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## OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN

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Time: 7:30 PM

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# PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Dear Rotarians and family members,

The May Rotary month started with a very hot Summer and ended with the cool rainy season. The Week started with talk by Rotarian Sandeep Rao Idya President Rotary club Surathkal on Environmental issues. He spoke on Environmental problems related to water scarcity, waste management, water and air pollution in and around Mangalore. In the second week's business meeting President Elect Rotarian Satyajit Rao unfolded his vision



for the next Rotary year and his Financial implications for the year 2025.26.

Our Rtn Ganesh Bhandary contributed Rs.80,500 for Treatment of Pavan Kamath. Rtn Ekanth Dandakeri contributed Rs.30,000 for the students education. I take this opportunity to thank both of them for their dedicated generous contributions. I also thank all our other Rotary Members of Rotary Down Town for their generous contributions for social causes.

Rtn Rajendra Kalbhavi of Rotary Mangalore club spoke on his Journey to Japan for the 3rd time. It was an interesting session as he spoke on Japanese culture and developments taking place in Japan. Members enjoyed the Virtual tour of Japan with Rotarian Rajendra Kalbhavi with his PPT presentation.

The May month ended with heavy rain and thunder showers in the Mangalore city and we could not conduct our Board meeting in the last week. The remaining one month as President of our club has to finish all the rotary activities, collect contributions for TRF and preparations by the club for the Award ceremony by securing 100 percent participation. Let me thank all the members and family members for your guidance and support to work as President of our club.

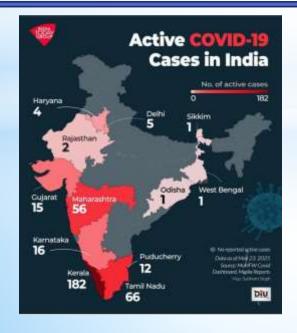


#### "DISTRIBUTION OF GROCERIES TO SNEHA DEEPA ORPHANAGE"



8th May, 2025

In association with Rotary Club of Mangalore Mid Town, our club sponsored Grocery to Sneha Deepa Orphanage for the month of April, 2025. The groceries were handed over by Rtn Ralph D'Souza, President and Rtn Rajmohan Bhandary of RC Mangalore Midtown. Our club contributed an amount of Rs.5,000/- for the said project



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### "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEET MEDICAL EXPENSES"



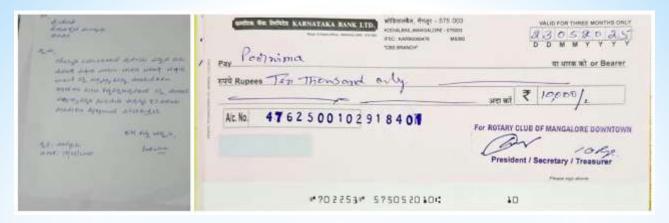
14th May, 2025

Pavan Kamath, a 17-year-old boy, is diagnosed with acute Leukaemia and needs an urgent bone marrow transplant with an estimated cost of around ₹50 lakhs. The family has already spent ₹29 lakhs on his treatment and has exhausted all their resources. The family is emotionally and financially devastated. With the initiation of our member kind hearted Rtn Ganesh Bhandary and his major contribution, our club could collect Rs.1,00,000/-towards the said noble cause. The amount was transferred on 14.05.2025 to the beneficiary's bank account.





# "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES"



23<sup>RD</sup> May, 2025

Keeping the Rotary aim to bring change in one's life, our club met the financial needs of a bright student Ms Poornima, who is pursuing her 2<sup>nd</sup> PU Course. She was given the scholarship of Rs.10,000/- and the entire cost of the project was borne by our kind hearted member Rtn Eknath Dandekeri.

## "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES"



23<sup>RD</sup> May, 2025

Another opportunity for our club to make a difference in one's life came when the request came from Mr. ARMAAN DIVITH, who is studying 1<sup>st</sup> year B Com in St. Aloysius College to meet his education expenses. Again our kind hearted Rtn Eknath Dandekeri came forward to bear the expenses of Rs.20,000/-.



# **May reflections**

# "MY ENVIRONMENTAL FOOT PRINTS"









7th May, 2025

Rtn Sandeep Rao, President of Rotary Club of Surathkal was the Guest Speaker during our weekly meeting held on 7th May, 2025. The topic was "My environmental foot prints". He spoke very eloquently on the subject explaining how we as individuals leave our foot prints in environmental degradation. Be it wastage of scarce water resources, garbage generation and disposal. He beautifully explained how as individuals, we can contribute in the reduction/ management of our water resources, garbage generation (both wet & dry waste) and thereby contributing our part in protecting our environment.

"It's the little things that citizens do. That's what will make the difference. My little thing is planting trees."

- Wangari Maathai, Kenyan Environmental Activist





# **May reflections**

# "MY ENVIRONMENTAL FOOT PRINTS"









21st May, 2025

Rtn Rajendra Kalbavi of Rotary Club Mangalore was the Chief Guest during our weekly meeting held on 21st May, 2025. He gave a talk on "Japanese Way – A Reality Check", where he dwelled upon his experiences of visit to Japan on three occasions starting from the year 2019 to as recently as in 2025. He took us through the Japanese Culture, food habits and their time sense & punctuality, neatness & cleanliness. It was indeed a very informative experience for us and to get enriched with the first hand information on Japan.

"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open." –

- Pandit Jawaharlal Nedhru





## **ROTARY INFORMATION**

### "ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTRE HOUSTON"



At the height of the space race in the early 1960s, thousands of aerospace engineers, scientists, contractors, and support crew members flocked to Houston, turning 1,600 acres of what was mostly cow pasture into the bustling research hub known as the Manned Spacecraft Center, now the Johnson Space Center. The transplants needed social connection. They needed an outlet to improve their rapidly growing community.

They needed a Rotary club.

When the Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston) formed in 1964, about a third of its 35 charter members were connected to the space program — including a manager in a General Electric department that designed and built equipment for Project Apollo; an executive from McDonnell Aircraft, which supplied the Gemini and Mercury capsules; and the IBM chief in charge of the acres of computers needed to program space flights. The club's early members also included a real estate agent who found homes for NASA families, an assistant superintendent of a burgeoning school district, and a veterinarian who treated astronauts' pets.

It even attracted astronauts **L. Gordon Cooper**, the youngest of the seven original astronauts in Project Mercury, and **Frank Borman**, commander of both Gemini 7, which at the time had the longest space flight, and Apollo 8, the first mission to leave Earth's orbit and circle the moon.

"I wanted to become a member because I'm very much interested in the community around here," Borman said in a 1966 cover story about the club in this magazine. "I think a Rotary club is an important asset to housing developments like these."

(Source: Rotary.org)

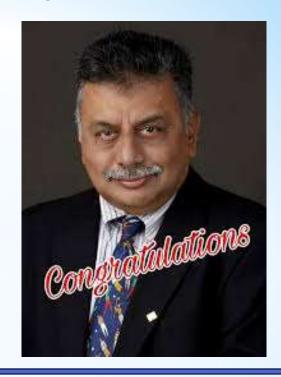




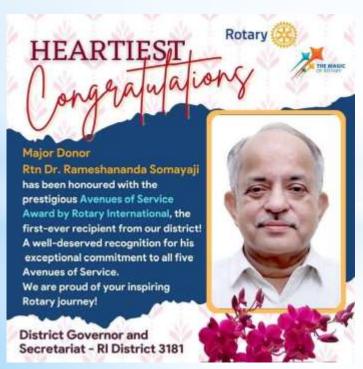
# **ROTARY IN NEWS**

# "RTN. RAVI VADLAMANI"

**Rtn Ravi Vadlamani**, of Rotary Club of Guntur and Past District Governor of RI District 3150, received Gold medal from the President of India Smt. Draupadi Marmu on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at Rastrapathi Bhavan, New Delhi for hos contribution to the society in the field of Social Service.



# "RTN DR. RAMESHANANDA SOMAYAJI"



Rtn Dr. Rameshananda Somayaji of Rotary Club of Bantwal has been honoured with the prestigious Avenue of Service Award by Rotary International.

He is the first ever recipient of the said award from our District RID 3181.





# **ROTARY IN NEWS**

"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.

# What if cycling could change the world?

Benjamin, a member of the Rotaract Club of Cannes Riviera, has set out on a unique adventure: cycling around the world, planting a tree for every 21 kilometres he rides, and meeting changemakers, who are shaping a more sustainable future.

From local entrepreneurs. rethinking impact to global Rotary connections, Benjamin's project, **Trees on the Way**, is all about taking action, one pedal stroke and one tree at a time.

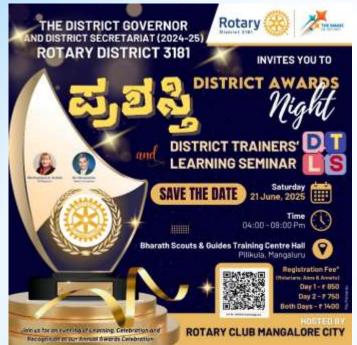
Find out more about his journey: <a href="https://on.rotary.org/3GWJpv0">https://on.rotary.org/3GWJpv0</a>







"ಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ & DTLS"



"ພັງອື່ ຂໍ້," 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.

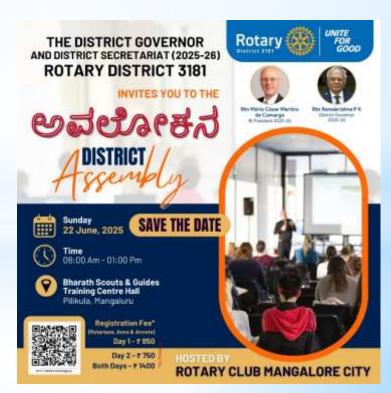
The event is being hosted by Rotary Club Mangalore City. The registration fee is Rs.850/-.

# "ಅವಲೋಕನ" – DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

"ಅವಲೋಕನ"- District
Assembly will be held on
Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday & 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), the registration fee will be Rs.1,400/-.







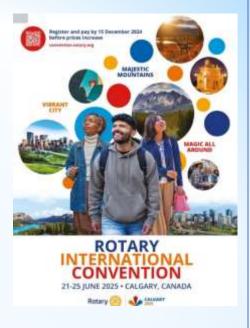
### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - "CALGARY -2025"**

# **Connect In Calgary**

Embark on an exhilarating journey of connection and inspiration at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary! Engage in riveting discussions, learn from distinguished speakers, and explore enlightening breakout sessions against the backdrop of Calgary's picturesque beauty nestled amid the Canadian Rockies.

Fueled by friendship and a spirit of collaboration, exchange best practices, ignite innovative projects, and form lifelong connections with fellow changemakers from around the world.

Take part in this transformative, one-of-a-kind event and experience the Magic All Around at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada 21-25 June 2025.



#### "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.





# "SNEHA SOURABHA"- ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE-2025-26"

"SNEHA SOURABHA", District Conference for the year 2025-26 of RID 3181 will be held from 30th January to 1st February, 2026 at Rajendra's Place, Opp: Sheshadripuram Degree College, Outer Ring Road, Hebbal, Mysuru. Interested members are requested to register themselves for the event. Registration may be made by visiting conference website: https://districtconference3181.in/.

The Registration charges are as under: Rotarian-Rs.4,500/-Rotarian with Spouse-Rs.7,500/-Ann - Rs. 3.500/-Annet - Rs.2,000/-



# "ROTARY SOUTH ASIA THALASSEMIA CONFERENCE"





'Rotary South Asia Thalassemia Conference, scheduled to be held on 11th May, 2025 at Navi Mumbai (to be hosted by RID 3142) has been postponed until further orders in view of the war-like situation prevailing in the country. Rotary

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"SAMHITHA - WOMEN IN ROTARY"



**"SAMHITHA-Women in Rotary"**, Rotary Women's Conference, a day long event is being organised by Rotary Club of Bantwal Loretto Hills on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 from 09.30 AM to 05.30 PM at Hotel Ocean Pearls, Mangalore. The event is open for all the lady Rotarians. Registration fee is Rs.700/-.

The event will be attended by Ms Kushboo Sundar, Cine Artist; Rtn Elizabeth Cherian, DGE, RID 3192; Rtn Dr. Suman Hegde, President RC Sirsi; Ms Akkai Padmashali, Social Activist. The event is meant to celebrate fellowship, strength and spirit of lady Rotarians.

"We need to reshape our own perception of how we view ourselves. We have to step up as women and take the lead".

- Beyoncé, singer-songwriter





# **EVENTS THAT JUST HAPPENED**

**ACT ASIA MALAYSIA -2025"** 



'Act Asia Malaysia-2025', 8th Rotary Youth Conference was held from 16th to 20th May, 2025 in Malaysia. The event was 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\*



# For the kind attention of members,

If you have clothes that cannot be worn by another person, then please donate them to Animal Care Trust, Shaktinagar, Mangalore. Used clothes will be useful for sick and injured street animals at ACT.

Old Bed sheets, towels, nighties, T-shirts and newspapers can be given to ACT.

To Donate contact 9900404971







# BRAIN TEASERS



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# ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) What is the motto of Rotaract?
- 2) What is the age range for Rotaract members?
- 3) What is an Interact Club?
- 4) What is the age range for the Interact Club members?
- 5) Which is the first Interact Club to be formed in the world?

# RIDDLES

"What starts with E, ends with E, and has a letter in it?"



# **NOTABLE ROTARIANS AROUND THE WORLD**



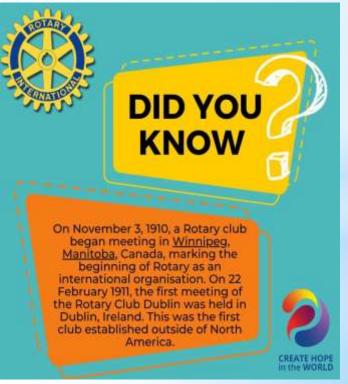
#### RTN NEIL ARMSTRONG

Rtn Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon, born 5th August, 1930. He was the Commander in Apollo-11 Mission and became the first person to walk on the moon on 20 July 1969. He joined the organization before his career as an astronaut, and the club hosted him during his first public appearance after the Apollo 11 mission. Armstrong's Rotary involvement highlights his

commitment to service and community engagement alongside his groundbreaking accomplishments in space. He was the member of Rotary Club of Wapakoneta, Ohio, USA.

# ROTARY – DID YOU KNOW?













# Fly in the soup....!!!?



A boy asks his father, "Dad, are inspects good to eat?"

"That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies.

After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says.

"There was a fly in your soup, but now it's gone."



# Forgetfulness is a bliss...!!!



There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget.

They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream.

"You might want to write it down," she said.

The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream.

"Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream."

Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.

"Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top."

So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon.

The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"







# The Downtowners



Our Club Secretary **Rtn Jayaraj K.**, was one of the Resource Person at "**Business Tonic**", a Business related talk show telecasted live on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 on local Cable TV Channel Namma Kudla 24X7 and was also live on Youtube Channel. The topic for the talk show was "**Build your portfolio with proper asset allocation**".



Sri Umamaheshwari Kabaddi Academy in association with Friends Kapikad organised a event to commemorate the valour of Indian Soldiers in the recent "Operation Sindhoor" and to felicitate Sri Sudhakar Kumpala, Ex-Serviceman on the occasion. Our member Rtn. Umesh Gatty was one of the guests for the event.



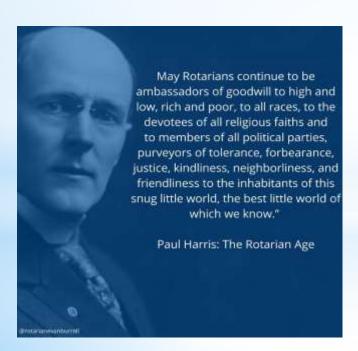


# The Downtowners





Our Club President **Rtn Ganapathy Shenoy.**, made the Feature Presentation on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 about his business entity M/s Kanara Hardwares at the meeting of BNI held at Hotel Ocean Pearl, Mangalore.







## JUNE- ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH



In Rotary, June is designated as Rotary Fellowships Month. This theme focuses on the importance of international fellowship and goodwill among Rotarians with shared interests, promoting increased participation in fellowships, and expanding understanding of this program.

"Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price." Rotary Founder, Paul Harris

Rotary Fellowships are international groups whose members share a common interest. Being part of a fellowship is a way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. Rotary Fellowships provide a chance to make lasting friendships with people outside your club. Members of these groups share an interest, wish to further their vocational development, or want to make new friends, explore opportunities for service, and enhance their experience in Rotary. Fellowships must have active members in at least five countries. Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni.

What are the benefits for Rotarians in joining the Rotary Fellowships?

Fellowship provides opportunities for Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own Club, District or country. Fellowships contribute to the advancement of world understanding and peace. Also, Fellowships serve as an incentive for attracting new members to Rotary and retaining our existing members. Indeed, Rotary Fellowship, together with the Rotarian Action Groups, serve as an effective tool in promoting membership development and should be actively promoted in our Districts.

There are many Fellowships that would be of interest to our members, and they are detailed on <a href="http://www.rotary.org/fellowships">http://www.rotary.org/fellowships</a>.

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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - JUNE, 2025

I have had so many wonderful experiences over the past year, but as comforting as it might be to dwell on the past, we must look toward the future.

We are closer than ever to ending polio, but that does not mean we can relax. We still have a promise to keep to the children of the world and their families, and we will only fulfill that promise through fundraising, advocacy, and the power of our collective action.



I was amazed at the capability and commitment of the peacebuilders at the Presidential Peace Conference earlier this year. Our Peace Fellowship program and our many other peace initiatives bring healing to a divided world, but they need our support to remain effective and relevant.

Amid a worldwide loneliness epidemic, Rotary offers friendship, purpose, and belonging. If we hold true to our ideals — to The Four-Way Test and our spirit of inclusivity — we will remain a beacon of light even in the darkest times.

The Action Plan can serve as a guide to make our clubs and districts simply irresistible, but it is up to us to take that advice and put it to use. Family of Rotary, there is nothing we cannot achieve when we come together and work toward a common goal.

You are *The Magic of Rotary*, and I can't wait to see the lasting change you bring to the world.

Stephanie A. Urchick President 2024-25

" Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together."

- Paul Harris - 1948.





# TRF TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE-JUNE, 2025



This past year, my wife, Gay, and I have been privileged to witness the impact of The Rotary Foundation. From dialysis centers in India to environmental projects in Taiwan and educational initiatives worldwide, we have had a front-row seat to the life-changing results of your generosity. To see the work of our Foundation firsthand gives one a deeper understanding of Rotary's power to transform lives by spreading peace, hope, and health.

In Bangkok, we saw a specialized life support machine for critically ill patients with lung and heart problems at a public hospital — only the second machine of its kind available to the city's 11 million residents outside of private care. Funded through a global grant, this technology is saving lives because Rotary members saw a need and responded.

Everything Rotary accomplishes through the Foundation — Rotary Peace Centers, Programs of Scale, global and district grants — relies on a strong and growing endowment. This is *The Magic of Rotary* that you make possible through your generosity. That is the reason I am so passionate about our goal to build the net assets and commitments of The Rotary Foundation Endowment to \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025. The Trustees set this goal in 2016, after exceeding earlier targets and recognizing the growing interest in endowed giving. Thanks to your extraordinary support — including gifts from the estates of members — the net assets and commitments of the Endowment have grown substantially and are within reach of our goal.

To contribute to the Endowment, talk with your endowment/major gifts adviser or your major gifts officer, or visit **rotary.org/donate**. Your generosity can help us reach our goal, which we will celebrate at the Rotary International Convention in Calgary this month.

The fruits of these gifts may not be seen for several years. We are planting trees — trees that will grow to fund Rotary Peace Fellows and scholarships, put an end to polio, support high-impact Programs of Scale and global grants, and allow our Annual Fund to spread more hope.

During my 40-year journey in Rotary leadership, The Rotary Foundation has always been at the core. From leading a Group Study Exchange team in 1986 to serving as district Foundation chair, trustee, RI president, and now as trustee chair, it has been the honor of a lifetime.

I am fortunate to have experienced and been inspired by the magic that you have created through your dedication, service, and action. Let us together continue planting trees that will provide fruit for generations.

Mark Daniel Maloney Trustee Chair 2024-25







# BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS

| NAME                     | DATE OF BIRTH         |
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| Ann. SUPRIYA BHANDARY    |                       |
| W/o Rtn. GANESH BHANDARY | 8 <sup>th</sup> JUNE  |
| Rtn RAHUL SUVARNA        | 15 <sup>th</sup> JUNE |
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| Rtn RAJESH SHETTY        | 15 <sup>th</sup> JUNE |



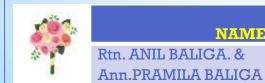






# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS

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# ANSWERS TO BRAIN TEASERS

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# ROTARY QUIZ

- 1) Fellowship through service
- 2) Earlier it was between 18 to 30 Years. However, at present there is no upper age limit.
- 3) A Rotary Youth program for post primary school students.
- 4) Between the age of 12 to 18 years.
- 5) The Interact Club of Melbourne High School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida, USA, became the first Interact club on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1962.

# RIDDLES

"Envelope"



