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ROTARY MYSORE  
DIST. 3181 ZONE - 7

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District Governor



**Arun Belawadi**  
President



**M N Venkatesh**  
Secretary



**Roopa Venkatesh**  
Editor



**Gordon R McNally**  
R I President

## Rotary Mysore Officers 2023-24



sitting (l to r) Jt. Secretary Dr. Arjun Sachidanand, President-Elect Rtn. Praveen N, President Rtn. Arun Belawadi, Secretary Rtn. MN Venkatesh, Treasurer Rtn. Sanjay Gopal, Imm Past President Rtn Subramanya Rao  
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## Rotary Mysore - Awards and Recognition



At the Samprapthi 2023 District Awards at Mangalore, Rotary Mysore was awarded the **Platinum+ Distinguished Service Award** in recognition of exceptional dedication, unwavering commitment and outstanding contributions; in the Areas of **Vidya Siri, Arogya Siri, Jala Siri, Vana Siri & Rotary India Update**. This was possible due to the efforts of all our Rotarians led by President Subramanya Rao, his team of Officers, Rotaractors and volunteers.

*Kudos to Rotary Mysore!*

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6th July 2023

Charter Day and Installation Special

1.4  
million

WE CONNECT PEOPLE  
1.4 million members  
worldwide.

47  
million

WE TRANSFORM  
COMMUNITIES  
Approximately 47 million  
volunteer hours each year

\$333  
million

WE FUND SUSTAINABLE  
PROJECTS  
\$333 million awarded for  
global service initiatives in  
2020-21

## RI President 2023-24 Gordon R McNally

RC South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland



**Gordon McNally**, a graduate of dental surgery at the University of Dundee, owned and operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh. He was the chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a Presbytery elder, and held various positions in the church.

A Rotary member since 1984, McNally has been **president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland**. He has also served RI as a director and as member or chair of several committees. He is currently an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee.

McNally and his wife, Heather are Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.



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*"A woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer me: a beautiful seashell."*

*"The goal is to restore hope to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves"*

*"Rotary brings newly created hope, one at a time."*

*"By helping others, we essentially help ourselves. Rotary helps create a more hopeful world."*

## Dist Governor RID 3181 Rtn. Keshav HR

Rotary Club of Mysore Brindavan



Major Donor **Rtn. Keshav H R** was born in Mysore on 19 Mar 1969 to Late Sri HK Ramakrishnaiya and Late Smt Leela. A Mechanical Engineer, he worked in Wipro, before starting his own Shashwati Group of companies that manufactured Auto Electric Products & Precision Moulding Tools. He also runs a chain of Electronic Goods Franchise.

Rtn Keshav joined **Rotary Mysore Brindavan** in 2003 and was President in 2010-11. He was chairman of Rotary Brindavan School later. As **Asst Governor** in 2015-16, he had max TRF contribution and launched a Blind Walk for eye donation. In 2021, he implemented **Jnanadeevige** at the height of Covid,

where lesson-filled tablets were given to Govt students.

A kind-hearted Rotarian with great inter-personal skills, he is an avid sportsman. His vision is to serve the community particularly in the areas of Environment and *Aanganawadis*.

He is married to **Ann Saraswathi**, a software engineer, and their son **Sanath** is pursuing his PhD in Germany.





## Installing Officer PDG Sameer Hariani

RC Bangalore South-West, RID 3190

**Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani**, born in Mumbai to Late Mr. Satish Hariani and Mrs Leena Hariani, holds a BDS degree and is a Post Graduate in Endodontics and is a Dental Surgeon. He is the CEO of TSMT Academy and runs a multi-speciality clinic Dazzle and is Director at Dazzle Online. He is a trainer, coach, anchor, EmCee and much more.

A member of **Rotary Bangalore South-West**, he was a successful **centennial President** during 2004-05. He has served his District in various capacities, and has set a record by adding **52 new clubs** and enabling his Governor in achieving World No: 1 status. He received the **Champion of Champions Award** & the Compassionate Service Award. PDG Sameer Hariani was **District Governor** 2019-20 and won 6 top awards in the Zone for the District. He is currently serving as ARPIC Zone 7 of RI and District Trainer of RID 3190, and a Trainer for Rotary Leadership Institute. He is on the RI Director Nominating Committee 2023 and is an Alt Candidate COL cycle 23-26 representative.

He is married to **Rtn. Dr Roopa Hariani**, a Dental Surgeon and a certified POSH and POCSSO trainer and a Behavior Specialist. She is a Past President

of Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore South-West.

Both are **Major Donors Level 3 -> Level 4**. The couple is blessed with twins **Ritik** who is at JP Morgan & Chase and **Rohan** who is with HDFC Life.

## Guest of Honor Asst Governor Zone 7 H S Venkatesh

Rotary Club of Rotary Mysore



**Rtn. PHF HS Venkatesh** is a graduate from the University of Mysore and moved to USA before returning to Mysore and starting his own commercial Kitchen Equipments Manufacturing Unit. After 25 years, he is now a consultant and agriculturist.

He joined the Rotary fold in 1992 and has held various positions in Rotary Mysore Midtown & Rotary Mysore. A past President, he is now the **Chairman of Rotary Mysore Education Society**. He plays Tennis, kho-kho and loves music.

He is married to **Ann Savitha**, a past President of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown. They have two children, **Dr. Vikas** a spine surgeon married to **Dr. Rashmi**, and a daughter **Sowmya** an audiologist married to **Mr. Jayathirtha**. Both are married and well settled.

## Congratulations & Best Wishes



**Rtn. Chandrashekar**

Zonal Lieutenant, Zone 7



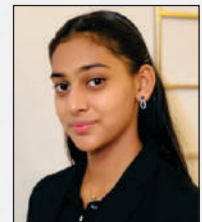
**Mrs. Ramya Ashok**

President, Inner Wheel Mysore



**Rtr. Prajwal**

President, Rotaract Mysore



**ltr. Ananvitha**

District Interact Representative, RID 3181

## Valedictory Message from Rotary Mysore President 22-23



Dear Rotarians, Anns, Annets and Friends,

What a fabulous year this has been for me as the president of Rotary Mysore. In the beginning, I was a bit nervous but as the year passed, I grew in confidence. With the help of my team's support and guidance

of PDG's, past presidents and members, we could achieve many things culminating in being adjudged as the best club with platinum plus award.

I had the satisfaction of increasing the members to 103 from 93. Another four members will be added now. We will have the highest numbers in our district.

To take the club to the next level we introduced Rotary Mysore Vision 2025 so that the club can run like a corporate with proper processes and with

synchronized working of all our sponsored organizations.

I take this opportunity to thank my entire board for the commitment and hard work. Special thanks to Hon. Secretary **Rtn Praveen**, who has been excellent and meticulous. Thanks to all over PDG's, past presidents and members for their support and guidance throughout the year.

Last, but not the least, I would like to thank my family - my wife **Geethashree**, sons, and daughters-in-law, for all their support throughout the year.

Incoming president, **Rtn Arun Belawadi** and team is ready to take up the mantle. I am sure it will be a fabulous year and I am looking forward to working along with them.

I wish Arun and team all the very best.

**Subramanya Rao**

## Acceptance Message from Rotary Mysore President 23-24



Dear Rotarians, families and friends,

As Rotary Mysore enters its 80th year, it is my proud privilege to be its President in the year 2023-24.

For 12 years, I wrote in Chamundi what was being done at Rotary Mysore. This year, my team and I will have to do and then also write about it.

Rotary Mysore has been the beacon light and path-breaking leader in the district, in all areas of service. The Presidents who led Rotary Mysore were doyens in their respective areas. As an ordinary person from a middle-class background, I am astonished at the love that each one of you has showered upon me over the last 12 years. Sometimes I wonder what is it that I have done to deserve all this. I assure you that I would convert my weakness into my strength. I will not hesitate to ask you for support as and when required, and I am sure that, as in the past, you will not hesitate to help.

My team and I would look to connect, involve, network and collaborate with all Rotarians, families, Rotaractors, Interactors, Inner Wheel members,

friends and the public. Communication would be the watch-word – before, during and after an event. Rotary Mysore and its sponsored organizations and sister organizations would work as one. This will take Rotary Mysore a few baby steps towards its Vision.

In the last few years, our club and its leaders, performed under extremely challenging conditions due to Covid. Even when Rotary Mysore celebrates its centenary in 20 years' time, the efforts of our leaders in these trying times would be remembered. One of them, **PP Manjesh Kumar** was lost to us recently. On behalf of all you, I once again pay our homage to the departed soul.

I am grateful to **IPP Subramanya Rao** and his team for handholding us the last few months. I am also grateful to all PDGs, PPs and all our friends for their support in getting us going. I will not take names, because, if I do, I will have to take 103 names. I have a wonderful team with a combination of experience, youth and dynamism. I am sure they will do wonders.

Last but not the least, I am grateful to **Chittaranjan sir** for introducing me to Rotary. Thank you.

**Arun Belawadi**



## Highlights of April-June 2022-23



*Abbas saab honored*



*Adopting Anaconda @ Zoo*



*Compassion @ Palliative Care Unit*



*Dr BR Pai honored*



*Fun Day*



*Artificial Limbs Distribution*



*Artificial Limbs Donation*



*Past Presidents Day*



*PDGs with DIR*



*Quiz by PDG MLN*



## Highlights of April-June 2022-23



*RMS Classes re-opening*



*Saraswathi Puja*



*Thanksgiving*



*Vision Rotary Mysore*

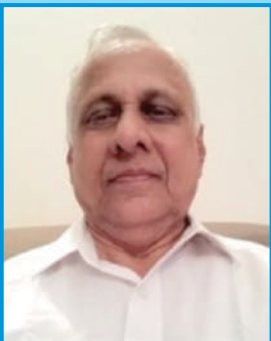


*Vocational Visit*



*Walk @ Chamundi Hill*

## WARM WELCOME ABOARD



**Prof (Retd) K Gopalakrishna**  
IIT Madras



**Group Captain (Retd)  
K S Chandrashekhar**  
Indian Air Force



**Group Captain (Retd)  
Dr Vinay Vittal**  
Indian Air Force



**Mr. Praveen Jain**  
Jain Build Mart Pvt Ltd

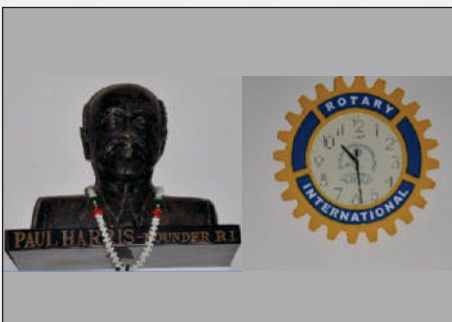


# About Rotary Mysore & our iconic projects



...serving the community since 1944

**Rotary Mysore**, a pioneer service organization of Mysuru, is into its 80th year. Coming under the world-wide organization Rotary International (RI) with the motto **Service Above Self**, Rotary Mysore was chartered on 4th July 1944 as the first club in the Rotary District. Ever since, it has been serving society in and around Mysuru - providing education & literacy, health care, shelter, youth welfare, women empowerment, safe drinking water, vocational training etc., and today has over 100 elite and committed members.



Rotary Mysore is strong in all avenues of service and has an excellent public image in Mysore. Some of its iconic projects are:

**Rotary Children's Library:** first of its kind in Southern India, marked the Golden Jubilee of RI in 1955. It has over 11,000 books and 30 Kindle e-Readers catering to a thousand kids from all over Mysuru. His Highness Sri Jayachamaraja Wodeyar, Maharaja of Mysore, as Patron-in-chief, donated a sum of Rs. 4000/- in the name of his family members.



**Ideal Jawa Rotary School:** Rotary Mysore and Ideal Jawa together established IJRS in 1969 to mark the Silver Jubilee of Rotary Mysore, with Mrs. Sheila Irani as the founder-principal. Today it has over 1700 students; while a total of over 50,000 students have successfully crossed its corridors.



**Rotary Mysore Artificial Limb Centre:** Started in 1998, RMAC has so far manufactured and freely donated custom-made 9300 prosthetic limbs (above knee, below knee, hands) through about 430 limb distribution camps for the deserving amputees.





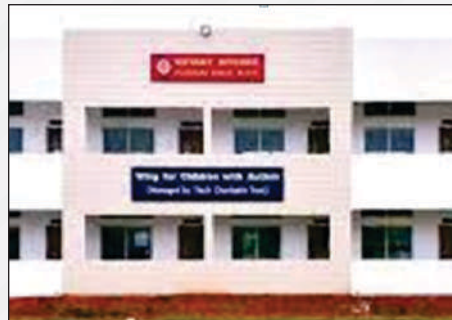
**Rotary Mysore Chandrakala Hospital Blood Bank:** Established in 2005, over 16,000 units of blood have been collected and donated to the needy and to various hospitals including KR Hospital.



**Rotary Mysore School Dattagalli:** The RMS school is in its 8th year, has classes upto 8th std and has 419 kids with integrated curricular and co-curricular activities.



**Special School for Special Children:** Rotary Mysore and Thulir Charitable Trust together run the **Rotary Mysore School for children with Autism**. A separate Wing has been allocated.



It's a matter of pride that 52 autistic children are being educated here and five of them have joined the mainstream at RMS School.

**Jeeva Raksha Emergency Care Training Unit:** Set up in association with Rajiv Gandhi UHS & SVYM. JeevaRaksha is a special-purpose vehicle with an Emergency Care Training centre and a Mobile training unit. We train healthcare personnel, students, public safety personnel and the public in basic life-saving emergency skills.



Rotary Mysore did yeoman service as the designated **Covid Care Tele-Center** by Mysore Corporation during Covid.



Rotary Mysore has a number of other projects and activities throughout the year. It has also always been in the forefront of initiatives to help mitigate calamities like floods, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Rotary Mysore promises to work with renewed vigor towards impact-creating projects and social activities for the betterment of the community.



## 4 Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?