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ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE CENTRAL - INSTALLATION CEREMONY

On the evening of July 5th, 2024, the Rotary Club of Mangalore Central (RCMC) hosted an inspiring and memorable Installation Ceremony at Hotel Moti Mahal, Mangaluru. This event marked a significant milestone for our club as we embraced new leadership and set our vision for the upcoming Rotary year.

The event was professionally handled by Rtn. Ronald Mendonca, based on the agenda set by the board, and notably started and concluded on time. The attendees, including the Chief Guest and PDG's and other dignitaries praised the disciplined conduct of the ceremony without any hiccups.

Event Flow and Highlights

At precisely 7:25 PM, the ceremony commenced with Annet Alma Pinto, the Master of Ceremony, taking charge of the proceedings. Alma's seamless coordination and engaging presence kept the event lively and on track. Her professionalism set the perfect tone for the evening. Annet Meghana Rao delivered a heartfelt invocation, setting a solemn tone for the evening.

The evening began with a warm welcome extended to esteemed guests, including Chief Guest Mr. Anil Lobo and Assistant Governor Rtn. PP PHF K. M. Hegde, who graced the occasion with their presence. Distinguished guests included the District Governor (DG), District Governor Nominee (DGN), Past District Governors (PDGs), Presidents and Secretaries of other clubs, Rotary leaders, guests, club members, and their families.

Rtn. Rajesh Shetty, the outgoing Club President, eloquently set the tone for the evening, emphasizing the importance of fellowship and community service, which are the core values of Rotary. Secretary Rtn. PP PHF Ravi Jalan presented a comprehensive report on club activities, followed by announcements of birthdays and anniversaries.

Rtn. PP MPHF Dr. Madhusudan Upadhya was honored by our President with his 8th level MPHF pin, recognizing his donation to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Outgoing President Rtn. Rajesh Shetty gave a touching farewell address, reflecting on the achievements of his tenure and expressing gratitude to the club members.

The central highlight of the evening was the installation of the new President, Rtn. Brian Pinto, along with the new Board of Directors. The ceremonial transfer of the presidential collar symbolized the seamless transition of leadership and the continuity of our club's commitment to "Service Above Self." The installation of office bearers and the administration of the oath were conducted by Assistant Governor Rtn. PP PHF K. M. Hegde.

The club bulletin, Centor, was released by Zonal Lieutenant Rtn. Naveen Kumar. Rtn. Mrs. Roopa Shetty introduced the Assistant Governor, Rtn. PP PHF K. M. Hegde, who addressed the audience, sharing his insights and vision for the future.

Rtn. Ronald Mendonca introduced the new President, Rtn. Brian Pinto, who delivered an acceptance speech filled with optimism and dedication. He shared his vision for the Rotary year 2024-2025, emphasizing the club's focus on impactful community service projects, enhanced member engagement through the newly introduced Buddy Program, and fostering leadership within the club.

The induction of seven new members was conducted by the Assistant Governor, with Rtn. Ganesh Bhat introducing the inductees. This was a significant moment, welcoming fresh enthusiasm and commitment into the club.

Rtn. Vikas Kotian introduced our Chief Guest, Mr. Anil Lobo, who then addressed the audience. His speech was both motivating and insightful, emphasizing the importance of community service and leadership.

The evening continued with the presentation of mementos and bouquets. Rtn. Brian Pinto presented a memento to Rtn. Rajesh Shetty, and Ann Veena Pinto presented a bouquet to Ann Pramila Shetty. Annet Ishani then presented a bouquet to the First Lady, Ann Veena Pinto. Mementos were also presented to the outgoing Secretary Rtn. PP PHF Ravi Jalan, the Chief Guest, the Assistant Governor, and the Zonal Lieutenant.

Rtn. Pradeep Kulal acknowledged the dignitaries, expressing gratitude for their presence and contributions. The vote of thanks was delivered by Secretary Rtn. Rajesh Seetharama, expressing appreciation to all who made the event a success.

The Master of Ceremony signed off, and the President adjourned the meeting for fellowship and dinner at 9:20 PM, concluding the formal proceedings. The colorful evening was concluded with a fellowship dinner, allowing members and guests to interact, share experiences, and strengthen bonds.

This Installation Ceremony was a testament to the spirit of Rotary and the unwavering dedication of our members. As we embark on this new chapter, we look forward to a year of impactful service, strengthened fellowship and continued growth.

RTN PP MPHF DR. MADHUSUDAN UPADHYA RECEIVES THE 8th LEVEL MPHF PIN IN THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF OUR CLUB HELD AT HOTEL MOTI MAHAL ON FRIDAY THE 05th OF JULY 2024 AT 8.30 P.M.

Rtn PP MPHF Dr. Madhusudan Upadhya received the 08th level Multiple Paul Haris Fellow Pin from Club President 2023-24 Rtn Rajesh Shetty in the Installation Ceremony of office bearers of our club for 2024-25 held at Hotel Moti Mahal on Friday, the 05th of July at 8.30 p.m. Many Congratulations Rtn Dr. Upadhya and all the best!

7 MEMBERS INDUCTED TO THE CLUB ON 05.07.2024

7 members were inducted to our club in the Installation Ceremony of our Club held at Hotel Moti Mahal on Friday, the 05^{th} July 2024 at 9.30 p.m.

They are

1) Rtn Jacob Abraham

(classification-Past Service)

2) Rtn Lastern Joy D'Souza

 $(classification \hbox{-} Distribution \hbox{of } Electronic \hbox{ goods})$

3) Rtn Sheldon Crasta

(classification-Event Management)

4) Rtn Shaji Diwakaran

(classification-Alcoholic Beverage Distribution)

5) Rtn Murali Nair H (classification - Aviation Training)

6) Rtn Ashwin Sequiera

(classification - Poultry Sales)

7) Rtn Raghavendra Prasad

(classification: Real estate investment business)

 $with the addition of these 7\,members\,\,to the club, the strength of the club is 56\,now. The welcome them to the club!$

RTN PP PHF SANTHOSH SHET CONTRIBUTES 50 USD (Rs. 4,150) TO THE POLIO FUND OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ON 04.07.2024

Rtn PP PHF Santhosh Shet contributed an amount of Rs. 4,150/- (50 USD) to the Polio Fund of the Rotary Foundation. The total contribution by him to the Polio Fund is 65 USD upo now. He has also contributed 18 USD to the World Fund of the Rotary Foundation. Many Congratulation Rtn Santhosh!

2024 - 25 THEME ADDRESS

RTN MD STEPHANIE A. URCHICK, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2024-25

Hello, family of Rotary! I am honored to address the 24-25 class of district governors, the Irresistibles! And when I call you "my family," I'm not just being kind. I really think of Rotary as my family.

I want to start today by putting a special focus on some very important members of our family of Rotary. In a couple of weeks, I'm traveling to Pakistan to meet with some amazing people: female health workers.

Ending polio everywhere means taking on this hard task, block by block, across Pakistan. It's a difficult and, at times, dangerous mission. These women literally climb mountains to vaccinate children in remote locations. But that's not even half of it. They fight misinformation and prejudice every step of the way.

When we finally eradicate polio in Pakistan — and everywhere — it will be due in large part to these women.

So when I arrive in Pakistan to meet with these workers, I want them to know that even though they will never meet most of you, they have your support, and you treasure their contributions. So I want you to give them a standing ovation that I can share with them on my visit ... hold on ... as soon as I get my camera ready.

In addition to your generous applause, the best way for you to support these health workers and the fight against polio is by raising awareness and raising money. It's not too late to join or initiate a PolioPlus Society in your club or district. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is still matching our donations 2-to-1, but only if we meet our annual fundraising goal of US\$50 million.

To help raise awareness, I need you to contact elected officials and other government leaders. Remind them that polio is still a threat. Push them to support polio eradication. Polio remains our top priority and requires our fullest commitment. But there is so much important work to do.

Thankfully, we have Rotary's Action Plan to make our work easier and to make the club experience simply irresistible. That's where the magic of Rotary starts. We'll need that magic if we're going to bring healing in a divided world. The numbers of armed conflicts and displaced people around the world are rising at an alarming rate. We need to be at our best if we want to have a positive impact.

That means we might have to change a few things about ourselves as an organization. Change can be scary, but it's easier when we change together.

With that in mind, I invite all of you to become Action Plan champions so you can change your clubs for the better and keep Rotary strong. And there's plenty of room for continuity in the Action Plan, too. It's all about building on our best ideas, not abandoning them.

Think of the Action Plan as a tool to help you improve the club experience in your district. Remember, you have influence. District governors charter clubs. You can help club leaders think creatively and produce irresistible experiences, both for existing and future members. That could mean changing how things are done in your district. If your district has been doing things one way for 50 years, it's probably time to reassess. The Action Plan helps identify a club's strengths and weaknesses and what that club can do to improve.

If a club in your district isn't active or is losing members, maybe it's time to start a new club that fits better with the community. Ask club members what they want, and bridge that with the community's needs. Just because a club or district hasn't changed in a while doesn't mean no one is hungry for change. You have an incredible opportunity as district governors to empower club members to make improvements.

Check in with club members in your district. Ask them about their club experience and what can be done to make it better. And consider talking to leaders in your communities who are not Rotary members yet but should be. Maybe they don't know about Rotary. Or perhaps the current club structure in their community is not the right fit.

You might find that some members don't feel like they truly belong in their club. That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging is so important.

Anyone who has the heart and hands for service belongs in Rotary, and I hope you'll join me in opening your arms to future people of action, even if — and in some cases, especially if — they don't look or act like the typical member of your local club. With DEI, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. It's in those moments when we are committed and focused that we are the most effective and relevant.

But the work can't stop there. No one will know our clubs are irresistible if we don't tell people about them! The fact is, we need storytellers to spread our positive image and to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

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MEMBERS/ANNS/ANNETS/JOHNS/LORDS IN THE NEWS

- Rtn PDG MD Dr. B Devdas Rai installed the team of office bearers of the Rotary Club of Karkala for the year 2024-25 in a function held at Hotel Prakash Karkala on Friday, the 05th of July 2024 at 6.30 p.m. Many congratulations Rtn Dr. Rai!
- Rtn PDG MD Dr. Devadas Rai was felicitated by the Rotary Club of Karkala during the Installation Ceremony of the Club in a function held at Hotel Prakash Karkala on Friday, the 05th July 2024 at 8.30 p.m. Many congratulations Rtn Dr. Rai!
- Rtn PDG MD Dr. B Devdas Rai installed the team of office bearers of the Rotary Club of Mangalore Seaside in a function held at Hotel Maya International on Tuesday, the 09th of July 2024 at 7.30 p.m. Many congratulations Rtn Dr. Rai!
- Assistant Governor Zone 2, RID 3181 2024-25 Rtn PP PHF K. M. Hegde installed the team of office bearers of RC Mangalore Hillside in a function held at Rotary Bala Bhavan Mangaluru on Wednesday, the 3rd of July 2024 at 7.30 p.m. Many Congratulations Rtn K.M. Hegde!
- Assistant Governor Zone 2, RID 3181 2024-25 Rtn PP PHF K. M. Hegde conducted a club assembly in the weekly Club Meeting of RC Mangalore Porttown on Saturday, the 06th of July 2024 at 7.30 p.m. at Rotary Bala Bhavan Baikampady. Many Congratulations Rtn K.M. Hegde!
- Rtn PHF S.S. Nayak was the anchor of "Business Tonic" programme broadcasted by Namma Kudla 24 x 7 News Channel on Sunday, 07.07.2024 at 10.00 a.m. Many Congratulations Rtn S.S. Nayak!
- Rtn PP PHF Rajgopal Rai was the Guest of Honor of "Mariyalada Minadina" programme organize by International Bunts Welfare Trust held at Popular Grand Bay Resort Maravoor on Sunday, the 07th July 2024 from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Many Congratulations Rtn Rai!
- Rtn Jagannath Shetty was the Guest of Honor of "Mariyalada Minadina" programme organize by International Bunts Welfare Trust held at Popular Grand Bay Resort Maravoor on Sunday, the 07th July 2024 from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Many Congratulations Rtn Jagannath Shetty!

BIRTHDAYS

06th July 2024: Rtn PP PHF Krishna M. Hegde 07th July 2024: John Siddarth (S/o Rtn Roopa Dinesh Shetty) 09th July 2024: Ann Keerthi (W/o Rtn PP Ram Mohan Rai)

With Best Compliments From:

Rtn. PHF Darryl Steven DSouza

Youth Service Director, Rotary Club of Mangalore Central

THIS MEETING

12.07.2024 - FRIDAY - HOTEL MOTI MAHAL - 8.00 P.M. - TALK ON MY TOUR OF ITALY, SWITZERLAND, AND FRANCE BY PDG MD RTN DR. B DEVADAS RAI PLEASE ATTEND

NEXT MEETING

19.7.2024 - FRIDAY - HOTEL MOTI MAHAL- 8.00 P.M. - TALK ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH -BY PROFESSOR Dr PREMA D'CUNHA, PROFESSOR OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, KANACHUR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES NATEKAL - PLEASE ATTEND