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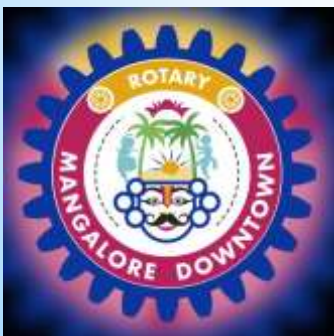
RI DIST 3181

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN

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Every Wednesday

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Mangalore - 575008**Time:** 7:30 PM**Club Website:**<http://rcmangaloredowntown.rotaryindia.org/>**PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS**

Dear Rotarians and family members.

I sincerely thank our every club member and their family for the cooperation extended in successful conduct of District Governor's visit to our club. It is very satisfying to see when we donated an inverter and a laptop to the DKZP School, Mannagudda under DDF grant, which will contribute to the impart of quality education to the school children.

I also thank all the Club members who came forward to either made or promised to make contribution to TRF during DG's visit.

We had an excellent talk on 'Energy Healing' by Shri Ganesh H.R, which was very interesting as we came across a new method of healing which was unknown to us.

May is the month of Youth Service. However, we have in the month of April itself have felicitated the young achiever Shri Sai Prasad, a renowned Kabaddi Player and his coach Dr. Karunakar Shetty for the achievement made in their respective field.

As this Rotary year nearing the end, we have miles to go. I request the members to continue with this tempo and vigour till the end of this year and the years ahead. We have some projects in the pipeline. Our Neria School roof repair work is underway. Another proposal for the restoration of Air Conditioners at DKZP School, Mannagudda is also under consideration. We collected amount towards the cost of grocery (part) to be given to Sneha Deep Orphanage and soon the same will be handed over to the orphanage to create *Magic of Rotary*.



“LAPTOP AND INVERTOR TO GOVT. SCHOOL, MANNAGUDDA”



9th April, 2025

On the occasion of his official visit to our club, District Governor Rtn Vikram Datta, handed over a laptop and an inverter to DKZP Higher Primary School, Mannagudda, Mangalore on 9th April, 2025 under DDF Grant No.4564740. Assistant Governor Rtn Ashok Kumar Ujjody, Old Student's Association President Sureshchandra Shetty, Head Master Ganesh Kumar, President Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy, Secretary Jayaraj K, ZL and other Rotary members were present on this occasion.

“ROOF TOP REPAIR TO DKZP SCHOOL, NERIA”



28th April, 2025

Roof of DKZP School in Neria was in very dilapidated condition and posing real threat to the safety of the students during monsoon. Therefore, repair work of the roof is undertaken in association with M/s Neria Estates Pvt Ltd and the School Betterment Committee at the cost of Rs.2,00,000/-.

“School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside.”

- Lon Watters



April reflections

“CLUB ASSEMBLY WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR”



9th April, 2025

District Governor Rtn Vikram Datta conducted Club Assembly on 9th April during his official visit to the club. Assistant Governor Rtn Ashok Kumar Ujjodi was also present. Rtn Vikram Datta reviewed the progress made by the club so far. He also stressed on increasing the membership, how to engage, involve and make the members participate in club activities. He also emphasised on taking initiatives in making Rotary meetings interesting. During the club assembly, our members voluntarily came forward with contributions to the Rotary Foundation and a total of over 3000 US\$ was promised to be paid to TRF and the cheques for the same were handed over in the evening function.

“When leaders know how to lead great meetings, there's less time wasted and less frustration. We have more energy to do the work that matters, realize our full potential, and do great things.”

- Justin Rosenstein

April reflections

“ENERGY HEALING”



23rd April, 2025

Shri. Ganesh H.R., was the Guest Speaker during our weekly meeting. Shri Ganesh H.R. is specialized in Yoga Prana Vidya No Touch, No Drug holistic healing system. He spoke on the topic “Energy Healing”, a very new concept for many of our members. The talk was very well received by the members and was very interactive. The speaker spoke about how healing can be done without using any medicine and even without the presence of the patients using energy. Assistant Governor Rtn. Ashok Kumar Ujjodi was also present during the meeting. A demo was conducted on our member Rtn Suraj Hebbar, who was having some knee pain. The next day, Rtn Suraj Hebbar confirmed the decrease in pain in his knees.

“The 114 chakras exchange information within the body and with the higher realms. They are like quantum information processing centers. When they are blocked, difficulties arise. When they are open and balanced, the joy of awakening arises.”

— **Amit Ray, Ray 114 Chakra System Names, Locations and Functions**

Felicitations of the Achievers



On the occasion of official visit of the District Governor Rtn Vikramdatta to our club on 9th April, 2025, two prominent personalities in the field of sports were felicitated. **‘Youth Service Excellence Award’** was given to **Shri Sai Prasad**, a well-known Kabaddi Player, who represented Karnataka State Team, Mangalore University and won many laurels. He also represented Hampi Warriors in Young Series Kabaddi Tournament and also Tamil Thaliavas Team in PKL (Premier Kabaddi League) in the year 2024.

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS



‘Vocational Excellence Award’ was given to **Dr. Karunakar Shetty M.**, who is a well known sports educator. A Ph.D holder in Sports. He also authored many papers relating to sports, which are published in various National and International Journals. He is also a qualified National level Kabaddi referee and State level Volley Ball Referee. He officiated in various Inter University Kabaddi Tournaments. A well known Kabaddi coach and 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.

Achievers are not born talented but they possess the “I can do it” attitude.”

- Gladys Bejani

ROTARY INFORMATION

“ROTARY INTERNATIONAL & POPE FRANCIS”



Rotary Mangalore Downtown joins the global community in mourning the recent passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. His deep connection with Rotary stands as a powerful reminder of our shared mission to build a more peaceful, equitable world.

Pope Francis' association with Rotary stretches back prior to his papacy, when then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio accepted an honorary membership with the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires in 1999, reflecting his enduring belief in service above self.

A defining moment in his relationship with Rotary came on 30 April 2016, when nearly 9,000 Rotarians from around the globe gathered in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican for a special Jubilee Audience at the personal invitation of Pope Francis. At the conclusion of the Audience, a delegation of Rotary members, led by then-Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran, had the privilege of meeting with Pope Francis. In their meeting, he passionately encouraged Rotary's ongoing work to eradicate polio and praised the organisation's efforts in global vaccination campaigns. Just months earlier, the Pope had personally administered a polio vaccine to a child during his visit to Mexico, underscoring his direct support of the cause.



May his soul rest in peace.

ROTARY INFORMATION

“MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT 2026-27”



Rtn SangKoo Yun

Dear Rotary friends:

As the Rotary International President for 2026-27, I have been working closely with other Rotary members and staff to plan and prepare for the important work ahead after my confirmation last September. It has been a tremendous honor and pleasure to be given the opportunity to serve our organization.

However, I have been facing some personal health challenges. Recently, I was diagnosed with pancreatic adenocarcinoma or pancreatic cancer, which has put a temporary pause on my work. The good news is that I am receiving excellent care at one of Korea's top hospitals. My treatment is already progressing smoothly and my medical team is optimistic about the path forward. Based on their recommendation, I will need to take a step back from Rotary leadership responsibilities over the next six months.

I have been sharing updates with Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick and the Board of Directors. They have unanimously supported my decision, and I want to use this opportunity to thank President Stephanie and RI directors for their understanding and unwavering support. I am determined to return once the treatment is complete and continue to serve our organization, meeting the challenges ahead in Rotary.

My wife EunSun and I want to express our gratitude for all the care and encouragement. I have been deeply moved by the support of family and friends.

With warm regards,

SangKoo Yun,
President, Rotary International, 2026-27

ROTARY INFORMATION

“MEETING OF COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION (COL)-2025”

The 2025 Council on Legislation (COL) was held from 14th to 17th April, 2025 at Chicago, Illinois, USA and it has brought forth several visionary and empowering decisions that will strengthen Rotary’s foundation and future. These decisions are aimed at making our organization more inclusive, flexible, and impactful in the years to come.

Here are the key approvals:

1. Increase in Membership Dues

- US\$ 3.50 in 2026-27
- US\$ 3.75 in both 2027-28 and 2028-29

This increase is essential to maintain the quality of Rotary’s global services and sustainable growth.

2. Minimum Membership for New Clubs Reduced

The required number of members to charter a new Rotary Club has been reduced from 20 to 15, making expansion easier and more accessible.

3. Proposal for Age Limit in Rotaract Rejected

Rotaract remains open to all age groups, allowing continuous youth leadership and engagement without limitations.

4. Proposal to Limit Honorary Members Rejected

Clubs will retain flexibility in granting honorary memberships to distinguished individuals.

5. Flexible Club Meetings

Clubs can now hold meetings in physical, virtual, or hybrid formats, enhancing convenience and participation.

6. Diverse Membership Types Approved

Clubs may now offer varied membership categories such as Associate, Corporate, or Family memberships to cater to evolving needs.

These progressive changes reaffirm that Rotary is a dynamic organization that adapts with time while staying rooted in its values. Let us embrace these transformations with enthusiasm and continue to serve with purpose.

“Those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”

— **George Bernard Shaw.**

ROTARY IN NEWS

“TRF – 2024-25- ANNUAL FUND CHALLENGE”



2024-25 Annual Fund Challenge
Brought to you by Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya and
Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 RRFCs

District Recognition	Club Recognition
1. Champion: District achieving an Annual Fund per capita of \$200 or more	1. Platinum: Minimum \$25 contribution by each member along with an Annual Fund Per Capita of \$200
2. Platinum: 100% members contributing \$25 or more to the Annual Fund, or the district reaching an Annual Fund per capita of \$175 or more	2. Gold: Minimum \$25 contribution by each member along with an Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100
3. Gold: At least 75% of members contributing \$25 or more to the Annual Fund, or the district reaching an Annual Fund per capita of \$150 or more	3. Silver: Minimum \$25 contribution by each member
4. Silver: At least 50% of members contributing \$25 or more each to the Annual Fund, or the district reaching an Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100 or more	

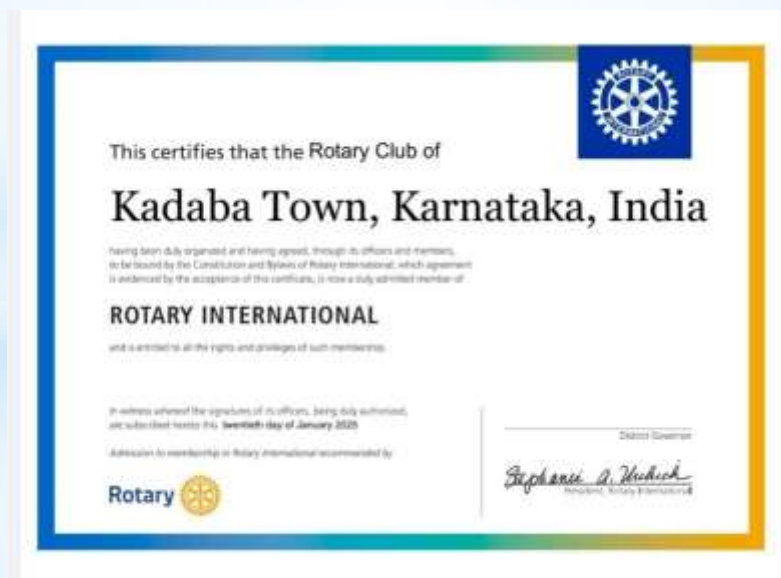
Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for district award, district needs to achieve 100% Clubs Giving with minimum \$100 from each club

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP AWARD
From each Zone, District with highest new PHS members (minimum 20 new PHS members) with an overall eligibility of 80% (percentage of PHS members fulfilling their commitment) will be eligible for this award

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.

NEW CLUBS OF THE DISTRICT

“ROTARY CLUB OF KADABA TOWN”

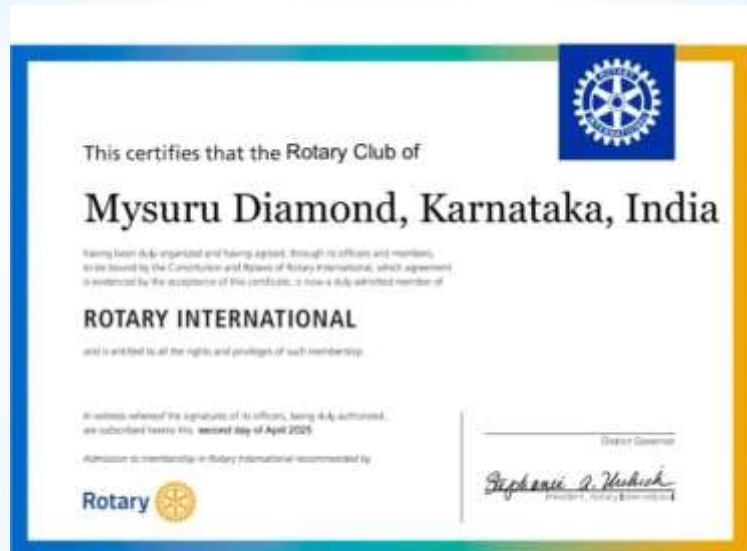


A new club in RID 3181 – **Rotary Club of Kadaba Town** came into being on 20th January, 2025.

ROTARY IN NEWS

NEW CLUBS OF THE DISTRICT

“ROTARY CLUB OF MYSURU DIAMOND”



Another new club in RID 3181 – **Rotary Club of Mysuru Diamond** came into being on 2nd April, 2025. It will be the 90th Rotary Club in the Rotary District 3181.

“ROTARY CLUB OF MYSORE METRO”



Yet another new club in RID 3181 – **Rotary Club of Mysore Metro** came into being on 9th April, 2025. It will be the 91st Rotary Club in the Rotary District 3181.

ROTARY IN NEWS

“ROTARY MEMBERSHIP DETAILS IN SOUTH ASIA REGION”

Membership figures as of 01 March 2025 **				
Country	Rotary Clubs	Rotarians	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaractors
Bangladesh	385	8,102	352	2,100
Bhutan	1	34	0	0
India	4,619	173,995	2,127	37,299
Maldives	1	43	0	0
Nepal	157	5,522	178	5,315
Pakistan	184	2,621	151	701
Sri Lanka	71	2,050	85	3,675
Total	5,418	192,367	2,893	49,090
Worldwide	36,506	1,160,194	9,286	130,535
** These are system generated figures as on date.				

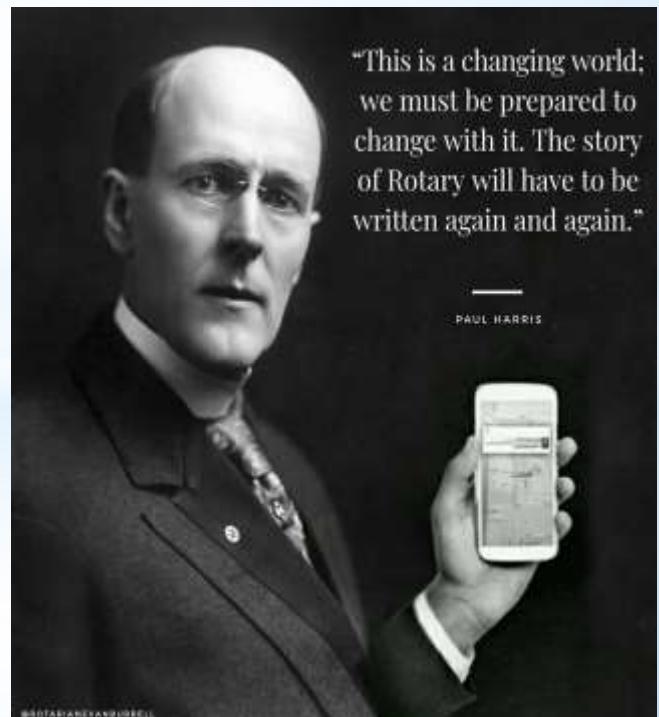
“HONALULU IS NO LONGER HOST CITY FOR 2027 RI CONVENTION”

Honolulu, Hawaii, no longer host city for 2027 Rotary International Convention

Regrettably, the 2027 Rotary International Convention will no longer be held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, as planned. This is due to a recent decision by the Hawaii Convention Center to extend the schedule for a series of critical upgrades and repairs across the facility. Rotary is now actively scouting a new city with the necessary infrastructure to host an event of our convention size and scope. We will provide timely updates to our members about the progress.

Honolulu was selected as the site of the 2020 Rotary convention, but it was ultimately canceled because of the COVID pandemic. Local Rotary members and partners worked diligently to return the convention to their beloved city. While this is unfortunate, we sincerely appreciate their tremendous efforts and commitment.

— April 2024



ROTARY IN NEWS

MANGALORE CITY GREENING PROJECT “AMARA”

‘AMARA’, Mangalore City Corporation in association with CFAL is launching ‘AMARA’, a citywide tree planting and urban greening initiative aimed at increasing the green cover of Mangalore from the existing 6.24% to 30% by 2040.

In this regard Shri. Mullai Muhilan M.P, Deputy Commissioner, DK District requested Rotary Clubs of Mangalore to join hands and to be part of this initiative vide his letter dated 17.04.2025 addressed to our District Governor Rtn Vikram Datta.

As per the initiative, a minimum of 500 saplings to be planted in each adopted wards and to maintain the saplings planted for another three years.



FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS “ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – PART-1”

‘Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Part-1, a training programme for the Rotarians of the Rotary District 3181, is being hosted by Rotary Club of Mangalore Hillside at Rotary Bal Bhavan, Mangalore on Sunday, 1st June, 2025 under the guidance of Rtn Harish H.M., District Chairman, Rotary Learning Institute.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

“ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ & DTLs”



“ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ” District Awards Night and “DTLS”- District Trainer’s Learning Seminar will be held on Saturday, 21st June, 2025 at Bharath Scouts & Guides Training Centre Hall, Pilikula, Mangalore.

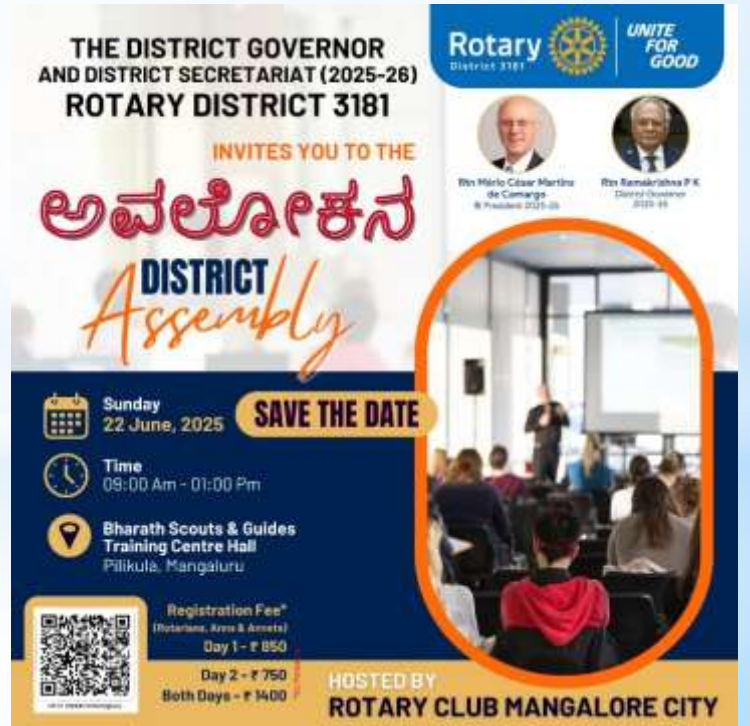
The event is being hosted by Rotary Club Mangalore City. The registration fee is Rs.850/-.

“ಅವಲೋಕನ” – DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

“ಅವಲೋಕನ”- District Assembly will be held on Sunday, 22nd June, 2025 at Bharath Scouts & Guides Training Centre Hall, Pilikula, Mangalore.

The event is being hosted by Rotary Club Mangalore City. The registration fee is Rs.750/-.

If the Rotarians wish to register for both the above events (For 21st Saturday & 22nd Sunday), the registration fee will be Rs.1,400/-.



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*

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

“ARIVU- PELS & SELS -2025-26 AT WAYANAD”



ASSISTANT GOVERNORS-2025-26



ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS – 2025-26



ROTARY CLUB SECRETARIES -2025-26

‘PRESIDENT ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR AND SECRETARY ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR (PELS & SELS) – 2025-26’,

A learning Seminar “ARIVU” for the incoming Presidents and Secretaries of Rotary Clubs for the year 2025-26 was held at Wayanad, Kerala from 25th April to 27th April, 2025.



BRAIN TEASERS



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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) Who was the first Indian to lead a Rotary Club?
- 2) Who was the first Indian to become a District Governor of Rotary District?
- 3) Who was the first Indian to become a regular Rotary member?.
- 4) When was the first Rotary District formed in India?.
- 5) When was the first Rotary District conference held in India?

RIDDLES

“What is harder to catch the faster you run? ”

NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Famous Rotarians



Gordon Cooper
Mercury 7 Astronaut
Rotary Club of Space Centre, Houston

Gordon Cooper was one of the original Mercury 7 astronauts.

Cooper flew the last Mercury-Atlas mission, was the first person to spend an entire day in space and the first person to fall asleep in space.

Due to a series of equipment failures he largely flew his capsule back to earth manually.

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RTN GORDON COOPER

Rtn Gordon Cooper, born in the year 1927 was an American Aerospace Engineer. In 1963 Cooper piloted the longest and last Mercury spaceflight, **Mercury-Atlas-9**. During that 34-hour mission he became the first American to spend an entire day in space, the first to sleep in space. became the first astronaut to make a second orbital flight when he

flew as command pilot of Gemini 5 in 1965. He died in the year 2004. He was the member of Rotary Club of Space centre, Houston, USA.

ROTARY – DID YOU KNOW?



THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?

#RotaryFacts

Rotary DID YOU KNOW?

In January 1911 the first issue of The National Rotarian was published. The name was changed to The Rotarian in 1912, when Clubs were organized in Canada. Since 2020, it's now called Rotary Magazine



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How to make Exams more interesting....!!!?

School Inspector : How are studies going on?

Student : Ok, sir

SI : Which is the most interesting period?

Stu: Games period, Sir

SI: Fine. Which is the most boring thing ?

St: Exams, Sir

SI: Oh really... Then please suggest how to make exams more interesting.

The whole class is silent. Then Paltu raised his hand.

SI :Yes, my Boy.

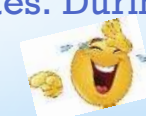
Paltu: Sir, T20 Cricket emerged as Test Cricket started becoming boring. We can take some idea from T20 Cricket to make Exams more interesting.

SI: Very good. Please elaborate.

Paltu: Following are my suggestions :

- 1.The first 45 minutes of the 3 Hour Exam will be Power Play There will be no Invigilator in the class during this duration.
2. After Power Play, for the next 45 minutes there will be something like Over Restriction. Means, the Invigilator cannot enter the class more than 4 times. During each entry he cannot spend more than 2 minutes inside the class.
3. If the above restriction is flouted, there will be Free Hit. This means, he has to dictate one answer to the whole class.
4. After every 1 hour, there will be Strategic Time Out of 5 minutes. During this time the students can discuss amongst themselves.

School Inspector is under Trauma Care in the Hospital. 😊🙏😊



Military Humour

During a Squadron Day celebrations, the wife of one of the pilots occupied the seat in the cockpit. Her hubby explained with enthusiasm the functions of all the controls, switches, levers, pedals....etc. operated for the flight.

“.... And you can not operate the washing machine at home...!?” , she quipped.



OFFICIAL VISIT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Official Visit of the District Governor Rtn Vikramdatta to our club was scheduled on 9th April, 2025. The event was held at Eden Sports Club, Mangalore. Some glimpses of the event.



CONTRIBUTION TO TRF



During the official visit of our District Governor Rtn Vikramdatta to our club on 9th April, 2025, cheques received from our members for contribution towards The Rotary Foundation were handed over to D.G Rtn Vikramdatta and Assistant Governor Rtn Ashok Kumar Ujjodi.



Induction of New Members

RTN P.Y. PAVITHRA KUMAR GURUKKAL



P. Y. Pavithra Kumar Gurukkal was inducted as a new member to our club by our District Governor Rtn Vikramdatta during his official visit to our club on 9th April, 2025.

RTN M. JAYARAM



M. Jayaram was inducted as a new member to our club by our Assistant Governor Rtn Ashok Kumar Ujjodi during our weekly meeting held on 23rd April, 2025.



NEW DOWNTOWNER

Rtn P. Y. PAVITHRA KUMAR GURUKKAL



P. Y. Pavithra Kumar Gurukkal was born on 20th March 1957. His Primary and High School studies were done at Brahmavar. He got his B. Sc degree from Bhandarkars Arts & Science College, Kundapur and Post Graduation from Karnataka University.

Joined Corporation Bank in 1980 as a clerk and retired in 2017 as Chief Manager. He worked in various capacities in the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Odissa. He is now leading a retired life at Mangalore. He was very active in the Bank Union activities. He was an Office Bearer in Corporation Bank Officers' Association

while in service and after retirement holds the post of Vice President in All India Corporation Bank Retirees' Association.

Pavithra Kumar was good at sports. Cricket and Shuttle Badminton were his familiar games. He was a regular member of Cricket teams while in junior college and College. He represented Corporation Bank in the "ALL INDIA INTER BANK SHUTTLE TOURNAMENT" held at Bangalore in 1985.

His hobbies are music, drama, social service. He had bagged Best Actor Award in the combined District Level Drama Competition, representing Brahmavar group in the year 1992.

He is also not new to Rotary movement. He associated himself with by becoming the Founder secretary of Institution based Rotaract Club of Kundapur during 1974-75. Later Founder Treasurer of R.C of Kushalnagar during 1984-85; President of Rotaract Club of Brahmavar during 1988-89 and was adjudged as the Best President of then R I Dist 318. In the following year, adjudged as the Best ZRR (Zonal Rotaract Representative) of R I Dist 318, representing Karavali Zone. Later he joined Rotary Club of Moodbidri in 2003 and subsequently Rotary Club of Mangalore Hill Side in 2017.

He is married Ann Pramoda Kumari and the couple has two sons, Karthik and Kausthubh, both are Mechanical Engineers. Elder son Karthik is working in Dubai and second son Kausthubh is serving in IndiGo Airlines as Pilot.

NEW DOWNTOWNER

Rtn M. JAYARAM



Rtn M. Jayaram born in Belthangady Taluk. He completed his B.E. (Civil) engineering degree from Mysore University in the year 1981. His expertise is in heavy civil engineering constructions such as Bridges, High ways, Port & Harbours, Dry docks, high rise buildings, Oil and Gas, Dams, hydro-electric power projects etc. He worked in India and overseas on various projects for different companies and is having more than 44 years of work experience.

He started his professional career in the year 1981 by joining M/s AFCONS Infrastructure Limited and worked with them till 2001. He joined as a Junior Engineer and later promoted as Site Engineer and subsequently as Senior Engineer, Resident Engineer, Project Manager, Assistant General Manager, Deputy General Manager. In the year 2001, he joined New Mangalore Port Trust as Superintending Engineer (Civil). After serving NMPT for two years, he joined P.K. Road Works as General manager in the year 2003 and later re-joined AFCONS Ltd in the year 2004 where he risen upto the level of Executive Vice President. In the year 2014, he joined GMR Infrastructure Ltd as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of EPC Division. In the same year, in the later part, he joined JMC Ltd (Kalpataru Group) as President and COO of Infrastructure Division. In the year 2016, he joined Hindustan Construction Company Ltd as COO and later in 2018 joined Navayuga Engineering Ltd as Regional Director in charge of Western Region and International Business. In the year 2020, he joined TLL Ltd as COO – Civil Business (Domestic & International). After his retirement, he continues to work as a Construction Consultant for TLL Ltd for their Marine Project at Bangladesh, which require him to frequently travel to Bangladesh.

Currently enjoying his retired life by undertaking farming at Moorje village.

He is blessed with two sons, both of them are software engineers.

MAY- YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



May is Rotary's Youth Service Month! Throughout the month, Rotarians, Rotaractors, and younger members of the Rotary family, including Interactors and RYLA and Rotary Youth Exchange participants, celebrate the service, leadership development, connections, and FUN of Rotary's programs for young leaders.

Rotary's programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority.

Youth Service (commonly referred to as New Generations) is Rotary 5th Avenue of Service. Every year, over 350,000 young leaders participate in Rotary's youth programs across Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange. Rotary's Youth Service Month is an opportunity to promote our young leaders' local and global impacts and the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that make these programs possible.

Rotarians have always taken a sincere interest in helping to prepare the next generation – with programs and projects that help with health and education and lead the way to world peace and understanding. Beyond this fact, young people are also the future of our organization if we choose for Rotary to survive and thrive beyond our lifetime.

“The foundation of every state is the education of its youth”

- Diogenes

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – MAY, 2025

No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn.

Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25



I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication. Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together. As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is *The Magic of Rotary*, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

VITOR JOVENTINO

Rotaract Club of Penápolis, Brazil

TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE- MAY, 2025



There are moments in our journey to end polio when doubt and uncertainty may take hold, yet we must remain steadfast and, above all, hopeful as we keep our eyes on the goal. As Winston Churchill once said in a moment of crisis: “We cannot afford — we have no right — to look back. We must look forward.”

In Rotary, we always rise to meet the moment. No challenge is too great. In 1988, when we partnered with the World Health Organization to form the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, an estimated 350,000 polio cases occurred annually across 125 countries. Since then, the GPEI — which also includes UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Gates Foundation, and GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance — has worked tirelessly with

governments worldwide. Together, we have reduced wild poliovirus cases by 99.9 percent.

The journey has not been without challenges. Today in Afghanistan, vaccinators are prohibited from conducting house-to-house immunization campaigns, while in Pakistan, conflict, terrorism, and migration hinder access to children in certain regions.

Earlier this year, the United States announced its intention to withdraw from the WHO, froze USAID funding, and restricted interactions with the CDC. These developments present obstacles for our polio eradication efforts and other Rotary global partnerships and programs.

Yet we rise to meet the moment, just as we have done before. We did so in India when we faced spikes in cases before the country was declared free of wild poliovirus in 2014. In Nigeria, we also encountered obstacles, but in 2020, WHO certified the country — and by extension, all 47 countries in the WHO Africa region — wild polio-free..

We are meeting the moment once again in 2025. Know that Rotary is working behind the scenes, collaborating with governments, international agencies, and partners to address challenges, manage disruptions, and explore alternative funding. As a nonpolitical organization, we remain focused on operational solutions while serving communities and protecting public health.

My wife, Gay, and I have witnessed firsthand the urgent need of the moment in India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, where we administered vaccines to children. Looking into their eyes, I saw the future we are fighting for — and the responsibility we carry to finish the job.

The winds of change may shift, but with your help, Rotary’s commitment to eradicating polio will stand strong until our mission is complete.

Mark Daniel Maloney
Trustee Chair 2024-25



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH
Rtn ASHALATHA DANDEKERI W/o Rtn. EKANATH DANDEKERI	4 th May
Annet NEHA KAMATH, D/o Rtn NAGARAJ KAMATH	16 th May
Rtn NAGARAJ KAMATH	20 th May
Rtn. EKANATH DANDEKERI	23 rd May
Annet ESHANI BALIGA, D/o Rtn ANIL BALIGA	23 rd May
Jon BRIHITH SHENOY, S/o Rtn GANAPATHY & Rtn PARINITHA SHENOY	30 th May
Rtn SATHYAJITH RAO	30 th May



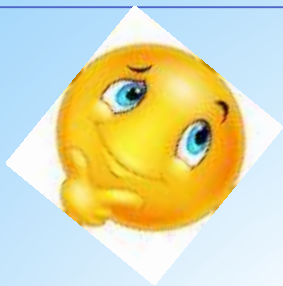
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS



NAME	DATE OF ANNIVERSARY
Rtn. GANESH M.P. & Ann.SAHANA GANESH	11 th May



ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS



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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) Shri. A.F.M. Abdul Ali, the first Indian to lead the Rotary Club- Rotary Club of Lahore chartered in 1927 (Then in India).
- 2) Sir Phiroze Sethna of Rotary Club of Bombay was the first District Governor of the then RID 89 during the year 1937-38.
- 3) In 1920, Rtn S. C. Rudra became the member of Rotary Club of Calcutta.
- 4) First Provisional Rotary District A was formed in India in 1931-32, which later confirmed as District 89.
- 5) The first Rotary District conference in India was held for RID 89 in the year 1936-37 at Madras.

RIDDLES

“Your Breath”