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Presidential Musings

Dear Rotarians and family members.

The month of March is only the financial year end and not for Rotary. We have three more months for the Rotary year to end. We have to achieve our targets given by the District and to complete the district projects by June end. March is water and sanitation month as per Rotary International. The perfect theme for the hot summer season. Members please save water for future generations.



The Month started with Specialized skill talk by Master Soham J., followed by a joint meeting with RC Mangalore Hillside. The members of both the clubs were educated on the Intellectual Property Rights by Women Entrepreneur Mrs.Sushmitha Kamath on Women's day celebration.

I request the full hearted participation of our members in making contribution towards TRF. Many of our members have already shown their inclination to contribute to TRF. I request other members too come forward and to contribute to TRF.

Dear members the District Governor's visit is fixed for 9th April 2025. We have two projects to inaugurate and hand over the same to the beneficiaries on 9th April 2025. District Governor's official visit to the Club is an opportunity for us to reflect on our performance- what we have planned, what we have achieved and what is our future course of action. Also, it is an opportunity to present our performance before the other dignitaries from the neighbouring clubs. I request our members to attend the function along with their family members and to make this occasion a memorable one.

Wish you all my dear Members and their family Happy Bisu Parba celebration on 14th April 2025.



RTN VIKRAMA DATTA - DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR RID 3181



RTN. VIKRAMA DATTA

Mr. Vikramdatta was born on the 19.09.1966, in Sunkadakatte, Manjeshwar. He completed his primary and secondary education in his native place after which he passed his 2nd PUC from Govt. College, Kanyana. He then joined the Indian Navy in the year 1983 as 'Artificer Apprentice'. He took up Electronics and Communication and got his BE degree in Jamnagar, Gujarat. He served on board Indian Naval Ship Godhavari, Chatak, and Ganga and also on Off shore Naval Base - Valsura (Jamnagar). During his naval time, he has visited places such as: Malaysia, Seychelles, Iran, Iraq, Oman, UAE, Somalia, Srilanka, Mahe etc. He took part in the Royal Fleet review at Malaysia and was also a part of the UN Force at Somalia as well as the Supporting force with IPKF action at Jaffna. He Took active part in the electronic spy activity during off Karachi action and witnessed the Gujarat Cyclone disaster.

He was a member of the simulated version of Torpedo. He was a Part of a special team (Southern naval command) with scientific advisor to PM headed by Dr Abdul Kalam.

During his naval tenure, he also had the privilege of donning the garb of a teacher and teaching higher study students. In the 15 years of service to the nation, he received a lot a accolades and awards like: Best Leader during leadership training, Best Valsurian Award, Citation from southern naval commanding officer, and he received citations from various commanding officers as many as three times in a row.

Post retirement in 1998 he was associated with several religious and social organizations He also recognized and honouned by various organizations and institutions for his service towards country and community.

As a member of the Rotary family, he joined Rotary in the year 2010. He served as the President of RC Deralakatte in the year 2012. During his term his club bagged 15 awards. He served Zonal and district level as the Zonal Lieutenant of Zone 4 during 2014-15. 2015-16 Zonal Coordinator for Interact. 2016-17 Assistant Governor of RI District 3181, Zone 3 and made mark by his zone by contributing highest contributions towards TRF. He also successfully conducted level 2 Literacy Seminar and Ride for Rotary event at Mangalore. 2017-18 Served as Chairman of Happy School. 2018-19 Served as District Secretary Project of RI District 3181. He has initiated "Asha Spoorthy" Anganawadi Project in entire district. 2019-20 -Served as District Chairman of WINs. During this period several programmes in district involving more than 15000 students organized. 2020-21 Served as District Secretary Admin. 2021-22 served as Chairman for Significant award committee. He participated as trainer during Pre PETs, PETs, AGTs, DTTs, assembly including neighboring district. From 2017 to 2022 he had the privilege of being at the helm of affairs of various avenues at District Secretariat. These were the contributing factors for being tipped as DG for 2024-25.

At present he is working as CEO of Kunil Educational Institute, Badiadka'.

His interests include: Traveling, reading, listening to Music, watching good movies and has a special liking for Yakshagana. He is married to Mrs.Latha, also a Rotarian and is blessed with a daughter, Dr Vinisha.





"THE BRIDGE CAMP"

7th & 8th April, 2025

The Bridge Camp- Cross the bridge to new horizons, a Two Day summer camp for youth empowerment was organised on 7th & 8th April, 2025 at Jeppu, Mangalore in association with Swastika National Business School and Spandana Trust. The camp is for the students who just completed their 10th Standard.

WARCH REFLECTIONS



5th March, 2025

Master Soham J., Venur, S/o Shri Jagadish Bhat and Smt Shwetha, is a 13 year old boy wonder. Being spiritually oriented since a little kid, he was introduced to the world of meditation early by his father. Later under the guidance of Shri Yuvaraj Guruji of Pancha Thatva Gurumath of Bangalore, he practiced and attained clairvoyance (ជិត្តជូត្នង្ន). With this accomplishment, even with his eyes blindfolded, with the use of his third eye, he can identify things, colour, read books, etc. At our weekly meeting held on 5th March, 2025, we had firsthand experience of his accomplishments. With eyes blindfolded, he identified things, their colour, even read the book, identifies the currency notes and read out its number. It is really a big accomplishment indeed for such a young boy.

MARCH REFLECTIONS

"INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY"

















12th March, 2025

Rotary Mangalore Downtown organised a Joint Meeting with Rotary Mangalore Hillside on 12th March, 2025 at Eden Club, Mangalore to celebrate 'International Women's Day'. Guest Speaker Ms Sushmitha Kamath, Co-founder & Director of M/s Host Zvro Pvt Ltd gave a talk on "Intellectual Property Rights'. She beautifully explained the different types of intellectual properties viz trade mark, brand name, copy rights etc, the present applicable laws operating in India and how to protect these intellectual properties. She was also felicitated during the programme.

ROTARY INFORMATION



"ROTARY PEACE POLE"

What Is A Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message **May Peace Prevail On Earth** in different languages on each of its four or six sides. It usually displays 3 to 7 additional languages meaningful to the host site.

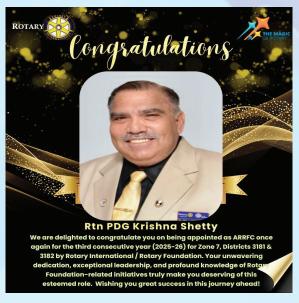
The message is referred to as an affirmation of peace and its placement furthers Rotary's goal of building a culture of peace throughout the world.

Peace Poles are intended to inspire unity among people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds.

The message **May Peace Prevail On Earth** was authored by the late **Masahisa Goi** of Japan after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It is now an international message of peace with over **250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world**, dedicated as monuments to peace. Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness the world over.

ROTARY IN NEWS

"ASSISTANT REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR"



PDG Rtn Krishna Shetty has been appointed as the Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (ARRFC) for the third consecutive time for the year 2025-26 for RI District 3181 and 3182 of Zone-7 by the Rotary Foundation / Rotary International.

"ECO ACTION CLUB"





Presented in Grateful Recognition to:

Rotary Club of Surathkal - (27539)

For their ESRAG Membership and Environmental Services as

ECO Action Club

For the Rotary Year 2024 – 2025, in Mangalore, INDIA – Rotary District 3181

People of Eco Action

The Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) operates in compliance with Rotary International's policies for Rotary Action Groups, but is no an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International. ESRAG was formed to empower members of the Rotary Family worldwide to take actions to sustain ou

March 07, 2025

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Rotary club of Surathkal has been recognised as Eco Action Club, first club to be recognised in RID 3181 and South India. It was conferred by **ESRAG** (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group) for the Rotary Year 2024-25 in recognition of their ESRAG membership and environmental service. Congratulations to Rotary Club of Surathkal.

"If you want peace, Don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies"

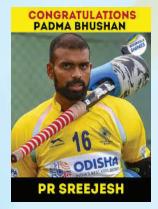
- Desmond Tutu.

South African Human Right Activist and Nobel Laureate

ROTARY IN NEWS

"TWO ROTARIANS CONFERRED WITH PADMA BHUSHAN"

Two Rotarians from RI District 3201, Kerala- Rtn P.R. Sreejesh, from RC Kizhakkambalam and Rtn Dr. Jose Chacko Periapuram of RC Cochin Global was awarded with the third highest civilian award of India – "Padma Bhushan"

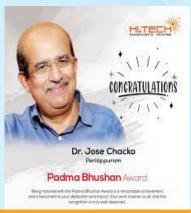


RTN P.R. SREEJESH

He was the captain of the national team and played as a goalkeeper Since 2024, he is the head coach of the India men's national U-21 team. He played a vital role in the Indian national team's bronze medal wins at the 2020 and 2024 Summer Olympics. He won the best male goalkeeper award at the FIH Awards in 2020, 2022, and 2024. He was a part of the teams that won gold at the 2014 and 2022 Asian Games. He was also awarded Padma Shri Award in the year 2019. He is only the second hockey player to receive the honor, after Major Dhyan Chand in 1956.

RTN DR. JOSE CHACKO PERIAMPURAM

He is a renowned cardiac surgeon who performed the first successful heart transplant in the state of Kerala, as well as the first successful heart retransplant in the country. His other achievements include the first beating heart, awake bypass and total arterial revascularization surgeries in the state. He was awarded with Padma Bhushan for revolutionising surgical cardiac care in his state..





"TRF - 2024-25- ANNUAL FUND CHALLENGE"

TRF Trustee Rtn Dr. Bharat Pandya and RRFCs of Zone 4, 5,

6 & 7 announced TRF Annual Challenge -2024-25 for the Rotary Clubs and District. In the said challenge, various criteria for achieving Silver, Gold, Platinum and Champion are laid out. Annual Fund contributions made till 30th June, 2025 will be considered for this challenge. Now, it is up to the Rotary Clubs and Districts to take up the challenge.

ROTARY IN NEWS

ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE COASTAL







Charter presentation for the new club in Zone-2 of RID 3181 - **Rotary Club of Mangalore Coastal** was held on 4th April, 2025 at Surathkal, Mangalore. The Charter was presented by DG Rtn Vikarama Datta to the Club's Charter President Rtn Subodh Das.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS



'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 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.

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

"PRE PELS & PRE-SELS-2025-26 FOR ZONE 2 & 3"











"PRE PELS & PRE-SELS-2025-26 FOR ZONE 2 & 3" was organised on 23rd March, 2025 at Rotary Bal Bhavan, Mangalore for the incoming President and Secretaries for the Rotary year 2025-26. Our President Elect Rtn Sathyajith Rao and Secretary Elect Rtn Prabhat Joshi participated in the programme.



Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown

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EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

"ROTARY TENNIS SLAM - 2025"



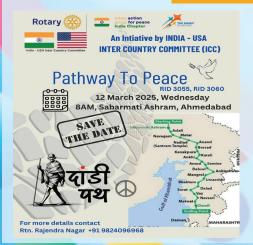
'Rotary Tennis Slam-2025', a Tennis Tournament for Rotarians of RI District 3181 was held at Cosmopolitan Club, Mysuru on 9th March, 2025 (initially it was planned for 2nd March, 2025). The tournament was inaugurated by renowned tennis player Rtn.Nagaraj in the presence of Asst. Governor - Rtn. Chethan Vishwanath. The event was hosted by Rotary Panchsheel Mysuru.



"ROTARIZE - 2025"

'Rotarize-2025', District Rotaract Conference of RID 3181 was held at Hotel Zentora, Mysuru from 4th to 6th April, 2025. The event included many celebrity guests including Junior Rebel Star Abhishek Ambareesh, Pramod Sharma, Dhanush Gowda, Priyanka Achar and many more.

"PATHWAY TO PEACE"



Pathway to Peace- An initiative by India – USA Inter Country Committee (ICC) recreated the famous Dandi March by Mahatma Gandhi (12.03.1930). The march started from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad on 12th March, 2025 and ended at Dandi, a good 387 Kms away. Rotary Inter Country Committees are unique entities within Rotary International that connect Rotary clubs from different countries to foster lasting connections between Rotarians around the world, and to promote peace and international understanding across borders.



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BRAIN TEASERS

ROTARY OUIZ



- 1. This early Rotarian was secretary of Rotary International for 32 years. Who was he?
- 2. Who designed and made the first lapel pin in the history of Rotary?
- 3. Who gave the idea of 'Rotary District' and in which year?
- 4. How many Districts were created in the first year of District formation?
- 5. The first Rotary Club banner to orbit the moon was on which mission?

RIDDLES



"It has keys, but no locks.
It has space, but no room.
You can enter, but can't go inside.
What is it?"

(Answers on the last page)

NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Famous Rotarians

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One of the youngest people to enter the Althing, the Iclandic Parliament, Asgeirsson held a number of key positions in Government before being elected Iceland's second President. He was returned to office in three more elections.

Asgeir Asgeirsson President of Iceland Rotary Club of Reykjavik

Design by RC of Morisset

RTN ASGEIR ASGEIRSSON

Rtn Asgeir Asgeirsson, was the second President of Iceland He served from 1952 to 1968. He also served as the Prime Minister of Iceland from 3rd June 1932 to 28th July 1934 for the Progressive Party. Ásgeir holds the unique honor of being the only person in Icelandic history to serve both as President and Prime Minister till date.

ROTARY - DID YOU KNOW?



SMILED.K. PLEASE



An Idiot in the Classroom

"If there are any idiots in the classroom, will they please stand up", said the sarcastic teacher.

After a long silence, one student rose to his feet.

"Now then mister, why do you consider yourself an idiot?", inquired the teacher with a sneer.

"Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."



How deep is the hole!!!?

Two hunters are out hunting, and as they're walking along they come upon a huge hole in the ground. They approach it and are amazed by the size of it.

The first hunter says, "Wow, that's some hole. I can't even see the bottom. I wonder how deep it is?"

The second hunter says," I don't know, let's throw something down and listen and see how long it takes to hit bottom."

The first hunter says, "There's an old gearbox over there, give me a hand and we'll throw it in and see".

So they pick it up and carry it over, and count one, and two and three, and throw it in the hole.

They are standing there listening and looking over the edge and they hear a rustling in the brush behind them. As they turn around they see a goat come crashing through the brush, run up to the hole with no hesitation, and jump in headfirst.

While they are standing there looking at each other, then gazing into the hole, and trying to figure out what that was all about, an old farmer walks up.

"Say there", says the farmer, "You fellows didn't happen to see my goat around here anywhere, did you?"

The first hunter says "Funny you should ask, but we were just standing here a minute ago and a goat came running out of the bushes doing about a hundred miles an hour and jumped headfirst into this hole here!"

And the old farmer said... "Why that's impossible, I had him chained to an old gearbox!"

THE DOWNTOWNERS







Our member Rtn Dr. Pavanchand Attavar was the Guest Speaker at the weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Mangalore Midtown held on 3rd March, 2025 at Eden Club, Mangalore. He spoke on 'Guillain Barre Syndrome' (GBS).









Rtn Rajesh Shetty K of our club gave a inaugural address at 'Budget Impact Meet – 2025' organised by M/s Nitin J. Shetty & Co, Chartered Accountants at Hotel Gold Finch, Mangalore on 4th March, 2025.



Press Club, Ullal in association with Sri Uma Maheshwari Kabaddi Academy organised Felicitation at Press Club Building, Thokkottu, Mangalore on 11th March, 2025 for National level Kabaddi Players viz. Sai Prasad, Hassan Mohammed Nisan and Yashraj Bagambila from our region. Our member Rtn Umesh Gatty A inaugurated the event.





Rtn Umesh Gatty was the Chief Guest for the Annual Sports Meet-2024-25 of SDM Law College, Mangalore held at Mangala Stadium, Mangalore on 29th march, 2025.

THE ACHIEVERS



Shri Sai Prasad, a renowned Kabaddi player is born in the year 2002 in Ullal in the family of sports persons where his father Shri Gopinath, was also a well known Kabaddi player and a coach as well. He was coached by his father and also by Dr Karunakar Shetty at Umamaheshwari Kabaddi Academy.

He started his career in Kabaddi very early by securing gold medal in Karnataka State Pre-University Kabaddi Championship held in the year 2019. Silver medal in the year 2020 at Karnataka State Junior Kabaddi Championship. He was the Vice-captain of Karnataka State Junior Kabaddi team at National Junior Kabaddi Championship held at Haryana in 2020. Represented Mangalore University at the South India and All India Inter University Kabaddi Tournaments for the years 2021 and 2022. In the year 2023, he played for Hampi Warriors in Young Series Kabaddi Championship.

He suffered a severe bone fracture on his right leg while playing for Bank of Baroda against Indian Army, which almost ended his Kabaddi career. However, showing true fighting spirit, he recovered from this trauma and started playing again and in the year 2024 he represented Tamil Talaivas in Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) in Season 11.

Shri Sai Prasad will be felicitated by our club on 9th April, 2024 as a Young Achiever for the achievements made in the field of Kabaddi.

Dr. Karunakar Shetty M, a well known Sports Educator, born in the year 1983 at Mundady, Belthangady. He academic accomplishments include B.Com, B.P.Ed, M.P.Ed, NSNIS (Certificate Course in Sports Coaching), NET (National Eligibility Test for Assistant Professors). He is also a Doctorate as he hold a Ph.D from Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore. He also authored many papers relating to sports, which are published in various National and International Journals.



His professional career started as a Physical Education Director at Alva's College, Moodbidri in the year 2008 and lasted till 2011. Later he joined K.S. Hedge Medical Academy, Deralakatte as Physical Education Director in the year 2011 where is still working. His specialisation is in Kabaddi, Volleyball, Lawn Tennis, Badminton and Athletics.

He represented Mangalore University in Inter University Kabaddi Tournaments held in the year 2003-04, 2006-07, 2007-08 and brought many laurels. Also represented in volley ball. He is also a qualified National level Kabaddi referee and State level Volley Ball Referee. He officiated in various Inter University Kabaddi Tournaments.

Under his tutelage, many renowned Kabaddi players have emerged including Sukesh Hedge, Ekalavya Awardee; Sachin Suvarna and Sai Prasad, both are Pro Kabaddi League players; Hasan Mohammed Nishan, Yashraj to name a few.

We recognise the achievements made in the field of coaching the budding sports persons by Dr. Karunakar Shetty M., and it is our privilege to felicitate him under the avenue of Vocational service.

APRIL-ENVIRONMENTAL MONTH



With Environmental Sustainability taking root within Rotary as the 7th Area of Focus, Rotary has designated April 2023 as the Environment Month. 22nd April is celebrated as "the Earth Day".

Fifty five years ago, the first Earth Day was held on 22 April, 1970, launching a wave of action to protect our environment, including the passage of landmark environmental laws in the United States. Other countries soon followed suit. Every year since, the day has been set aside to focus on mobilizing for action to protect our planet.

As people of action, Rotarians have been shaping the conversation on the environment for years, from addressing climate change that threatens entire food systems to fighting pollution that clogs our air and water. Rotarians are well-suited for the challenge. They use their connections to find creative solutions and take action to safeguard our vital resources.

Rotary is committed to supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance ecological sustainability, and foster harmony between communities and the environment. We empower communities to access grants and other resources, embrace local solutions, and spur innovation to address the causes and reduce the effects of climate change and environmental degradation.

The Rotary Foundation in Foundation global grant funding has allocated 18.4 million USD to environment-related causes in the past five years through their support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects.

The **Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)** assists Rotary clubs, districts and multi-districts in building awareness, inspiring action, and planning service projects that focus on environmental sustainability, awareness of climate change, and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed"

- Mahatma Gandhi

Rotary INTERNATIONAL President's Message - APRIL, 2025

As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, we have an opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to each other and to the communities we serve.

A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a program providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care. Club member and Past District Governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack. Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots, and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a check for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about US\$2,000) to support its efforts. They also committed to



volunteering their time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilizing resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.

As we embrace the renewal that spring offers, let's take inspiration from the Windsor-Roseland club. Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club:

Identify emerging needs: Stay attuned to the evolving challenges in your communities. Engage with local organizations to understand where your club's support can make the most difference.

Mobilize resources quickly: When opportunities arise, act swiftly. Leverage the skills and networks within your club to gather resources, from financial contributions to equipment to volunteer time.

Foster collaboration: Encourage members to take initiative and collaborate on projects. Empowering individuals to lead and contribute their unique talents enhances engagement and drives success.

Commit to ongoing involvement: Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support.

Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact. By embracing these approaches, we can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let's seize this season as an opportunity to revitalize our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world. This is The Magic of Rotary — transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve.

Stephanie A. UrchickPresident 2024-25

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

Birthday

AND THEIRTAVIET MEMBERS

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Annet MAHITA JOSHI, D/o Rtn PRABHATH JOSHI

Ann.SARITHA SHETTY, W/O. Rtn. RAJESH SHETTY K

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Rtn Dr.PAVAN CHAND ATTAVAR

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Rtn. GANAPATHI SHENOY BEKAL Rtn.PARINEETHA SHENOY





TRF Trustee Chair's MESSAGE- APRIL, 2025

As my 26 years of Rotary leadership at the international level wind down, I've been reflecting on favorite memories and the extraordinary opportunities Rotary has given me. One stands out this month: the decision to establish the environment as one of Rotary's areas of focus. We had seen how Rotary members were already preserving waterways, planting trees, and reducing pollution. Environmental stewardship was clearly an essential part of our work. As RI president in 2019–20, I was proud to have proposed the addition of the environment as an area of focus, after years of advocacy by Rotary members.



I am even prouder of what that addition — and all of you — made possible. Since 1 July 2021, clubs and districts, supported by global grants, have expanded their

to protect our planet's resources - restoring mangroves, saving forests, and cultivating coral reefs.

These grants hold endless possibilities, and I invite you to dream. Take inspiration from initiatives like Keep Mongolia Green, championed by Past RI President D.K. Lee, President-nominee Sangkoo Yun, and Rotary members in Korea. This major reforestation is combating Gobi Desert dust storms and creating Mongolia's largest green zone.

I am also proud of our new strategic partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme. This collaboration empowers Rotary members to implement projects such as river cleanups and plastic waste reduction, leveraging global resources and expertise.

In November, I had the pleasure of leading a delegation of Rotary volunteers at the United Nations climate conference in Azerbaijan. You can read my account of it on Rotary 360 at blog.rotary.org.

So many opportunities are waiting for us. We know how much we can achieve together, so team up with your district and apply for a Foundation grant to support an environmental project.

Stewardship of the environment is deeply personal to my wife, Gay, and me. That is why we have established a named endowment fund through the Foundation, helping to ensure that future generations working on these projects will have the resources they need.

As we celebrate Environmental Month this April, I invite you to consider how you can make an impact. Every action matters. Explore environmental project ideas in Rotary's new Service Project Center, take part in an existing initiative, or support The Rotary Foundation thr ough a gift. In this way, members worldwide can protect our shared home.

I thank you, as always, for all that you do for Rotary and our Foundation.

Mark Daniel Maloney

Trustee Chair 2024-25

ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS

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Rotary Quiz

- 1. Rtn Chesley R. Perry.
- 2. Rtn John Frick, Member of New York Rotary Club on October 14, 1909 and it was worn by the club's first president Bradford Bullock from 1909 until his premature death in 1911.
- 3. Rtn H. J. Brunnier of the Rotary Club of San Francisco in the year 1915.
- 4. The first districts in Rotary comprised of 19 districts: 15 in the USA; 3 in Canada; and 1 in the United Kingdom.
- 5. Astronaut Frank Borman, a member of the Rotary Club of Space Center, carried his club banner on APOLLO-8 lunar mission, December 21-27, 1968.

RIDDLES

"A KEYBOARD"