



Welcome To Our Own Annette Malavika



Malavika M. Murthy is a heritage consultant with over eight years of experience in architectural conservation in India. She holds a Master's degree in Heritage Management from the University of Exeter, UK, and a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of Mysore.

Her work spans landmark projects including the documentation of Jaisalmer Fort, restoration of Jagan Mohan Palace, and leading the conservation of the Residential Wing of Mysore Palace, the creation of interpretation centres at Belur, Halebidu, Somanathapura, and the upcoming museum for the JSS at Suttur.

Malavika currently serves as a consultant with the Deccan Heritage Foundation for the restoration project of the Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion and is

the co-author of the DHF Guidebook on Mysore and Srirangapatna. Alongside her professional practice, she is engaged in her family's business of manufacturing wood finishes and paints.

Last Week Speaker Meet



This time it was the second couple in the Energetic Power Couple Series.

We had the dynamic duo Vinay and Pratibha of Naksha Builders who are also partners in Mysore Union.

They were a very impressive couple and spoke with confidence. Our editor Rtn. Sulaiman introduced them saying their expertise goes into construction,

interiors, hospitality, media, lifestyle and wellness.

Vinay is a builder of brands.

Pratibha is the visionary connector. She blends leadership with AI and technology and also has creativity, empowerment and forward thinking leadership.

Together they are building business, empowering communities and creating lasting impacts.

This time the discourse was of an entirely different pattern. President Rtn. Rakesh Babu had a series of questions and both of them clarified his queries depending on the subject chosen..

In that interrogation few inquiries that interested me were - What brought Pratibha to Mysore?

She answered that she wanted to explore opportunities here.

Then they were asked what good qualities or attributes they have in each other. Pratibha immediately acknowledged that Vinay is a highly meticulous and disciplined person. Even on a holiday he always makes notes.. 'To Do' diary.

is a constant companion, even on a holiday.

She requested the audience to inculcate this habit. It pays off in the long run.

Vinay said that she is very creative and looks into details, which probably being a Structural Engineer wouldn't have clicked to him.

Both of them agreed that difference of opinion does occur at Office. But never carried home. They are back to being a loving pair, letting the hair down and laughing.

Pratibha, mentioned that any failure, she would take it in a stride. That was like a stepping stone for her.

Asked how they manage with the small kid.

Pratibha's prompt answer was that she has left the entire responsibility to her mother. She knows that mothers take utmost care of nutrition and health.

Vinay had a unique way of dealing with their child. Before getting into bed, everyday he has a small conversation with his daughter.

He makes a note about the innocent answers.

If the kid says today she has helped someone, and happy. That's the best answer., for Vinay .He is satisfied. He understands that the foundation is laid.

Lastly asked how do they relax, after all that rigorous, committed work. Vinay answers that they surely go for a holiday overseas. That's for rejuvenation.

Rtn. SUNANDA

Six new members inducted to Midtown



In a colourful & packed hall full of Rotarians and their families six new members were inducted to midtown increasing the strength of midtown to 78 .Installing officer our own DG Rtn Ramki installed the new Rotarians who were introduced by our members Rtn Narendra Babu, Rtn Prakash, Rtn Yeshwant,Rtn Veeresh & Rtn Ibrahim, thus contributing to the growth of Rotary.

Speaking on the occasion Rtn Ramki stressed on the importance of attendance although it is not mandatory from the past few years.He recalled those days when attendance was compulsory and if a member did not attend 4 consecutive meetings he would be terminated.

Attendance in Rotary is more relaxed now as the bigger challenge is retention of members. The Goal of Rotary International is to add one lakh Rotarians and for every Rotary club there should be 2 Rotaract & 3 interact clubs Women in rotary also are encouraged but the percentage is very less , then we have the concept of satellite clubs where we can have members where there is no Rotary in existence , corporate club etc.

He enlightened the Rotarians that now there are more groups of Rotarians called RAGS (Rotary action groups) pertaining to their interests- like the coffee tasting Rotarians, the golfing Rotarians, Music or the business Rotarians and the more recent rotary Seva where there are a lot of NGO's .

The Rotary youth exchange is also a wonderful platform of friendship - you can send your son or

daughter to a Foreign country and Rotarians in that country will be happy to host them . Presently the youth exchange programme is active in over 220 countries .

Speaking on TRF DG Rtn Ramki recalled how a small donation of about \$26 in 1917 amounts to projects worth \$9 billion today.

He also spoke of Rtn Ravishankar of Rotary club of Bangalore who donated inr 100 crores few years back , he is also donating inr 160 crores this year besides matching funds of any donor or a group who donates \$ 25000.

From eradicating Malaria in Zambia,ending cervical cancer in Egypt , improving livelihood with a grant of \$2 million for “water excess and better harvest in India” making 60000 farmers lives better to resolving conflicts in Columbia, funds from TRF help in making the world a much better place to live.

The MC of the day Rtn Dr Manu stole the show with his inimitable style of presentation keeping the audience entertained throughout the hour or so.A hearful thanks to the Poultry of Manikyam, Manju & Venky boss for hosting the dinner which was followed by fellowship & DJ.

Rotarians enjoyed the evening which was filled with laughter and bonding.

Rotary Mysore Midtown Project a Week !

The Charming Rtn. Sunanda conducted a program for Rotaractors about DE STRESSING



In Rotaractors own words - "Our De-Stressing Session with our most favourite Sunanda ma'am was nothing short of amazing. Ma'am carried the session with so much warmth,

energy, and fun — making us sing, dance, laugh and truly live stress-free for a while.

Her friendly nature and the way she connected with every single one of us made the session interactive and lively. In fact, many of us didn't want it to end — it was that engaging!

A big thank you to Sunanda ma'am for being the heart of this evening and sharing her wisdom in the most joyful way ". Rotary Mysore Midtown n Team Do Good thanks you for your service mam

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My Experience at the RLI Course



On Sunday, September 14th, 2025, I had the privilege of attending the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Graduation Course – Part One, hosted at Shantiniketan Educational Institutions, Bengaluru. This full-day program, held from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm, brought together enthusiastic Rotarians and Rotaractors from RIDs 3191, 3192, and 3181.

We were a group of three women Rotarians traveling from Mysore, and

our journey itself turned out to be eventful. While driving on the Mysore–Bengaluru Expressway, an SUV ahead of us swerved dangerously as the driver dozed off, narrowly missing our car before bursting a tyre. Thankfully, no one was hurt. We stopped to assist him until he was safe, and once the highway patrol arrived, we wished him well and continued on our way to the training.

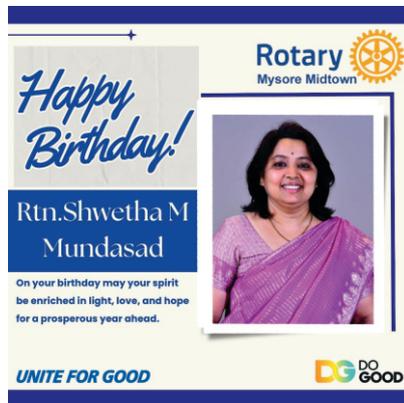
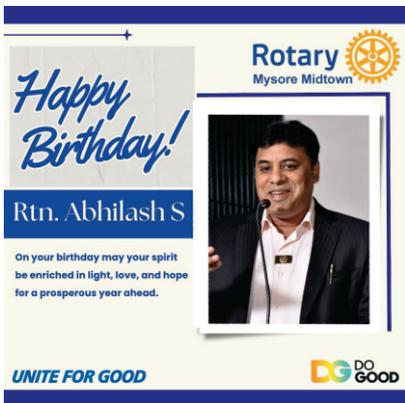
Upon reaching the venue, we completed our registration and received our course material. From the very beginning, the atmosphere in the room was charged with energy and anticipation. The course was thoughtfully designed to strengthen our Rotary knowledge and leadership skills, equipping us for greater roles in our clubs and communities.

The sessions were led by a distinguished panel of Discussion Leaders, including PDG Dr. S. Nagendra, PP Prakash Belavady, PP Krishna, and PP Gurunagesh. Their wealth of experience, personal stories, and practical insights ensured the learning went far beyond theory. A special highlight was the visit of DG Rtn. Sridhar B.R., who not only addressed us but also exchanged ideas with participants, making the experience even more inspiring.

For me, one of the biggest realizations was that Rotary knowledge is not merely about organizational structure or procedures, but about becoming stronger, more confident leaders. Listening to fellow Rotarians share their journeys reinforced the power of RLI as a platform for continuous growth and learning.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Next week in Midtown - 5th Oct 2025

Celebration of Rtn. R. Venkatesh's grandson's 2nd birthday at Hotel Ivaana.
Family dinner & fellowship. Details will be shared soon. Please join...



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