Foundation (2021-25, vice chair 2024-25). He has been a member of RI committees, including the Executive Committee (chair 2014-15), Membership Growth Committee (chair 2016-18), and Nominating Committee for President of RI (chair 2023-24). He also has served on The Rotary Foundation's Executive Committee (chair 2023-24), Finance Committee (chair 2022-23 and 2024-25), and Participant Experience Committee (chair 2023-24).

Lunsford has been awarded The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, and the RI Service Above Self Award. He and his wife, Jill Lunsford, have two children and one grandchild. They are Major Donors, Bequest Society members, multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and Sustaining Members.

Our District Governor PK Ramakrishna



Ramki was born on the 23rd December 1952 at Oorgaum, Kolar Gold Fields. After his graduation from KGF First grade college he joined Manasagangotri Mysore and did his M Sc in organic chemistry. He joined the Central Electro Chemical Research Institute in Karaikudi and worked for one year on Mercuric oxide button batteries which was a classified area for the Defence forces at that point of time. The batteries were used by the Airforce for tracing lost pilots and the project was called SARAH, Sea Air Rescue and Homing. During that time the handling of Mercury was high and some work on mercury poisoning or Minamata disease was also done.

Later he joined Sunanda Aromatic Industries in Mysore and worked in the lab producing many interesting fragrance intermediates for Incense, Soaps and Cosmetics. He started his own fragrance chemicals manufacturing unit FLOWERSYNTH in 1981. The unit manufactures about 100 ingredients for the Fragrance and Flavour industry. He is a life member of the Flavour and Fragrance Association of India, FAFAI. He is also a partner on Well-Bloom Agro products a firm manufacturing plant-growth promoters and a director of a start-up company Regain Biotechnologies Pvt Ltd. A member of the American Chemical Society he is a practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming.

He joined Rotary Mysore Midtown in 1986 when Rotary was just trying to break the one-million-member mark. Was the President of the Club in 1995-96 when the RI Theme was Act with Integrity, Serve with love and work for Peace. He was the A G in 2000-2001. At the District level he was the RYLA chairman, WCS Chair, District conference food committee Chair, District Jt Secretary, District Rotaract Awards chairman, and District Grants Sub-committee chairman for eight terms including 2022-23.

He has done many Matching Grants and Global Grants. As DGSC he has attended the first invited TRF Stewardship seminar in Mumbai chaired by the then RI President Jonathan Mujiabge. A 4-Avenue service awardee he received a District Rotary Foundation citation in 2001-2002. He has participated as a Trainer at Pre-PETS, PETS, District Assemblies, AGTS within and outside the district. Earlier his play used to be Table Tennis, Carroms and ball-badminton. Presently his hobbies are Meditation, Reading, Research and Fragrances.

Club News

1. Club Assembly – Pre-Installation Planning

Date: 2nd July 2025

Venue: Hotel Sriratna, Deralakatte

The Club Assembly was conducted under the guidance of AG Rtn. Dr. Ravishankar Rao, focusing on the RI President's message, district priorities, and preparations for the upcoming installation. President Rtn. Sowmya Shetty welcomed the gathering, while Secretary Rtn. Anitha Ravishankar presented the report. The session concluded with a vote of thanks and refreshments.



2. Installation Ceremony of Office Bearers (RY 2025-26)

Date: 9th July 2025

Venue: Eden Club, Mangalore

A grand installation ceremony was held to induct the new office bearers for Rotary Year 2025-26. Highlights included presentation of the annual report, installation of the new team by PDG Dr. Devidas Rai, acceptance speech by President Rtn. Anitha Ravishankar, felicitation of outgoing leaders, and the launch of the District Project *Jal, Jameen, Jungle*. Notable dignitaries addressed the gathering, and the event concluded with the National Anthem and dinner.



3. Environmental Awareness Project

Date: 12th July 2025

Venue: Sri Durga Higher Primary School, Talapady

This impactful initiative included an invocation by students, a welcome note by the President, an interactive awareness session, and distribution of saplings and reusable materials (old diaries) to promote sustainability. The Principal expressed gratitude, appreciating the club's contribution to environmental education.



4. 2nd Club Assembly (AG Visit) & Pre-Planning for DG Visit

Date: 14th July 2025

Venue: Sri Ratnam, Deralakatte

This assembly and board meeting focused on planning the year's activities and preliminary arrangements for the District Governor's official visit on 10th August. AG Rtn. Dr. Ravishankar Rao provided guidance and suggestions for effective execution of events.



◆ **30th August 2025**

Membership Seminar

📍 Venue: Sullia

◆ **08th & 09th November 2025**

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Seminar

📍 Venue: Puttur

5. Club Assembly Prior to DG Official Visit

Date: 2nd August 2025

Venue: Residence of Rtn. JP Rai, Kuttar

Held in anticipation of the Governor's visit, this assembly included a report by the Secretary on club activities to date. AG Rtn. Dr. Ravishankar Rao provided valuable inputs. The Governor's visit itinerary was finalized, covering project sites, a school visit, Club Assembly, and a public meeting. The session ended with dinner and fellowship.



Polio Hundi Initiative



As part of our ongoing commitment to the *End Polio Now* campaign, the Rotary Club of Deralakatte has placed a Polio Hundi at the premises of our member Rtn. Purushotham, in his establishment – Hotel Ranjith, Deralakatte. This thoughtful initiative is aimed at encouraging customers and visitors to contribute towards the Polio Fund, thereby increasing public participation in Rotary's mission to eradicate polio globally.

Rotary International has been a major force in the global effort to eradicate polio, launching its first immunization project in the Philippines in 1979 and then initiating the PolioPlus program in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary's contributions have significantly reduced polio cases by 99.9% since the GPEI's inception.

6. Interact Club Installation – Vidyaratna English Medium School

Date: 05th August 2025

Venue: Vidyaratna English Medium School

The Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club of Vidyaratna English Medium School was held on 5th August 2025 at the school premises. The event was presided over by President Anitha Ravishankara Rao.

Rtn Sowmya R. Shetty warmly welcomed the gathering. Teacher Coordinator Mr. Ramesh announced the names of the newly elected office bearers.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Ravishankar Rao, Assistant Governor, administered the oath of office to the new team and addressed the students, inspiring them with his encouraging words about leadership and service.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, marking the beginning of a promising year ahead for the Interact Club.



7. Environment Day Celebration at Vidyaratna English Medium School

Environment Day was celebrated at Vidyaratna English Medium School, Deralakatte, on 2nd August 2025. As part of the celebration, saplings were distributed to 250 students, encouraging them to contribute towards a greener future.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rtn K.R. Shetty and Rtn Sowmya R. Shetty for organizing this meaningful event in collaboration with the Interact Club of Vidyaratna.



Rotary International's seventh area of focus is supporting the environment. This addition was made to provide Rotarians with even more avenues to create positive change and amplify their impact. It joins the existing six areas of focus: peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation, and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development.

8. Raksha Bandhan Celebration with Brahma Kumaris

As part of our annual tradition, the Raksha Bandhan programme was conducted in collaboration with the Brahma Kumaris Institute, Thokkottu on 07th August 2025. Five of our club members participated in the event, which emphasized the message of universal brotherhood and peace.

We sincerely thank all the members of the Brahma Kumaris Institute for associating with us and making this meaningful celebration a memorable one.



9. Aatidonji Nenapu – A Memorable Celebration

The "Aatidonji Nenapu" programme was jointly organised on 07th August 2025 at Lions Ashoka, Kadri, Mangalore, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Mangalore City and Rotary Club of Mangalore Seaside.

From our club, 16 members actively participated in the event. IPDG Rtn Vikramdatta graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Renowned drama artist Dr Devdas Kapikad and Mr Thimappa Kulal were honoured during the event for their remarkable contributions to the field of art and culture.

President Dr Anitha Ravishankar spoke about the significance of the event, shared highlights of our club's recent initiatives, and extended her gratitude to all participants and organisers. Assistant Governor Dr Ravishankar Rao also addressed the gathering and conveyed his best wishes.

The event concluded with a delicious spread of traditional delicacies, making it a truly memorable and culturally enriching experience for all.



Congratulations to Rotary Club of Deralakatte and Interact Club of Vidya Rathna High School, Deralakatte (Club ID: 207777)



Heartfelt congratulations to both Rotary Club of Deralakatte and the Interact Club of Vidya Rathna High School, Deralakatte, on being honored with the Club Excellence Award for the Rotary year 2024-25.

This recognition is a testament to your unwavering dedication, impactful service projects, and commitment to Rotary ideals. Your efforts in fostering leadership, community engagement, and youth empowerment are truly commendable.

Wishing you continued success and greater achievements in the years to come!

Message from District Governor PK Ramakrishna

Dear President Rtn Dr. Anita Ravishankar & Hon Secretary Rtn Latha Vikram,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you both and your "Unite for Good" team for the 2025-26 year.

It is truly an honor and privilege to visit R C Deralakatte on my maiden official visit for the year. As RC Deralakatte is IPG Vikram's club, I am particularly looking forward to a real-time learning experience. The knowledge I gain here will be a valuable foundation for my upcoming GOVs.

IPG Vikram Datta has completed his official duties exceptionally well. He has achieved many new milestones and implemented innovative ideas that he and his team envisioned. His consistent "Yes to Rotary" attitude and positive outlook have contributed to a very successful year in 2024-25. Congratulations, IPG Vikram! Congratulations to AG Dr. Ravishankar too. I am eager to meet each and every Rotarian of Deralakatte and wish the "Unite for Good" team all the very best.

Sincerely,
Damki



Birthday Wishes

Jon Srihari	02 nd Aug
Rtn Latha	02 nd Aug
Ann Supriya	05 th Aug
Annet Prapthi	15 th Aug
Rtn Prabhakar Rai	24 th Aug
Rtn Dr Subramanyam	26 th Aug
Annet Prashansa Rai	31 st Aug

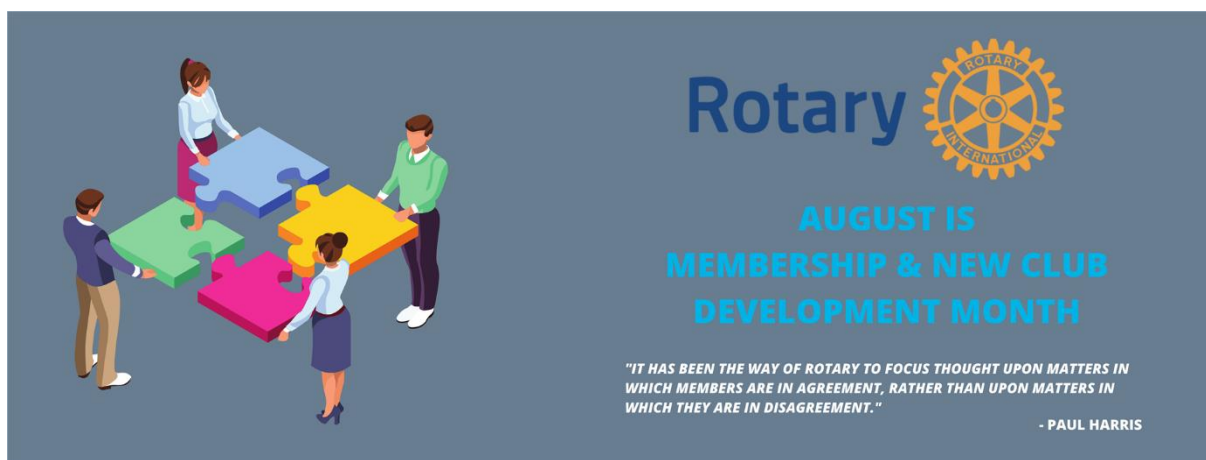
◆ 30th & 31st January and 01st February 2026 District Conference

📍 Venue: Mysore

Your enthusiastic participation in these events will strengthen our club's presence and commitment to Rotary's core values. Let us come together, learn, connect, and contribute!

Rotary International's core values are service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. These values guide the organization's actions and shape its commitment to global impact. They are reflected in the [Four-Way Test](#), the [Object of Rotary](#), and the [Avenues of Service](#), all of which emphasize the importance of these principles in Rotary's work.

Membership and New Club Development Month



In Rotary, August is designated as Membership and New Club Development Month. This month focuses on growing Rotary membership and establishing new clubs, with the goal of revitalizing Rotary clubs through the energy and enthusiasm of new members.

Rotary's Action Plan

Rotary's Action Plan is a strategic framework designed to strengthen the organization and enhance its impact. It outlines four key priorities: Increase Our Impact, Expand Our Reach, Enhance Participant Engagement, and Increase our Ability to Adapt. These priorities guide Rotary's work at the international, corporate, club, and district levels.

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