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ROTARY PROJECTS AROUND THE GLOBE

Acclaimed chef VikasKhanna created a children's book, Festivals at the Bungalow, with support from the recently chartered Rotary Club of Southwest Florida District 6960. The club raised \$20,000 from U.S. and Indian Rotarians, individuals, and businesses to print 2,000 copies of the illustrated book, which are being distributed free to Rotary-led literacy initiatives. The book "takes children on a journey across India, showcasing how families come together to decorate, cook, and celebrate," says PriyaAhluwalia, who helped start the club with her husband, MohitPohani. "The combination of stories and recipes makes it both educational and engaging, sparking curiosity while fostering cultural appreciation." On August 15, Rotarians joined Khanna in ringing the closing bell of the Nasdaq Stock Market in New York City to mark the book's publication.

South Africa : What began in 2016 as a casual dinner among friends has grown into an annual gala in Cape Town to raise money to help end polio. "We thought we'd raise some funds while enjoying a meal together. As the idea grew, I brought my Rotaract club on board," explains Rex IP Omameh, now a joint member of the Rotaract and Rotary clubs of Blouberg. At the 2024 gala, about 100 guests enjoyed the paparazzi treatment as they strolled the red carpet. The party, attended by local luminaries, guests, and members of District 9350 Rotaract and Rotary clubs, raised money for Rotary's polio eradication efforts and a Rotaractor trip to Uganda to participate in a polio vaccination campaign. "Each year we see more people, especially young people, becoming passionate about polio awareness through this event," Omameh says. This year's celebration, scheduled for November 8, is branded as Africa Unite: A Gala for Peace and Polio. - By **Brad Webber, United States**

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Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K, District Chairman of Public Image, served as the installation officer at the installation ceremony of the **Vivekananda Rural Community Corps, Sree Ramakrishna Tapovana, Polali**. The event, held on 24 December 2025 at Polali, was attended by club president Rtn. Arun Kumar Shetty and other Rotarians.

PROGRAMME 30.12.2025 AT 07.00 PM

Next meeting. 06. 01. 2026 AT 07.00 PM

Annual General Body Meeting

**CELEBRATION OF
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**

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Dinner Meeting

Ann & Annets invited

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Topic: Symbiotic Relationship

Welcome : Club President Rtn. Dr. Arun Kumar Shetty welcomed Rotarians, invitees, Anns, Annets, and guests.

Presentation Summary : The chief guest and resource person, Dr. Malini N. Hebbar, delivered an insightful presentation on symbiotic relationships. Key points included:

- Planet Earth is inhabited by millions of species. Because different species often share the same spaces and resources, they interact in various ways, collectively known as symbiosis.
- A symbiotic relationship is a close, long-term interaction between two different species where at least one benefits. These relationships range from mutually beneficial to harmful. Common types include:
- **Mutualism:** Both benefit (e.g., clownfish and anemone).
- **Commensalism:** One benefits, the other is unaffected.
- **Amensalism:** One is harmed, neither benefits.
- **Parasitism:** One benefits, one is harmed.
- **Competition:** Neither benefits.
- **Mimicry:** One benefits, the other is unaffected.

These ecological connections help organisms survive by providing shelter, nutrients, or protection, and are essential for maintaining ecosystem balance.

Key Characteristics:

- **Close association:** Organisms live in close physical contact.
- **Interdependence:** Often vital for survival or obtaining resources.
- **Ecological importance:** Plays a significant role in ecosystem health and stability.

Symbiotic relationships can indicate an ecosystem's health. For example, large areas of coral reefs have been severely damaged or destroyed due to rising ocean temperatures caused by climate change. This temperature increase causes coral to expel the algae that live within them. Without these algae, the coral turn white and die. This loss of symbiosis is an early sign of declining coral health and highlights the importance of studying symbiosis in marine environments, as well as the negative impacts humans can have on these interactions. As National Geographic Explorer Sylvia Earle said, "We need to respect the oceans and take care of them as if our lives depend on it. Because they do."

Interdependence leads to progress. Similarly, the Rotary Club and the Inner Wheel Club collaborate to organize community-oriented programs. Their joint efforts are more successful than individual attempts at implementing projects and conducting programs.

Rtn. PDG K. Krishna Shetty spoke about the objectives behind organizing the joint program and encouraged the Inner Wheel Club president to strengthen cooperation in launching and executing community development projects.

Mrs. Aruna Jalan, President of the Inner Wheel Club, Mangalore North, thanked the Rotary Club of Mangalore North for initiating the joint program and promised full support and cooperation in organizing community development projects.

Special Guests: President and members of the Inner Wheel Club, Mangalore North, Dr. Jayakar Bhandary, Principal, G.F.G.C, Car Street, Mangalore

Announcements by the President:

- A 15-day yoga camp, organized jointly with Pathanjali Yoga Samithi, was inaugurated on December 14 and will continue until December 28 at the Balabhavan premises under the guidance of Dr. Jnaneshwar Nayak.
- The club provided breakfast & lunch for 60 people at 10 centres on Pulse Polio Immunization Day, Dec.21, 2025.
- The second half-yearly due of Rs. 9,750 is payable by December 30, 2025.
- The Vivekananda RCC Polali installation will be held on December 24 at 10 am.

Member Recognition:

- Rtn. Dr. Prabha Adhikari was the resource person for the Geriatric Assessment and Care Program organized by RC Mangalore Coastal, Inner Wheel Club, Surathkal, and NagarikaSalahaSamithi, Surathkal.

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- Rtn. Dr. Shivaprasad K was the guest of honour for the inaugural function of the Milk Bank 'Amrutha Varshini' and the Kids Athletic Championship, both held at Mysore on December 21, 2025.
- Rtn. Sudharshan Nayak and Rtn. Dr. Arun Kumar Shetty contributed US \$30 on National Pulse Polio Immunization Day.

Birthday & Wedding Anniversary: Rotarians, Anns, Annets, and Jones celebrating their birthdays or wedding anniversaries were wished success in their future endeavours.

Acknowledgments: Invocation: Mrs. Rama Mani, **Introduction to the Chief Guest:** Ann. Dr. Bharathi Prakash, **Vote of Thanks:** Rtn. Shivani Baliga

Closing: The meeting concluded with the National Anthem, followed by a fellowship dinner sponsored by Rtn. Dr. K.E. Prakash and Ann. Dr. Bharathi Prakash.





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Rtn Dr Shivaprasad K, Rtn Viswanath Shetty and Rtn Dr Arunkumar Shetty attended Bhumi Pooja for the noble project of Sharadha Anda Kalavidara Geeth Gayana Sangha—Cultural Training Centre and Residential Facility at Barsaguri, Naricombu, performed by Sri Ramanath Rai, Honourable Former Minister. The project was initiated by Rotary Club Bantwal.

Dr. Vidyashree, daughter-in-law of Rtn. Lohidas, has published a new research paper on 'Ascitic Fluid/ Cytology' in the prestigious DY Patil Journal of Health Sciences. **Hearty congratulations to Dr. Vidyashree on this remarkable achievement!**



Rtn. M. Subraya Prabhu was the chief guest & resource person for the bank recruitment examination & solving the test papers program jointly organized by Christian Souhardha Koota and All India Advocates Association, Haleyangadi.

Rtn Dr. Shivaprasad K, in the name of Rotary Mangalore North, sponsored bags for the participants of the 69th School Games Netball Championship, held under the auspices of the School Education Board (PUC) at Pilikula as a part of the Public Image Project.



News about Rotary:

1. Rotary Mangalore is the first club in RI Dist. 3181 to receive the Rotary International Banner Award.
2. District Leadership Board: Rotary. Mangalore North is in second place among the medium-sized clubs in the district.
3. Rotary Bangalore, Peenya is organizing a **free limb fitment camp** from Jan 3rd to 9th, 2026 at Bangalore. Members may please spread the information and identify the people and guide them to make use of the facility.

Happy Birthday



Rtn Krishna Prasad Rai
29th Dec

Jone Deepak 26 th Dec.
S/o Rtn. Kanchana Devi,



The valedictory function of the yoga camp at Balbhavan on December 28, 2025.



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