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PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Dear Rotarians and family members.

The Rotary year 2024-25 is rolling out and we are in the completion of the 8 Months and only four months to achieve our targets given by the district. We have completed most of the district projects. The District Governor visit to our club is fixed on 9th April 2025. Dear Members we all have to achieve the target of TRF contribution fixed by the Members please come forward to contribute to the TRF.



February was a very eventful month for us Downtowners. Our own Member Rtn CA Sandeep Hande, demystified the Union Budget-2025-26 in layman's language which can be understood by us and its implications on financial sector. Another disease which is making news nowadays is 'Guillain Barre Syndrome' (GBS). Our member Rtn Dr. Pavanchand Attavar cleared all our doubts about the syndrome in his talk addressed to the members during one of our weekly meetings.

Our big hearted Rtn Eknath Dandekeri was kind enough to sponsor the financial needs of a needy student. Also continuing our support to encourage youth, we Downtowners, in association with M/s Neria Estates Pvt Ltd, sponsored the prizes for the Kabaddi Tournamant held at Gundibaagilu, Neria.

Our New team of Rotary Mangalore Downtown for the year 2025-26 is selected to take up the task under the leadership of President Elect Rotarian Satyajit Rao and Secretary Elect Rotarian Prabhath Joshy. Wish them all the best. Jai Rotary

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"SUPPORTING A KABADDI TOURNAMENT"

















15th February, 2025

Continuing the Rotary tradition of supporting and encouraging youth, our club in association with M/s Neria Estates Pvt Ltd sponsored the First and Second Prize for "Jai Anjaneya Trophy-2025", 5th year Flood Lit Kabbaddi Tournament conducted by Jai Anjaneya Gandibaagilu, Neria Village, Belthangady held on 15th February, 2025

"Sports teaches you character,
It teaches you to play by the rules,
It teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose,
It teaches you about life."

- Billie Jean King



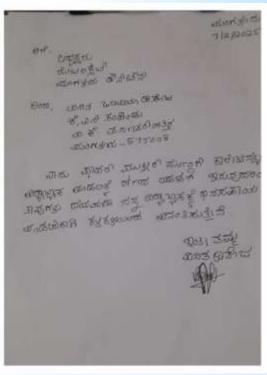




"FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A NEEDY STUDENT"







20th February, 2025

A request was received from Ms Vinitha D'Souza, a Nursing Student from Father Muller's Nursing College for the financial assistance for continuing her education. The good-hearted Rotarian Rtn Eknath Dandekeri came forward and contributed Rs.10,000/- towards the same. The cheque for the same was handed over to Rtn Eknath Dandekeri, for handing over to the needy student, during our weekly meeting held on 20th February, 2025.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill





February reflections

"UNION BUDGET- 2025-26"







Our member Rtn CA Sandeep Hande gave a very informative talk on the proposals made in the recent Union Budget – 2025-26 during our weekly meeting held on 12th February, 2025. It was a very good talk where the nuances of Union Budget 2025-26 was laid bare before us in layman's language by our learned speaker.

"The king must make arrangements for Yogakshema (welfare) of the populace by way of abandoning any laxity and by governing the state in line with Dharma, along with collecting taxes which are in consonance with the Dharma."

(Mahabharat, Shanti Parva Adhyaya. 72. Shlok 11)





February reflections

"GUILLAIN BARRE SYNDROME (GBS)"









Though a short one, but a very good talk by our own member Rtn Dr. Pavanchand Attavar on 'Guillain Barre Syndrome' (GBS) during our weekly meeting held on 20th February, 2025. We knew nothing about this syndrome and he cleared all our doubts about the disease, which is making big news nowadays.





ROTARY INFORMATION

"ROTARY BELL"



History of the Rotary Bell: 🌲

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organised an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize.

The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar.

Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings.

The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, other club rituals and of course the closure of the regular club meeting.





"UNITE FOR GOOD"- PRESIDENTIAL THEME FOR 2025-26





The Rotary presidential theme for the 2025-2026 year is "*Unite for Good*", which is being promoted by incoming President Mário César Martins de Camargo, encouraging members to leverage the power of human connection to create positive change through collaboration on service projects and welcoming new members.

Key points about "Unite for Good":

• Focus on collaboration:

The theme emphasizes the importance of working together across Rotary clubs and districts to maximize impact on global issues.

New member engagement:

It encourages actively recruiting and welcoming new members to expand Rotary's reach.

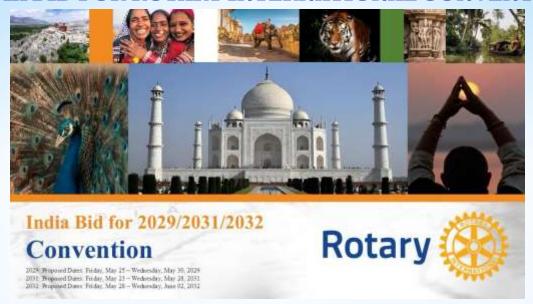
Global impact:

The goal is to utilize Rotary's network to create positive change around the world.

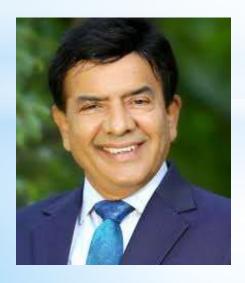




"INDIA BID FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION"



Happy to share the good news that New Delhi has been shortlisted as finalist for consideration to host RI convention in 2029 & 2031. A site inspection team of 6 (3 RI volunteers & 3 RI staff) would be visiting Delhi next month to study the suitability & finalise. This would be a true recognition of Rotary in India - growing membership & increasing contributions to TRF. Kudos to the untiring efforts of our international leaders - Trustee vice chair, Dr. Bharat, RID T. N. Subramanian & RID Anirudha, for making this happen. We hope & pray it becomes a reality.



RTN PRAKASH KARANTH

Many congratulations PDG Rtn Prakash Karanth of Rotary District of 3181 is now nominated as the ARPIC (Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator) of Rotary International for the districts of 3181 & 3182.







RTN ABHINANDAN SHETTY

Rtn Abhinandan Shetty, Rotary Club Kundapur, Past District Governor of RI District 3180 has been invited to serve as Member of the **Joint Strategic Planning** Committee of Rotary International for a period of 4 years starting from 1st July, 2025 to 30th June, 2029. Strategic Planning Committee advices the Board and the Trustees on matters regarding Strategic Plan for the organisations.

"ROTARY PEACE CENTRE"

World's 9th and India's First Rotary Peace Centre is going to be set up in Pune at Symbiosis University. The proposal for the Peace Centre in India put up by IPDG Manjoo Padke and DRFC PDG Dr Shailesh Palekar from RID 3131 and Dr. Anita Patankar & Dr. Sulakshana Sen from Symbiosis University during 2023-24 has been approved by Rotary International.

Situated in different parts of the world, the Rotary Peace Centers offer tailor-made curricula to train individuals devoted to peacebuilding and conflict resolution — no matter where they land.









ROTARY CLUB BELTHANGADY

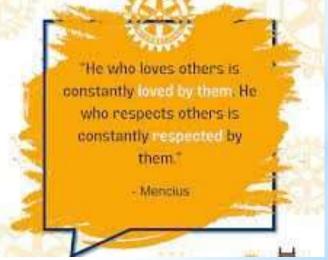
Rotary Club Belthangady has a new feather in its crown. They have created a world record.

Rotary Club Belthangady has entered the 'Golden Book of World Records' for 'Most People transplanting paddy seedlings simultaneously'.

The record was awarded for their program 'YuvaSiri – Raitha Bharathada Isiri'

A unique program organised by Rotary Club Belthangady in association with Baduku Katona Banni Seva Trust, SDM College Ujire – NSS unit wherein more than 700 students and local people participated in paddy sowing in the fields near Ananthapadmanabha Temple Ananthodi Belal, Ujire in the month of October 2024.







FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - "CALGARY -2025"



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

"SOUTH ASIA INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE-2025"









"South Asia International Peace Conference-2025" nis being organised by Rotary District 3192 from 22nd to 23rd March, 2025 at KPTO, Whitefield, Bengaluru. It is a unique gathering to address global issues of environment and health. Rotary

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FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

ACT ASIA MALAYSIA -2025"



'Act Asia Malaysia-2025', 8th Rotary Youth Conference will be held from 16th to 20th May, 2025 in Malaysia. The event is hosted by RID 3262.

The event is combined with a youth exchange and youth festival, offers a unique platform for cultural interaction and knowledge sharing. Participants engage in thought-provoking discussions, skill-building workshops, and vibrant cultural performances. The festival fosters *global friendships* and *mutual understanding* among *Rotary Rotaract and Interact*

"Many people will walk in and out of your life,

But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart."

—Eleanor Roosevelt





FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

"ROTARY TENNIS SLAM - 2025"



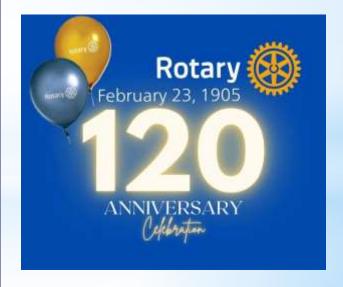
Rotary Tennis Slam-2025', a Tennis Tournament for Rotarians of RI District 3181 is being organised at Cosmopolitan Club, Mysuru on 2nd March, 2025. The event is hosted by Rotary Panchsheel Mysuru.

"POLIO UPDATE"



2 new polio cases confirmed in Pakistan, total cases rise to 5

Pakistan has confirmed two new poliovirus cases, one each in Sindh and Punjab provinces, taking the total number of cases in the country to five this year. In 2024, the country had reported a total of 74 cases. The Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme conducts multiple mass vaccination drives in a year to vaccinate children against polio which has no cure.







EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

"ROTARY PREMIER LEAGUE -2024-25"

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1.	Rakshith
2.	Naveen
3.	Shyamjeeth
4	Elias Pinto

- 6. Kiran H K 7. Sharath 8. Prakyath
- 9. Ravi Kumar 10. Abhishels 11. Siyak.
- 13. Joy D'eouza 1. Karthik 2. Sachin Fernandes 3. Lohith

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13. Abdul Razok

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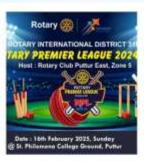
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- 7. Ajay Jain 8. Mushtaq Ahamed 9. Abhiahok Shatty 10. Ummar Faroog
- 12. Margunath 13. Praybanth Rai

- 1. Bholaraí Shetty 2. Ssjeeth Kumer R. 3. Pandoranga Shetty 4. Raghavendra 5. Medhoeuden 6. Pradeep Shetty
 - 2. Ramesh 4. Naveon Chand E. Diveen Varms 7, Nikhil attavar 7. Niranjan Hulimano 8. Sweekrith Anand 9. Siddu Mangalore 8. Ashok
 - 9. Sachin Shetty 10. Shivpresed Kille 10. Sukomer Shetty 11. Sushanth Harvin 11. Subanh Rai 12. Bhanu Prakash 12. Vikas Kotian 13. Suresh M. S.

1. Vinay Kumar

- 1. Chandru N.
- 3. Jayaraj Rai 4. Preshanth S.V. 5. Vishal Moodbidre
- 6. Rajesh R. 7. Karthik Gowda K. E. Rukshith Mysors 9. Sulthen Ant
- 10. Jayakumar N 11. Abhilosh M.J. 12. Shashiyaranan R. 14. Manoj Kumar P.G.





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Muliya Tigers Puttur East	5	4	1	0	0	8	2.661
Manglor Super Kings	5	3	2	0	0	6	-0.226
Puttur City Strikers	5	2	3	0	0	4	1.121
Mysoor Maharajas	5	2	3	0	0	4	-2.695
Mangior United	5	0	5	0	0	0	-3.914





Rotary Premier League - 2024-25, the Cricket Tournament was 16th February, 2025 at St. Philomena College successfully held on Grounds, Puttur. The event was organised by Rotary Club Puttur East.

There were 6 teams competing for the prestigious RPL-2025 Cup. Royal Challengers Mysuru emerged as the Champions while they defeated Mangalore Super Kings in the finals.

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships".

- Michael Jordan



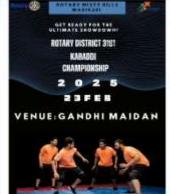


EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

"ROTARY DISTRICT 3181 KABADDI CHAMPIONSHIP - 2025"

Rotary District 3181 Kabaddi Championship - 2025 for the Rotarians of RID 3181 was held on 23rd February, 2025 at Gandhi Maidan, Madikeri.

The event was organised by Rotary Club Misty Hills Madikeri. The event was inaugurated by our District Governor Rtn Vikram Datta.







"ROTARY AWARENESS QUIZ COMPETITION -2025"

Rotary Awareness Ouiz Competition-2025 was organised by Rotary Club of Mangalore Central on 28th February, 2025 at Hotel Moti Mahal, Mangalore. Many of the Rotary Clubs from RID 3181 participated in the event. Rotary Club Vijayanagar Mysuru represented by Rtn Harish H.M. won the competition after achieving a perfect score of 50 out of 50 correct answers.











BRAIN TEASERS



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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) In which year women were officially allowed to be the member of Rotary Clubs?
- 2) How many people attended the first Rotary meeting on Thursday evening, February 23, 1905?
- 3) What is the greatest distance from Chicago that a Rotary Club banner has been displayed?
- 4) What is the greatest distance from Chicago that a Rotary pin has been displayed?
- 5) Who was the first Indian to become the Rotary International President?

RIDDLES

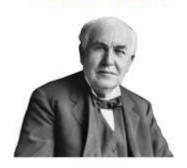
"The more of this there is, the less you see...What is it?"





NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Famous Rotarians



Thomas Edison American Inventor Rotary Club of Orange NJ

Design by Remony Club of Morrissee



Thomas Edison was an inventor and businessman often considered America's greatest inventor.

Edisons inventions in the fields of power generation, mass communications, motion pictures, sound recording and electric lighting shape much of modern life. He also industrialized and commercialized inventing in his Menio Park research laboratories.

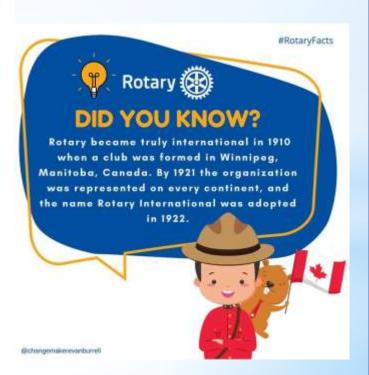


RTN THOMAS ALVA EDISON

Rtn Thomas Alva Edison, born in 1847, is a great American Inventor and Businessman. He developed many devices like phonograph, motion picture camera and electric bulb etc., which had a great impact on the modern world. He stablished the first Industrial Research Laboratory. He got 2332 patents registered in his name all over the world.

He was the member of Rotary Club of Orange, New Jersey, USA.





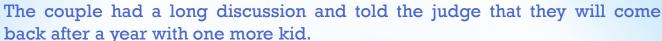
ROTARY – DID YOU KNOW?





Husband and wife went to court for a divorce.

Judge: You have 3 kids. How will you divide them?



The story doesn't end here.

The next year, the couple got "Twins...!!"



Doctor was stunned to discover this!!!

A Doctor and a Lawyer were having a conversation at a Party.

Their talk was constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice..

After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asks the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you are out of the office?".

"I will give it to them", replied the lawyer, "and then I send them the bill for the advice".

The Doctor is shocked, but agrees to give it a try.

The next day, still feeling guilty, the Doctor prepares the bills.

When he goes to place them in his mailbox, he finds a bill from the Lawy friend.



He thought it was safe to swim to the shore!!!

A tourist was fishing off the coast when he boat tipped over.

He could swim, but he was afraid of alligators and clung to the side of the overturned boat.

Spotting an aged man on the beach, the tourist shouted out - "Are there any alligators here?".

"No", the man shouted back, "they haven't been around here for years!".

Feeling safe, the tourist started to swim calmly towards the shore.

About half-way there, he heard the old man shouting,

"You better watch out for the sharks though, since there isn't any alligators left to eat, they sure get mighty hungry!".

MARCH- WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE MONTH



Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to also improve sanitation facilities in undeveloped countries. Rotary Members start by providing toilets and latrines that flush into a sewer or safe enclosure and then add education programs to promote handwashing and other good hygiene habits.

Rotary members are committed to reaching the water and sanitation through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

At Rotary, we're taking action. Over the past decade, your Rotary Foundation has invested more than \$180 million in over 2,500 water and sanitation projects worldwide. Rotary is on the ground making a difference through global grant-supported projects funded by your contributions to the Foundation.

But Rotary can't do it alone. We have partnered with organizations like USAID to deliver large-scale solutions. The Rotary-USAID Partnership has helped thousands access water and sanitation services in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Rotary efforts to connect people with clean water go beyond providing a basic necessity. We are paving the way for healthier communities and brighter futures, and doing so in a sustainable manner. With access to water, communities enhance education levels, improve health, and further development.

"We never know the worth of water till the well is dry."





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - MARCH, 2025

March is here, and for Rotary International, that means celebrating Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month — a time to shine a spotlight on one of the most transformative areas of our work. This month is an opportunity to reflect on *The Magic of Rotary* and the profound impact we create when we come together with determination and purpose.

Years ago, I experienced this magic firsthand in the Dominican Republic. When a group of members helped people install water filters, three children watched with amazement as dirty water entered one end of a filter and clean water emerged from the other. When we paused the demonstration, one child tugged at my sleeve and pleaded, "Show me the magic again."



To them, it felt magical. It was also the result of countless hours of effort — planning, transporting, and installing the filters — alongside local partners who were dedicated to making clean water accessible. In that moment, I realized that what seemed like a small act could change residents' lives. That is *The Magic of Rotary*.

This story is a testament to the incredible potential of our global family to create change. Water projects exemplify our reach, our partnerships, and our unwavering commitment to improving lives. Consider Rotary's work with USAID. That partnership has enabled us to work with communities and governments to improve access to sustainable water and sanitation services for thousands of people in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Partnerships remind us that Rotary's impact is amplified when we work together. Through our strategic alliance with the United Nations Environment Programme, we're advancing the Community Action for Fresh Water initiative. This program equips Rotary members with the tools and resources to protect, restore, and sustain freshwater ecosystems.

When we make use of Rotary grants and advocate for clean water in our communities, we create a ripple effect that extends far beyond individual projects.

As we embrace the spirit of the month, I encourage every Rotary member to seek out new partnerships. Collaboration multiplies our efforts and helps us reach more people in need. Whether it's joining forces with local organizations, forming alliances with international agencies, or mobilizing your community, every step we take together brings us closer to a world where everyone has access to clean water and safe sanitation.

The Magic of Rotary shines brightest when we work in harmony with others to create lasting good. Together, we can turn dreams into realities that transform lives and communities. The result may feel like magic at times, but we know it's from the power of our collective commitment and compassion. Let's harness this magic to make a difference this month and beyond.

Stephanie A. Urchick President 2024-25





TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE-MARCH, 2025



After joining Rotary, you never look at a glass of water the same way again. Holding it, you are humbled by the privilege of access to drinkable water. Then, you recall how Rotary brings communities and water experts together to deliver safe drinking water to places in need of it, transforming lives.

According to the United Nations, 2 billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water, and 3.6 billion lack safely managed sanitation. During March, we focus on our commitment to addressing water, sanitation, and hygiene challenges through our clubs and The Rotary Foundation.

District and global grants, made possible by the Foundation, provide a direct way for members to engage in water and sanitation projects. My wife, Gay, and I have seen the transformative power of these grants. Our clubs, the Rotary Clubs of Decatur and Decatur Daybreak, Alabama, partnered with the Rotary Club of Ecatepec, Mexico, to sanitize cisterns and tanks for about 300 schools. We are also launching a new global grant to provide rainwater collection systems for 50 Indigenous families in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Chihuahua, in partnership with five organizations.

Globally, Rotary employs comprehensive approaches to these initiatives. In Mexico, the global grant-funded program Niñas Sabias, or Wise Girls, empowers girls by providing education on menstruation, building self-esteem, and purchasing reusable menstrual products.

Our partnership with USAID in Uganda has shown how small-scale piped water systems can deliver cost-effective, sustainable solutions. By investing in local governance and technical capacity, this initiative ensures long-term access to clean water for entire regions.

Rotary's Programs of Scale also demonstrate the power of interdisciplinary strategies. In India's water-scarce regions, Rotary promotes solutions such as rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge, integrating water management with agricultural productivity to enhance sustainability and resilience.

Moving forward, we will continue improving how we deliver water and boost sanitation, focusing on regional planning, strengthening delivery systems, and fostering partnerships.

Be proud to be part of this meaningful work — and please consider supporting it.

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you not only help us reach our 2024-25 fundraising goal of \$500 million, you also play a role in ensuring Rotary can make clean water, effective sanitation, and hygiene accessible for generations.

Mark Daniel Maloney
Trustee Chair 2024-25







BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH				
RTN. SHILPA KEMTUR,					
W/O. RTN. SURAJ N D HEBBAR	1 ST MARCH				
RTN PRABHATH JOSHI	1 ST MARCH				
ANN.LAKSHMI S RAO,					
W/o. Rtn.SATHYAJITH S RAO	4 TH MARCH				
Ann.NIVEDITHA KAMATH,					
W/O. RTN. NAGARAJ KAMATH	8 TH MARCH				
JON KAUSTUBH,					
S/o RTN. PRASHANT NAYAK	14 TH MARCH				
RTN SANDEEP HANDE P.	19 TH MARCH				
RTN DR. SAVITHA GATTY,					
W/o RTN A. UMESH GATTY	23 RD MARCH				
JON.ANISH S RAO,					
S/O.RTN.SATHYAJITH S RAO	30 TH MARCH				
ANNET. SHRIYAA BHANDARY,					
D/O. RTN. GANESH BHANDARY	30 TH MARCH				









Life is a beautiful adventure, and today is the perfect day to celebrate how far you've come and how far you can go. Wishes from Rotary Mangalore Downtown your birthday!





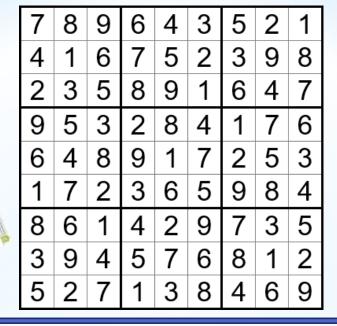




ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS

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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) 1989 (After the ruling by United State Supreme Court).
- 2) Four: Paul Harris, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey met in Gustavus Loehr's office.
- 3) Astronaut Frank Borman, of the Rotary Club of Space Center Houston, took a club banner on his orbit around the moon in Apollo 8.
- 4) Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, an honorary Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Spring Lake-Brielle (New Jersey) where his father was a member, planted a Four-Way Test pin on the moon when he landed Apollo 11.
- 5) Nitish Chandra Laharry, is the first Indian, in fact the first Asian, to become RI President in the year 1962-63.

RIDDLES

"DARKNESS"



