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"THE GOAL OF A TRUE LEADER Should Always be getting Everyone around you to Achieve the most they can Possibly Achieve." Mark Maloney Editor's Note.....

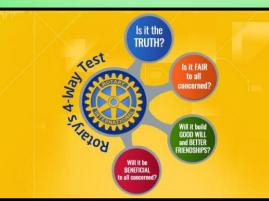
With the Rotary wheels rolling, we embrace the month of August—a time that both celebrates our freedom and reminds us of the sacrifices that have paved the way for the opportunities we cherish today.

In this edition, you'll find updates on our recent projects, that echo the spirit of independence—empowering individuals and strengthening our community and also an inspiring member accomplishment.

Here's to a productive and meaningful August as we continue to roll forward in service and unity.



Sushma Chengappa Bulletin Editor



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KAKKADA DINNER MEET

7th August 2024







In the absence of Ann's President, Secretary Ann Shobha took up the responsibility of organizing and overseeing the Kakkada potluck that was arranged on the 7th of August 2024 at Kaikeri Club Hall. Her efforts were greatly appreciated.

The potluck was a resounding success. An array of homecooked delicious dishes reflecting the diverse culinary talents of the attendees appeased all present. It was followed by games that brought out the competitive







spirit and camaraderie among the members. The show ended with the lively music and dance, which added an extra layer of joy and entertainment to the evening. Everyone joined in, making the event a memorable celebration of community and fun.

VISIT TO MATHIGODU ELEPHANT CAMP

12th August 2024











On August 12th, Rotary Gonikoppal marked World Elephant Day with a special event at Mathigodu Elephant Camp.

The occasion honoured three dedicated mahouts – Chinna, Gunda & Thimma for their exceptional work in caring for elephants. The celebrated elephants, Abhimanyu, Mahendra, and Bhima, are renowned for their participation in the annual Dasara celebrations in Mysore.

The felicitated mahouts have an impressive record of capturing and rehabilitating wildlife, with 100 tigers and 300 wild elephants to their credit. However, they have also faced challenges, including the tragic loss of Arjuna, a famed elephant who lost his life last year during a wild elephant capture operation.

As a gesture of appreciation and kindness, President Sumi Subbaya sponsored and distributed 25 sarees to the families of the mahouts. Refreshments were distributed to children and elders, sponsored by Rtn. Deena, Rtn. Rita Dechamma, Rtn. Vijay and Ann's Pavitra and Sushma.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

14th August 2024















A successful Blood Donation Camp was held at the Community Health Centre in Gonikoppal, in association with Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement on 14th of August 2024 where 20 precious units of blood was collected

The program was inaugurated by Mrs. Sumi Subbaiah, President of the Rotary Club, Gonikoppal, in the presence of esteemed guests. These included Gram Panchayat President Mr. K. Pramod Ganapathy, Community Centre Medical Officer Dr. Greeshma, Blood Bank Officer Dr. Karumbaiah, and members of the Rotary Club, including Secretary Rtn Vijay P R, Rtn Dhillon Changappa, and Rtn Newin Belliappa

Smt Dhana Laxmi, a blood donor, had the honour of lighting the lamp to mark the occasion.

The program was presided over by Dr. Chandrashekhar K N, Vice President of SVYM.

The blood donation camp was a heartening display of community spirit and generosity.

VISIT TO CARE HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

15th August 2024















On August 15th, 2024, Rotary Club of Gonikoppal hosted a memorable Independence Day lunch at the 'CARE HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' located at Ponnampet.

The occasion was graced by President Sumi Subbaya, who led a heart-warming bhajan chanting session with the elderly inmates.

The event was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Rtn. Subashini, Rtn. Deena, Rtn. Arun Thammaiah, Rtn. Rajeev, Rtn Sajjan Chengappa, and President Sumi Subbaya.

Rotarians joined us to celebrate the special day with the residents of the care home.



Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.

'ALIMCO' ASSESSMENT CAMP

29th AUGUST 2024







Aids & Appliances (ALIMCO) Assessment Camp

An assessment camp was conducted on 29th August 2024 at the Grama Panchayat Hall, Gonikoppal.

The program was inaugurated by Mr. K.Pramod Ganapathy, President of Gonikoppa Grama Panchayat, in the presence of : Rtn. Sumy Subbaya, President, Rotary Club Gonikoppa Rtn. Vijay P.R, Secretary, Rotary Club Gonikoppa Smt. Manjula, Vice President, Grama Panchayath Mr. Ponnanna, CDPO

The program was presided over by Dr. Chandrashekhar K.N., Vice President, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (in collaboration with Govt. Depts. and Rotary Club Gonikoppal).

The response was overwhelming, with a total of 122 beneficiaries being assessed.

CELEBRATING MILESTONES.....

Rtn. THIRTHA.P.A is the daughter of Paandira Aiyanna and Geetha. The trailblazing Forest Officer



<u>THIRTHA P A</u> <u>ACF</u> <u>RESEARCH SUB DIVISION</u> <u>MADIKERI</u> hails from a remote village in Galibeedu . After schooling from St. Joseph's Convent and Pre University from Murnad, she secured admission for BSC forestry at Forestry college Ponnampet and successfully completed her BSC with high merit. She finished her Masters in Forestry (M.Sc. Forestry) with Gold medal.

Appointed as RFO in the year 2012. she completed 1.5 yrs. of Training in CASFOS, Burnihat, Assam as one of the topper. She secured 1st place Honors with a Gold and a Silver medal.

Joined Karnataka Forest Department in the year 2014.

Served as RFO for 10 yrs. in Social Forestry, Somwarpet, Training centre Kushalnagara, Govt. Timber depot, Thithimathi territorial range - Ponnampet and Thithimathi , Brahmagiri wildlife Range.

During her service she undertook the difficult task of successfully capturing a Tiger that was causing threat to the villagers and a large number of elephants causing damage to crops and humans. Considering her exceptional service she was promoted as ACF and posted to Research division in Madikeri.

Married to Aramanamada Vijay she lives with her in-laws in Ponnampet.

Congratulations to Thirtha for her exceptional performance in Forestry college and later in service to forest and people of Kodagu. Rotary Gonikoppa wishes her success in her future endeavours with moto service above self as a true Rotarian

***Information courtesy: Rtn. PHF Dr. C.G. Kushalappa

SNIPPETS - AUGUST 24

Membership Development and Retention Seminar held at Kushalnagara, on 11th August 2024 was attended by

- Rtn.Deena M.K.
- Rtn Dr. Chandrashekhar
- Rtn Sumy Subbaiah
- Rtn Vijay P.R.
- Rtn Dhillon Changappa
- Rtn Dheeraj Machaiah
- Rtn Immi Uthappa
- Rtn Subhashini J.K.
- Rtn Latha Bopanna and
- Rtn. Rita Dechamma



On August 12th, Rotarians and Ann's who visited the Elephant Camp gathered for a cup of coffee at Tata Café - handpicked with love. Thanks to Rtn. Deena's sponsorship, the evening's coffee was a delightful treat."



CONGRATULATIONS

The Rotaract Club of Forestry College, Ponnampet, under the Chairmanship of Rtn. PHF Dr. C.G. Kushalappa excelled in a national-level online competition, securing two first prizes in 'Chak De India' and a runner-up prize in the Quiz Competition on the topic 'Earth Guardian Trivia', held on August 8th. Rotary Gonikoppal wishes them continued success and many more accolades in the future.