

# OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN

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## PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Dear friends and Family members,

October was the month of celebrations. There lot was to celebrate. Vijay Dashami Navaratri and Deepavali festivals happen to fall in the same month this year adding more flavour for the month. We, the Downtowners, celebrated these festivals along with the anniversaries birthdays and of Rotarians and family members



during the family dinner meet with much pomp and gaiety. It was indeed a fun filled programme where all the family members participated in full josh. Such events really help to create and nurture bonding between the family members.

We also celebrated the events like Coast to Coast beach cleaning project as well as Awareness on Pulse Polio with Slogan END Polio. Our Rtn Major Donor Suraj Hebbar, Rtn Jayaraj K., Rtn Rajesh Shetty Rtn Umesh Gatty and Rtn Eknath Dandekeri attended the programmes. In the weekly meeting our Annnet Brihith Shenoy gave a very informative talk on Evolution of Artificial intelligence.

The celebrations do not end here. It will continue in the form of Zonal Cricket and Zonal Cultural Competitions. Our members already started practicing cricket in the early morning hours and practice for our cultural events will start soon. I request all our family members to participate wholeheartedly in all these events and keep our club's flag flying high.





### "SAMVEDA #18- LEADERSHIP MASTERY"



### 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024

Rotary Mangalore Downtown in collaboration with Swastika National Business School, Lions Club Mangalore Kudremukh and Government PU College, Kavoor successfully conducted the one-day workshop 'Samveda #18: Leadership mastery' at Government PU College, Kavoor on 1st October, 2024. This initiative, aimed at guiding pre-university students in unlocking their potential and achieving personal and academic goals, received enthusiastic participation from the attendees.

The workshop featured two distinguished resource persons, Dr. Raghavendra Holla N, Chairman of Swastika National Business School and a National Trainer for JCI India and Ms. Pooja Rao, Zone Trainer JCI India & Lecturer at Swastika National Business School. They covered key aspects of leadership, communication, and self-development, motivating students to take on leadership roles in their academic and personal lives. Our club President Elect Rtn Sathyajith Rao inaugurated the event. Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria was also present at the programme.



### "24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - WORLD POLIO DAY"

As part of various events marking celebration of 'World Poilio Day' by the Rotary Clubs of Zone-2 & Zone-3, Event-1 was organised on 24.10.2024 at 9.00am @Surathkal Point. DG. Rtn. Flyover Vikramdatta along with AG's unveiled the Banner spreading the message of "END POLIO". In his address, DG requested all Rotarians to work & spread the message of eradication of Polio in the World. The Event-1 programme organized by RC Surathkal jointly with RC Baikampady and RC Porttown. From our club Rtn Rajesh Shetty & Suraj Hebbar Neria Rtn participated in the event.





As part of various events marking celebration of 'World Poilio Day' by the Rotary Clubs of Zone-2 & Zone-3, Event-2 was organised @ VSK Towers, Kottara Chowki, Mangalore. DG Rtn.Vikramdatta **"SKY** unveiled the BALL' spreading the message of "END POLIO NOW". Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized & urged the Rotary family to spread the awareness of Rotary public image of eradication of Polio Free World. club From Rtn Eknath our Dandekeri, Rtn Rajesh Shetty & Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria participated in the event.





### "24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - WORLD POLIO DAY"

The final event #3 as part of various events marking celebration of 'World Poilio Day' by the Rotary Clubs of Zone-2 & Zone-3 was held @ City Center Mall. Mangalore. DG Rtn. Vikramdatta inaugurated a "SELFI STAND" and took selfie's of Rotarians of various Clubs, DG spoke on the occasion to join hands in eradication of Polio Free World and Congratulated all Clubs of Zone-2 & 3 for organizing this programme in very successful manner. From our club Rtn Umesh Gatty & Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria participated in the event.



# FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS "ಚಿಣ್ಣರ ಚಿಲಿಪಿಲಿ - CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL"



Rotary Mangalore Seaside is organising a Chilkdren's Festival – "**දුතු දුළුළුදීම වීටී**" on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at Amrita Vidyalayam, Boloor, Mangalore.

In the event, various competitions for singing, dancing, quiz, tricycle race, memory test, elocution, painting, collage making, story telling etc, will be held for the students from Kindergarten to 10<sup>th</sup> Standard.





## FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS "PAUL HARRIS TABLE TENNIS CARNIVAL"



"Paul Harris Table Tennis Carnival- Season-1", a multi district Table Tennis Tournament is being organised by Rotary Club of Madrs Midtown, Rotary Club of Kodaikanal & Fellowship of Table tennis Loving Rotarians. The venue will be St. Peter's International School, Kodaikanal and the event is held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2024. The event is involving 5 countries and 50 Rotary Districts. The event is open for Rotarians. Anns and Annets. Registration fee is Rs.8,999/- for individuals and Rs.20,000/- for group of 3.

## **"RIDE FOR ROTARY - 9"**

Join for the 9th edition of Ride for Rotary, taking place from January 5th to 20th, 2025. Ride through an unforgettable adventure across Central India, from Indore to Gwalior, and witness the majesty of the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Don't miss out—register today!

Ride for Rotary", a TRF fund raising project, which is a motorcycle ride event across 4 Rotary Districts in India in which the participants will experience heritage, culture Indian and hospitality along with exchange of Rotary views and fellowship. For details. visit more www.rideforrotary.com.





## FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - "CALGARY -2025"



Rotary International Convention-2025 will be held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at Stampede Park, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The registrations for the said event is already open. Interested members may register for the event.

## **ZONAL EVENTS**



**Zonal Outdoor Tournament** for Zone-2 & 3 will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 at Mangala Stadium. RC Mangalore East will be hosting the event.



## FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS "NAVA VAIBHAVA"

The District Conference for the Rotary Year 2024-25 for RID 3181 is named 'Nava Vaibhava" signifying the 9<sup>th</sup> year of formation of RID 3181. It will be held from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 at Adyar Gardens, Mangaluru under the leadership of Rtn Vikramadatta, D.G for 2024-25.

Registration counter was opened at the venue of 'Prajna Parva' on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024 offering early bird registration incentives. Few of our club members have availed the early bird incentive by registering at the venue.

Other members are also requested to register for the event as it is being held in Mangaluru.



## **"ROTARY CRICKET BASH"**



**"ROTARY CRICKET BASH"**- Zonal Cricket Tournament for Zone-2 & 3 will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at NMPA Grounds, Panambur. Our D.G. Rtn Vikramdatta will be inaugurating the event.

RC Baikampady will be hosting the event.



## FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS "YOUTH CARNIVAL"

"YOUTH CARNIVAL"- RID 3181 Annual District Interact Conference is organised on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> November at SDM Campus, Ujire. The event is being hosted by Rotary Club of Belthangady.

In the event, the Interactors are invited to showcase their service projects as well as their talent.



## **"ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)"**



A 3-Day residential programme RYLA is being organised for the students (From PU and above) at Pilikula Nisargadhama, Mangalore from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. The event is being hosted by Rotary Club Mangalore North.

This programme is basically aiming to create an intensive leadership experience to the students where they develop their skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.



# EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED "COAST TO COAST 3.0"



'Rotaract District 3181 in association with RC Surathkal along with other Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, Interact and Inner Wheel Clubs organised "Coast To Coast 3.0", a beach cleaning drive at Iddya Beach, Surathkal on 2nd October, 2024 More than 260 volunteers joined hands for a noble cause. The members of RC Mangalore Downtown were proud to be part of this programme.



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## **EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED** "BAANDHAVYA & OCTOBER FEST"

'Baandhaya', multia District Fellowship Meet involving Rotary Districts of 3181, 3182, 3191 & 3192 was held at Vintage Village Resort, Hassan on 5th & 6th October, 2024, hosted by Rotary Clubs of Zone-9 of RID 3182. On the same dates and venue. 'October Fest', beer, food & music was also held, which was organised by BREW (Beer **Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide** Fellowship).



6th OCTOBER 2024





### BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

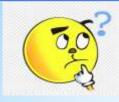
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W/o RTN PRABHATH JOSHI	19 <sup>th</sup> November				
Rtn PRASHANT NAYAK	20 <sup>th</sup> November				
JON SATHVIK TANAY HANDE,					
S/O RTN SANDEEP HANDE P.	24 <sup>th</sup> November				



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS

7 <sup>th</sup> November
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## **ROTARY QUIZ**

- 1) Where and when did RYLA begin?
- 2) Young Exchange is one of Rotary's most popular and successful programs. When and where was the first exchange?
- 3) Who initially designed the Rotary Wheel?
- 4) Who created Rotary 4-Way Test?
- 5) When was Interact, the Rotary Youth Programme was launched?

## RIDDLES

## What kind of band never plays music?

(Answers on the last page)





## **NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD**

# Famous Rotarians



Prince Edvard Benes President of Czechoslovakia Rotary Club of Prague



Edvard Benes served twice as the President of Czechoslovakia. During WW2 Benes led the government in exile from Britain. He returned to the Presidency after the war only to lose it with the advent of the Communist revolution three years later.

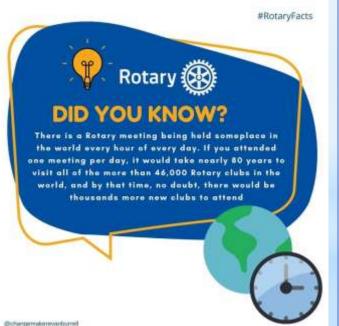
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### RTN PRINCE EDWARD BENES

**Rtn Prince Edward Benes**, born on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 1884, a Czech politician and statesman who served as the president of Czechoslovakia from 1935 to 1938, and again from 1939 to 1948. He died on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1948. He was the member of Rotary Club of Prague.

## **ROTARY – DID YOU KNOW?**







## **HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**



4 STAR 100% Rating 15 Consecutive Years in a Row

**GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION** In 1929, the Foundation made its first gift of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, At the 1917 convention, outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph proposed to set up an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, it was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.



and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

### **EVOLUTION OF FOUNDATION PROGRAMS**

**1947:** The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

**1965-66:** Three programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

**1978:** Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

**1985:** The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

**1987-88:** The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

**2013:** New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.







Albert Einstein's wife often suggested that he dress more professionally when he headed off to work. "Why should I?" he would invariably argue. "Everyone knows me there."

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When the time came for Einstein to attend his first major conference, she begged him to dress up a bit. "Why should I?" said Einstein. "No one knows me there!"



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Albert Einstein was often asked to explain the general theory of relativity. "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour," he once declared. "Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity!"

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When Einstein met Charlie Chaplin:

Einstein said: "What I admire most about your art, is its universality. You do not say a word, and yet ... the world understands you."

"It's true," replied Charlie Chaplin,

"But your fame is even greater; The world admires you, when nobody understands you.".2

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When Albert Einstein was working in Princeton university, one day he was going back home he forgot his home address. The driver of the cab did not recognize him. Einstein asked the driver if he knows Einstein's home. The driver said "Who does not know Einstein's address? Everyone in Princeton knows. Do you want to meet him?. Einstein replied "I am Einstein. I forgot my home address, can you take me there? "The driver reached him to his home and did not even collect his fare from him.















# **October reflections**

## **"EVOLUTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"**



During the weekly meeting held on 16.10.2024, our Jon Bekal Brihith Shenoy, S/O our President Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy & Rtn Parinitha Shenoy gave a wonderful talk on 'The Evolution of Artificial Intelligence'.

It was a very informative talk wherein he informed the gathering about the origin and subsequent development of artificial intelligence, its pros and cons, its future and how it is going to impact our life.

## **"CRICKET PRACTICE"**





Cricket Practice for the incoming Zonal Cricket Tournament is in full swing, though the number of participants are less





# **October reflections**

## **"DASARA & DEEPAVALI CELEBRATIONS"**

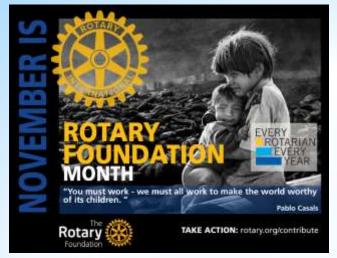




& Deepavali Dasara celebration with along celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries of our members were held on 27th October, 2024 at Eden Club. It was a fun filled programme began with invocation, cake cutting, quiz on Dasara & Deepavali, Dance by annets, karaoke singing by Rotarians and family members.



### **NOVEMBER- THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH**



Each year, Rotary International highlights November as Rotary Foundation Month to emphasize the importance of and need for Rotarian support of The Rotary Foundation.

Contributions from Rotarians around the world go to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, which provides grants and awards through Foundation programs; and the Permanent Fund, an endowment from which only the

earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs, ensuring the long term viability of the Foundation.

**Every dollar** contributed by Rotarians funds humanitarian and educational programs and program operations. Clubs and districts apply for and receive Foundation grants to carry out worthy projects worldwide.

If Rotary is to be there to teach children to read, build wells, feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the poor; then **Every Rotarian is invited and encouraged to support the Annual Fund with a personal contribution, Every Year.** 

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into <u>our priorities</u>, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact...... Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

In 2016-17, our Rotary Foundation turned 100 and this year it completes 108 years of service to the world. That's a century of Rotary members changing lives and improving communities all over the world. And that's definitely something worth celebrating.

Through our Foundation, Rotary members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, and grow local economies. We've also been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

It is the perfect time to share this impressive record with the world. Join us in making sure that every Rotary member and people in every community know about the vital work of Rotary and its Foundation.



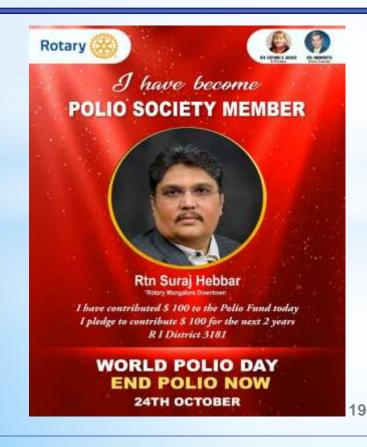


## The Downtowners



**Rtn Umesh Gatty** was the Chief Guest at the Anniversary Celebrations conducted by Padmashali Yuva vedike and Padmashali Mahila Vedike at Sri Veerabadhra Mahamayi Temple, Matadakani, Mangalore on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2024. He was also felicitated by the hosts.

Another good news....!!!! Rtn Umesh Gatty has been promoted as Controller of Accounts, MESCOM. Congratulations to him and wish him all the best in his new responsibility.



### **"POLIO SOCIETY MEMBER"**

Major Donor Rtn Suraj Hebbar Neria, become a "POLIO SOCIETY MEMBER' by making payment of 100 US\$ to TRF- Polio Fund and also by pledging to contribute 100 US\$ each for the next two years



### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - NOVEMBER, 2024



One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality. From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship — a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships. District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems. To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation. Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.





### TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE-NOVEMBER, 2024

There are as many reasons to join Rotary as there are members. Most join for experiences — new friendships, expanding professional circles, or putting Service Above Self into action to create impact. Rotary delivers on all of these, often simultaneously. Through our Rotary Foundation, Rotary also has a knack for offering unexpected experiences and new opportunities that open doors and change lives.

I learned this firsthand at age 30 when I served as president of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama. That year, my wife and I sought out the chance to try something new: attending the 1985 Rotary International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. There, we witnessed the dawn of



PolioPlus and met members from different backgrounds, realizing we were part of a global family.

Later that year, I learned that a Rotary Group Study Exchange team from Nigeria was scheduled to visit Alabama, but Decatur was not on the agenda. After making a few calls, we soon welcomed the Nigerian team into our home. It was an incredible and unexpected experience.

Before the group departed, the team leader recommended me to lead the six-member team from Alabama that would visit Nigeria the following year, which I did. There, I met people whose lives had been impacted by polio, including several family members of our hosts. I learned that polio reaches its victims across borders, economies, and religions.

That Foundation program — Group Study Exchange — opened my eyes to what Rotary is and what it can do. Taking part in the exchange set me on a path for new friendships and opportunities to serve on multiple continents.

Just as The Rotary Foundation has enriched my Rotary life, it can do the same for you. This month, during Rotary Foundation Month, I invite you to explore new Foundation experiences.

Look for ways you and your club can support Foundation-led efforts like polio eradication, disaster response, or the Rotary Peace Centers. Get involved in global grant or district grant projects. And if you have never had the experience of giving to our Foundation, I invite you to join other Rotary members as a Foundation donor. Your support will mean the world to both Rotary members who want to help and to the individuals and communities who need it.

The Rotary Foundation is not a place or a building. It is an experience, one that lives in our hearts and hands as we do good in the world. The Rotary Foundation is all of us.







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# **ROTARY QUIZ**

- RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, began in 1959 by Rotarians 1) from Queensland, Australia, organized a weeklong conference for outstanding young people. In 1971 the RI Board officially adopted RYLA as a youth program.
- 2) The first youth exchange was when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen (Denmark) arranged to host several American boys in 1921.
- Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear. 3)
- Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932. 4)
- 5) Interact was launched by the RI Board of Directors in1962. The first Interact club was established by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida.

## RIDDLES

## "A rubber band"



