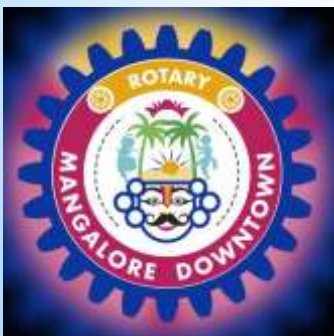


OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN**PRESIDENT:****Rtn Sathyajith Rao**
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+91 9886118171**We Meet :**

Every Tuesday

Venue: Green Room,
Eden Club, Nanthoor,
Mangalore - 575008**Time:** 7:30 PM**Club Website:**<http://rcmangaloredowntown.rotaryindia.org/>**PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS**

Dear DOWNTOWN Family,

As we draw the curtain on April, I am delighted to share the successful completion of our flagship CSR initiative — the handover of Ultrasound Equipment to District Wenlock Hospital. The event was a resounding success, graced by esteemed dignitaries and widely covered across leading newspapers, reflecting the significance of this meaningful contribution to our community.



During our recent meeting, we also had the privilege of honouring Mrs. Shubha Brahmavar of Riskonnect and Rtn. Dr. Ranjan Rao, whose invaluable support and commitment played a pivotal role in bringing the Wenlock Hospital project to fruition.

Indeed, April has been a productive and fulfilling month for our club. We successfully conducted three regular meetings along with a board meeting, each contributing to our continued progress and engagement. As we look ahead, we have an exciting lineup of projects planned across various Rotary Avenues, promising further opportunities to serve and make a difference.

I would also like to highlight that Rotary Club of Mangalore South is organising a Rotary Marathon aimed at creating awareness about the growing menace of drug abuse. I encourage all members to actively participate and support this noble cause.

Let us carry forward this positive momentum and continue striving to create a lasting impact in our community. Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and commitment to service.

With warm Regards,

Rtn PHF Sathyajith Rao
President

“SCHOLARSHIP TO A BRILLIANT STUDENT”



13th April , 2026

Our esteemed member, **Rtn. Ganesh M.P.** of M/s Guardian Constructions, a true philanthropist at heart, has generously honoured a brilliant student, Ms. Disha, who achieved a perfect score of 600/600. In a remarkable gesture of support, he has committed a scholarship of ₹1.25 lakh to cover her entire three-year degree education. As part of this commitment, an amount of ₹25,000 was presented towards her first-year scholarship.

As members of Rotary Mangalore Downtown, we take immense pride in this noble and inspiring act by Rtn. Ganesh M.P., reflecting the true spirit of service above self.

“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress.”

- Kofi Annan, Former Secretary General of UN

“MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS TO WENLOCK DISTRICT HOSPITAL”

You are cordially invited to
Handover Ceremony of Ultrasound Machine

Date: 18th April 2026 | Time: 10.30 AM
Venue: Regional Advanced Paediatric Centre (3rd Floor),
New Wenlock Hospital, Mangalore

This initiative is made possible as a part of CSR initiative by
RISKONNECT

ORGANISED BY
Rotary Club Mangalore Downtown
Rotary Club Mangalore Hill-Side
Wenlock District Hospital, Mangalore

IN THE PRESENCE OF
Dr. Srinikrishnan, Dean, KMC Mangalore
Dr. Shivaprakash DS, District Surgeon
Dr. Thimmiah IR, District Health Officer
Shubha Brahmar, Director, HR, Riskconnect



18th April , 2026

Our club, in association with RC Mangalore Hillside and as part of the CSR initiative of M/s Riskconnect Services Pvt Ltd, proudly handed over a state-of-the-art Ultrasound machine worth ₹9.95 lakh to District Wenlock Hospital on 18th April 2026. The programme was graced by Ms. Shubha Brahmar (Director–HR, Riskconnect), Dr. Shivaprakash (District Surgeon), Dr. Thimmayya (District Health Officer), and Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad (District Public Image Chairman, RID 3181). The event was chaired by our club President Rtn. Sathyajith Rao and Rtn. Peter Antony Pinto, President – RC Mangalore Hillside. A detailed presentation by Rtn Dr. Ranjan R.K highlighted the significance of the project, immense benefits of this equipment to needy patients across Dakshina Kannada and neighbouring districts, underscoring its far-reaching impact. This initiative is a shining example of Rotary’s motto: *Doing Good in the World*. Together, we continue to serve, uplift, and ***create lasting impact***.

ROTARY INFORMATION

The origin of the Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)



The Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition was established in 1957 by The Rotary Foundation to honor individuals who contribute, or have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 or more to the Foundation.

Named after Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, the PHF quickly became a symbol of commitment to Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs. Initially, it aimed to encourage Rotarians to support the Foundation financially.

Over time, clubs also began using the PHF to recognize outstanding service, leadership, or dedication to Rotary ideals, even among non-Rotarians.

Recipients receive a certificate, a lapel pin, and often a medallion.

Multiple contributions are marked with sapphire or ruby stones on the pin. Today, millions of Paul Harris Fellowships have been awarded worldwide, making it one of the most recognized honors in Rotary.

It reflects both the donor's generosity and the recipient's alignment with Rotary's motto: "Service Above Self."

(Source: The Rotarian Minute)

**"Whatever Rotary may mean to us,
To the world it will be known by the results it achieves"**

- Paul Harris, 1914

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“EDIT-A-THON”



To recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of Club Bulletin Editors in showcasing the impactful service projects and goodwill of their respective Rotary Clubs, the Rotary Club of Mangalore City organised “**Edit-a-thon**”, a Club Bulletin Editors’ Meet for Zones 2 and 3 of RID 3181 on 9th April 2026 at the Officers Club, Mangalore.

The event provided a wonderful platform to honour and felicitate the dedicated Editors for their commendable efforts. It also served as an engaging forum to discuss the challenges they encounter and to explore emerging technological tools that can simplify and enhance their work in today’s dynamic digital landscape.

We are proud to share that our Club Bulletin Editor, Rtn Rajesh Shetty, actively participated in this enriching meet.

EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED

“PRAGATHI- PELS, SELS & ZELS 2026-27”



“Pragathi” – PELS, SELS & ZLLS, a comprehensive learning seminar for the President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, and Zonal Leader-Elect, was held at Ibis Styles, Goa from 24th to 26th April 2026. Organised by the Rotary Club of Mysuru, the programme brought together eminent resource persons from across the country who delivered insightful sessions aimed at equipping incoming leaders with the knowledge and skills required to effectively discharge their responsibilities.

The seminar proved to be highly enriching, offering clear guidance on leadership roles and practical approaches to executing them with excellence. Representing our club, President-Elect Rtn. Umesh Gatty, Secretary-Elect Rtn. Pavithrakumar Gurukkal, and Assistant Governor-Elect Rtn. Rajesh Shetty actively participated in the programme. It was a matter of pride that Rtn. Eknath Dandekeri served as one of the distinguished resource persons for the seminar.



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

Name	Birth Date
Annet SWASTHI TANMAYI HANDE D/O. Rtn. SANDEEP HANDE	1st MAY
Rtn. ASHALATHA DANDEKERI, W/o RTN EKNATH DANDEKERI	4th MAY
Annet NEHA KAMATH, D/o Rtn NAGARAJ KAMATH	16th MAY
Rtn. NAGARAJ KAMATH	20th MAY
Rtn. EKNATH DANDEKERI	23rd MAY
Annet ESHANI BALIGA D/O. Rtn. ANIL BALIGA	23rd MAY
Jon BRIHITH SHENOY, S/o Rtn. GANAPATHY SHENOY & Rtn PARINITHA SHENOY	30th MAY
Rtn. SATHYAJITH RAO	30th MAY



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS

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

NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD

Famous Rotarians



Orville Wright
Pioneering Aviator
Rotary Club of Dayton OH



Orville and his brother Wilbur were two American aviation pioneers generally credited with inventing, building, and flying the world's first successful motor-operated airplane.

They made the first controlled, sustained flight of a powered, heavier-than-air aircraft with the Wright Flyer on December 17, 1903, south of Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

After their pioneering flight, Orville and Wilbur went into business making Wright Flyers for the US Army.

Divided by Rotary Club of Marquette

RTN. ORVILLE WRIGHT

Orville Wright (19 August 1871 - 30 January 1948) and his older brother Wilbur were two American aviation pioneers generally credited with inventing, building and flying the world's first successful motor-operated aeroplane on 17TH December 1903.

In 1930 Orville was awarded the *Daniel Guggenheim Medal* for his promotion of aviation and in 1936 he was elected a member of the *National Academy of Sciences*.

Orville was made an honorary member of the *Rotary Club of Dayton, Ohio* on 5TH February 1914. Apparently, after he retired from business ownership some years later he became a more active Rotarian.

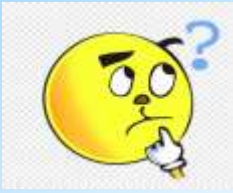
DID YOU KNOW...!?

The Rotarian Minute

Did you know?
The first Club in Europe was that of London in 1912

Rotary | **The Rotarian Minute**
District 1224

Did you know?
The 1st Club outside the US was Winnipeg, Canada in 1910



BRAIN TEASERS



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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) What is the significance of the Rotary wheel symbol having 24 cogs?
- 2) What is meant by “Make Every Rotarian Count (MERC)”?
- 3) Which landmark legal decision led to women being admitted into Rotary?
- 4) What is the governing body of Rotary International called?
- 5) What are the five Avenues of Service in Rotary?

RIDDLES

If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?

April reflections

“Bogibeel Bridge on the Brahmaputra River”



Our in-house speaker, **Rtn Jayaram M**, delivered an engaging and highly informative talk on **“India’s longest rail-cum-road bridge – the Bogibeel Bridge on the Brahmaputra River”** during our weekly meeting held on 7th April 2026. He began by taking us through the different types of bridges and their significance, before delving into the remarkable Bogibeel Bridge—a 4.94 km engineering marvel spanning the mighty Brahmaputra in Assam, connecting the districts of Dibrugarh and Dhemaji. It is indeed a matter of great pride for our club to note that Rtn Jayaram M. was one of the engineers involved in the construction of this magnificent bridge.

It was truly a wonderful and insightful session, made even more enriching by the enthusiastic participation of our members.

April reflections

“Importance of Skin Donation and Skin Bank”



Rtn Dr. Aravind Rao, Plastic Surgeon and Head of the Skin Bank at Father Muller Hospital, delivered an insightful and thought-provoking talk on the topic **“Importance of Skin Donation and Skin Bank”** during our weekly meeting held on 14.04.2026.

While most of us are familiar with organ donations such as eyes, liver, kidneys, heart, and lungs, the concept of skin donation after death remains relatively unknown. Dr. Aravind Rao eloquently shed light on this noble cause, emphasizing how donated skin can play a life-saving role in the treatment and recovery of burn victims.

He also explained in detail the eligibility, process, and timing of skin donation, along with the procedure involved in harvesting and preserving skin. The session was truly enlightening and served as an eye-opener for many of our members, inspiring greater awareness about this meaningful act of giving even after life.

April reflections

“Felicitation to Ms Shubha Brahmavar & Rtn Dr Ranjan R.K”



Showing gratitude for the support we receive is one of the noblest virtues. In this spirit, our club had the privilege of expressing its heartfelt appreciation to **Ms. Shubha Brahmavar**, Director & H.R of M/s Roskonnct and **Rtn. Dr. Ranjan R.K.**, RC Mangalore City for their unwavering support towards our flagship initiative—the handover of an ultramodern ultrasound machine to District Wenlock Hospital.

Their invaluable contribution was duly recognised and they were honoured during our weekly meeting held on 21st April 2026, as a token of our sincere gratitude and respect

MAY – YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



May is celebrated across the Rotary world as **Youth Service Month**, a time dedicated to recognizing, empowering, and investing in the leaders of tomorrow. It is a reminder that today's youth are not just future leaders—they are capable changemakers right now, full of energy, ideas, and the courage

to make a difference.

Rotary's commitment to youth is deeply rooted in its core belief of *Service Above Self*. Through various programs such as Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Youth Exchange, Rotary provides young people with opportunities to develop leadership skills, build global connections, and contribute meaningfully to their communities. These initiatives nurture confidence, responsibility, and a strong sense of purpose among youth.

Youth Service Month is an ideal time for Rotary clubs to actively engage with young minds through mentorship, skill-building workshops, career guidance sessions, and community service projects. By collaborating with schools, colleges, and youth organizations, Rotary can inspire students to think beyond themselves and take initiative in addressing social challenges. In this regard, our club took the initiative by associating ourselves with Swastika National Business School in conducting various workshops viz. "SAMVEDA" series to our youth.

As Rotarians, our responsibility is not only to support youth but also to trust them, empower them, and walk alongside them as partners in service. When we invest in youth, we invest in a better, more compassionate future.

Let us make this May meaningful by engaging, encouraging, and elevating our youth—because their passion today will shape the world of tomorrow.



HOW TO MANAGE GOOGLE ADS

A few days ago, out of curiosity, I searched on Google for “How much does a helicopter cost?”

Since then, my life has been in chaos...



No matter where I go—YouTube, Facebook, Instagram—I’m bombarded with luxury advertisements like:

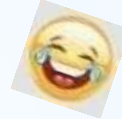
🧐 “Spend your holiday at the Burj Khalifa.”



😬 “Gift your loved one a diamond necklace.”

😬 “The pyramids of Egypt await you.”

😬 “Pre-book the iPhone 16 now.”



😬 “Buy your dream home in Canada.”

😬 “We have 1 acre of prime land on the moon just for you.

”How much can one tolerate?

I had to act, and the solution was very simple...



Last night, I searched, “How to repair torn shoes?”

Problem solved!

Since morning, all the ads have been at my level. Since this morning, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram have been showing me ads like:

“Buy 2 pairs of sandals for just ₹70 and get ₹10 cashback!”

ROTARY NEWS



RI District 3181 has won the prestigious '**Annual Fund 50:50 Milestone Award**'.



Rtn Dr. Bharath Pandya, Trustee 2022-26, is appointed as Vice Chair of TRF Programme Committee by Rotary International.

ROTARY MEETING WITH THE ASTRONAUT MEMBER

At first glance, it may seem like any other Rotary meeting for the members of the **Rotary Club of Köln am Rhein, France**. Yet, what makes this gathering truly extraordinary is that while most members are seated on Earth, one of their own joins them from space. **Rtn. Samantha Cristoforetti**, an astronaut aboard the International Space Station, connects with



fellow Rotarians while orbiting the planet—quite literally bringing a new dimension to fellowship. Four months into her second mission on the space station, Rtn. Cristoforetti interacted with club members, answering questions and leaving them in awe with breathtaking cosmic views. “Most of the time, I try to take meetings from the Cupola, because then I can show people the Earth through the windows,” she shared in an interview with *Rotary Magazine*. Adding to this remarkable connection, Rtn. Cristoforetti carried with her the red-and-white banner of the Rotary Club of Köln am Rhein—symbolising that the spirit of Rotary knows no boundaries, not even those of space.

ROTARY NEWS



In 2026, Portugal issued a commemorative **2-Euro coin** to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Rotary Clubs in the country. The coin pays tribute to an organization deeply committed to solidarity, sustainable development, and the promotion of peace. It marks a century of meaningful and impactful service to both local and global communities.

The design of the coin—both symbolic and universal—beautifully reflects Rotary's core values, while its clarity conveys a powerful humanitarian message at a glance. Ultimately, this commemorative issue stands as a timeless tribute to a global network dedicated to civic engagement, cooperation, and service above self.

There's always two sides to the coin if you have the patience to see.

Kathryn Budig

ROTARY NEWS

Dear Rotarian,

What if protecting your family could also help strengthen your Rotary Club's service projects?

Through the RI Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 App, Rotarians can now purchase Health, Motor, Life, or Travel Insurance—powered by **BeyondSure**—in a way that truly reflects the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

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Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7

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**Protect Your Family.
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Available for Rotary Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7
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Login to the RI Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 App and tap the BeyondSure Link

★ How this helps everyone:

- ✓□ You & your family get trusted insurance protection
- ✓□ Your Rotary Club receives a donation from the insurance broker
- ✓□ Zero extra cost or effort for you or the Club

Every policy purchased by a Rotarian results in a direct contribution to the Club, creating a simple, transparent, and sustainable source of support for community service activities—without any additional financial burden.

☞ Click here to purchase:

<https://supportclubs.rotaryindia.org/customer/login>

☎ For any reference or clarification regarding this initiative, please contact Pinky at +91 7977507663.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION- TAIPEI -2026

Rotary International Convention-2026 will be held from 13TH to 17TH June, 2025 at Taipei. The registrations for the said event is already open. Interested members may register for the event.



“ROTARY MARATHON”



The Rotary Club of Mangalore South is organizing a ‘**ROTARY MARATHON**’ (5K Run) on 3rd May 2026 starting from Canara CBSE School Ground, Mangalore.

Rotarians and family members are requested to actively participate and make this event a grand success.

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

UTSAVA - 2027

11th Rotary District Conference of RID 3181 “**UTSAVA – 2027**” is to be held from 23rd January, 2027 to 25th January, 2027 at Palemar Convention Centre, Maryhill, Mangalore.

Registrations is reopened on 1st April, 2026. The revised registration fee is Rs.4,500/- for Rotarians, Rs.3,500/- for Anns and Rs.2,000/- for Annets and this rate is valid only till 28th June, 2026.



MISSED IT? HERE'S YOUR SECOND CHANCE

REGISTER NOW

11th Rotary District Conference

Rotary **UTSAVA** 2027

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A Festival of Service, Culture and Fellowship

JANUARY 2027

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Palemar Convention Centre, Maryhill, Mangaluru

Rotarian - ₹4,500
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Valid only till 28th June 2026.

“ROTARY ANUBHAV A AWARDS & JNANA DEEPA”

“Rotary Anubhava Awards” and “Jnana Deepa –DTLS & CLLS” will be held on 20th & 21st June 2026 at Mysuru Union, Mysuru. The event is being hosted by Rotary Mysuru North.

As our club is expecting a good show at the awards night, all members are requested to register for the event. Also the newly elected President, Secretary & Board memebstr are requested to register for the training sessions.

The registration fee would be Rs.1,700/-.



UNITE FOR GOOD Rotary CREATE LASTING IMPACT

Rotary International District 3181

District Secretariate 2025-26
District Secretariate 2026-27

Invites you to

Rotary Anubandha Awards & Jnana Deepa DTLs & CLLs

Date: 20th & 21st June 2026

Venue: Mysore Union, Mysore

Please **REGISTER NOW**

1. Registration fee Rs. 1700 per person
2. Silver Sponsor fee Rs. 10,000
includes registration fee for one person and double bed room at Hotel Zentora, which is very near to Mysore Union

Event Hosted by **Rotary Mysore North**

For Zone 1 to 5 For Zone 6 to 9

Contact for Registration

- Rtn. Prabhakar P. - 94481 50472
- Rtn. Swamy M.J. - 81238 39688
- Rtn. Mahaveer S. - 94482 22291
- Rtn. Marjunath Y.R. - 83174 84599
- Rtn. Prashanth S.A. - 95383 75363
- Rtn. Ravi K. - 98450 19161

(Kindly Register now - Digital Application form will be shared soon)

Bank details : Rotary Mysore North Events
Canara Bank, Kuvempunagar Branch, Mysuru - 570 023
A/C No. : 110168377815 IFSC Code : CNRB0001512

FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS

ROTARY PREMIER LEAGUE 2025-26

“RPL-2025-26” - Rotary Premier League Cricket tournament which was originally scheduled to be held on 29th March, 2026 at St. Philomena College Ground, Puttur is postponed due to less registration of players. The next schedule will be announced soon. The event is being hosted by Rotary Club Puttur Elite.

Rotary INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3181
ROTARY PREMIER LEAGUE 2025-26
 HOST: ROTARY CLUB PUTTUR ELITE, ZONE 5

DATE: 29 MARCH 2026 SUNDAY
 VENUE: ST PHILOMENA GROUND, PUTTUR

PLAYER FEE: ₹1000
 OWNER FEE: ₹15,000

PRIZE MONEY:
 WINNERS: ₹25,000
 RUNNERS-UP: ₹15,000

REGISTRATION MARCH 17, 2026
 LAST DATE FOR PLAYERS

Get ready for an exciting season of cricket! Register now and be part of RPL Season 6.

Musical Night & Dinner will be held on Sunday evening, March 29, 2026, after the tournament.

Contact: 910 877 3326

Timeline for 2026-27

IMPORTANT DATES

2026

- Apr 24,25,26 - PELS, SELS - Goa
- May 23 - AG Meeting - Madikeri
- June 20 - DTLS, Awards - Mysore
- June 21 - CLLS - Mysore
- June 28 - DG Installation - M'lore
- June 28 - TRF Level-1,2 Seminar - M'lore
- Aug 8 - Interact Assembly (1-5) - Mulki
- Aug 16 - RCC Assembly - Sullia
- Aug 22 - Membership Seminar - M'lore Coastal
- Aug 23 - Membership Seminar - Mysore Midtown
- Aug 29 - Interact Assembly (7-9) - Mysore E-Club
- Sept 6 - Rotaract Assembly - Mysore East
- Sept 20 - Dist Indoor Sports
- Sept 27 - RAHLA
- Oct 24 - World Polio Day
- Nov 22 - Dist Outdoor Sports
- Nov 28,29 - TRF Seminar - Madikeri Misty Hills
- Dec 4,5,6 - RYLA - Surathkal
- Dec 6 - Interact Conference - Belthangady
- Dec 12,13 - Dist Cultural

2027

- Jan 3 - Dist Cricket
- Jan 22,23,24 - Dist Conference - Mangalore
- Feb 23 - Rotary Birthday - Bantwal
- Apr 11 - RCC Conference - Kolya
- May 15,16 - Bhandavya - Derlakatte
- June 19, 20 - DTLS, Awards



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

first

Is it the **TRUTH**?

second

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

third

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

fourth

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS

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ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) It represents 24 hours of service (continuous service)
- 2) A membership engagement and retention initiative encouraging active participation of every Rotarian.
- 3) The Board of Directors of Rotary International v. Rotary Club of Duarte decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 4) The Rotary International Board of Directors.
- 5) Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth Service.

RIDDLES

Answer: 'Nine'