



Inner Wheel Mysore Midtown - Installing Officer PDC Dr. Sarika Prasad



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A Historic Moment for Midtown – Rtn. Ramki Takes the Helm



In a landmark event etched in the history of Rotary Midtown, Rtn. Ramakrishna P. K., fondly known as Ramki, was installed as the District Governor of Rotary Districts 3181 and 3182. Held at the picturesque lawns of Mysore Union, the grand ceremony marked the first time a Midtown Rotarian ascended to this prestigious post - a proud moment 44 years in the making.

The event drew an impressive gathering of over 600 guests, including Past District Governors and Rotarians from across the region - some traveling from as far as Bantwal, Moodbidri, and Mangalore - all eager to witness this momentous occasion and hear from the newly installed Governor. In his thoughtful acceptance speech,

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Rotary Mysore Midtown Ushers in a New Era with Heartfelt Installation Ceremony



Rotary Mysore Midtown celebrated a truly memorable installation ceremony recently on 2nd July 2025, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter under the leadership of President Rtn. Rakesh Babu K.L. and his dynamic team. The evening was filled with warmth, fellowship, and touching moments that perfectly captured the Rotary spirit of service above self. A Ceremony of Love and New Beginnings The event was graced by Chief Guest, present District Governor Rtn. Ramki and Guest of Honour AG Rtn. Naveen Chandra. It was made particularly special by heartfelt video messages sent from family members of the present Board. These personal tributes - some touching, some delightfully quirky - added a beautiful layer

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DG Ramki reflected on his training experience in the United States, where he connected with fellow governors-designate from around the world. He spoke candidly about membership challenges, aligning Rotary International's vision with ground realities, and emphasized the pressing need for membership retention. His bold target to raise USD 1 million with the help of CSR funds for The Rotary Foundation

(TRF) stood out as a clear testament to his ambition and commitment.

The event was flawlessly anchored by Ann Rachana Nagesh, whose poise and presence shone through despite minor technical glitches. With warm camaraderie, heartfelt speeches, and delicious food, the afternoon was not just a celebration, but the beginning of an inspiring journey for Midtown and Rotary at large.

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of intimacy to the proceedings, reminding everyone that Rotary is ultimately about human connections.

As Rtn. Rakesh Babu assumed leadership, there was palpable excitement about the year ahead. The new President, known for his dedication and vision, shared his commitment to the club's theme of "Do Good" - a simple yet powerful motto that promises to guide Midtown's service initiatives. The entire team, including Hon. Secretary Rtn. Bhaskar Sainik, President Elect Rtn. Mohan Kumar T.N., and their dedicated directors, stand ready to take the club to new heights of service and fellowship.

Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future

The ceremony took a moment to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of Immediate Past President Rtn. Kumaraswamy and his team 'Empathy'. Their year of empathetic service and numerous impactful projects have left an indelible mark on both the club and the community. From successful community initiatives to strengthening club fellowship, their legacy provides a strong foundation for the new team to build upon.

Welcoming New Energy

The induction of six promising new members - **Rtn. Balu Vijay, Rtn. Dr. Chandan, Rtn. Ibrahim,**

Rtn. Manoj, Rtn. Suraj, and Rtn. Vinod Kumar Jain - brought fresh energy to the club. Their enthusiasm perfectly complements the "Do Good" vision, and Midtown looks forward to their active participation in upcoming projects.

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

The seamless execution of the event itself demonstrated Midtown's collaborative spirit. From Rtn. Abhilash's excellent emceeing to family video compilation from Rtn. Jay and Rtn. Dr. Kumar adding a deeply personal touch to the evening. Rtn. Bhaskar ensured flawless infrastructure support, and Rtn. Nagaraj and team delighted attendees with delicious food and beverages - every detail reflected Rotary excellence. Special mentions go to Rtn. Jayateertha for new member introductions, Rtn. Narendra Babu for highlighting upcoming charity work, and Rtn. Dr. Kumar for reviving the impactful 'Project a Week'.

The editorial team, led by Rtn. Sulaiman Sait, curated an engaging 'About Us' segment that beautifully captured the essence and history of Rotary Mysore Midtown, while Rtn. Mohan Kumar delivered a gracious vote of thanks that perfectly encapsulated the evening's spirit of gratitude. The event also featured a personal touch with homemade 'Coimbatore' snacks provided by the President's family, further enhancing the familial atmosphere that made the ceremony so special.

Looking Ahead with Hope

As the evening concluded with Rtn. Mohan's gracious vote of thanks, there was a shared sense of optimism. With Rtn. Rakesh Babu's leadership, the "Do Good" philosophy, and the collective energy of all members, Rotary Mysore Midtown is poised for a year of meaningful service and strengthened fellowship.

The club extends its deepest gratitude to all who made the installation ceremony so memorable, and warmly invites the community to join them in their mission to create lasting positive change.

-Rtn. Dr Chaitra

Moments from the Installation Ceremony



I had a very special relationship with Mike. As we knew he was hon. secretary during past Rotarian Balu's time. Mike was a little weak in high sounding Kannada words. He still wanted to make his announcements in kannada. I tutored him few words like 'Pushpa Guccha' for flower bouquet in Kannada. He thoroughly enjoyed that moment pronouncing in his own way and made Balu happy. Jolly old Mike will for sure keep heavens laughing. We will forever miss him.

- Rtn Bhanuchandran S

My friend Mikee _A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW.Past President Mike Fernandes was a true Rotarian, loved by one and all.Everywhere he went, he would spread cheer. He always greeted me with his Goan style 'What Man' followed by a hearty guffaw. Mike and his wife Letti were a loving and adorable couple. In the early days, I would be amused by the way they always called each other 'darling'. Our club once celebrated New Year's Eve in his Industry. He was a large hearted host.I will miss you Mikee.

- Rtn. Raghu M S



A tribute to our Past President & Past Rotarian Michael Fernandes

GUY WITH A GOLDEN HEART

Yes! For me he was not a senior, not an oldie who asked for respect or gave non stop advice. He was just a guy. A pal. Here's why..Mikie 's was a very close knit family with no airs, falsies , pretence or unearthly ambitions. He was good to God and down to earth. We religiously met every X mas after he left Rotary. He loved people and people loved him. He went out of the way to be helpful. When we barely knew each other, I had a headache which never subsided. He took me to a homeopath whose appointment was a hard bargain and constantly monitored my progress. His wife Lettie, noticing my son's bad hand writing, came home with copy writing books and regularly checked his progress. We kept on nagging him to take us to Goa, his home town for the famous carnival which he kept on promising. The board dinner he hosted at his house was memorable. The family made us wipe our feet before entering the house, and saw that we did not slouch during the meeting and made us pray to the Lord thanking for the meal before we started . So was the deciplined family, all lead by Lettie. He was constantly laughing which was contagious. His famous phrase was 'bloody' which he used before every sentence. No problem was big no person was bad for him. My big regret is that he called me and asked me to drop in and spend some time as he was very bored, which I did not fulfill. .. a lesson we should all learn that such gestures should never be postponed.Here I should not fail to mention is that the family is very grateful to Sulaiman and Azeez who constantly kept dropping at his house and kept him company. Surprisingly he was all updated about our club affairs and the bond never thinned.Mikie, you will always be in our hearts. We miss you.

-Rtn Harish K B

Mikey wasn't just a fellow Rotarian-he was a cherished friend, a warm soul, and a part of our everyday lives. I called him simply "Mikey," and our friendship was one of quiet routines and shared joy. Since he lived close by, I often passed his home, and rarely did I go by without checking in on him. Even as his lungs struggled, his spirit never did-he remained ever-cheerful, moving about with his oxygen cylinder, full of life.

He had a special fondness for the non-vegetarian dishes my wife cooked, and I would gladly drop in with food parcels. Papaya was the only fruit he was allowed, and every week I made sure he got one. It became a ritual-one that meant more than just nourishment.

The Christmas and New Year celebrations in his

factory are unforgettable. In those joyous moments, even someone as reserved as me found himself dancing-such was Mikey's gift for bringing people together. His energy, kindness, and laughter filled the space and lifted every heart.

Mikey and his entire family were a vital part of our Midtown Rotary family. His absence is deeply felt, but so too is the gratitude for the memories we shared. We will miss his warmth, his humor and the genuine goodness that he carried so effortlessly.

Rest in peace, Mikey. Your legacy of friendship lives on in all of us.

-Rtn. Sulaiman Sait

In Loving Memory of Mike

Mike was one of the happiest, most easygoing souls I've had the privilege to know. I joined Rotary Mysore Midtown during his tenure as President, and from that very first interaction, he made me feel truly at home. I still remember the warmth with which his entire family hosted the Christmas celebrations — it wasn't just an event, it was a feeling. That spirit of joy and inclusion left a lasting impression on me and made my entry into Midtown something truly special."Rocky, how are you?" — he'd always greet me with those words, in that unmistakably cheerful and affectionate tone. It never changed, and it always made me smile. That was Mike — endlessly warm, welcoming, and full of life. A friend to everyone, a true Midtowner in every sense.My heartfelt tributes to a charming, delightful human being whose presence brightened every room he entered.Rest in peace, dear Mikey. You will be missed, always.

-Rtn Rakesh Babu

I knew Rtn. Mike, as we lovingly call him even before joining Rotary. When Rtn. Balu was the President in the year 1998--1999, Mike happened to be the Secretary. That is the year, when I was selected in the Group Study Exchange Program, to visit the USA. There was a particular paper to be signed by me, which was with Mike. So I had to visit his factory to do the same. Those days, there were no smart phones or ease of sending locations. I was told the direction and somehow I reached. But to locate his factory was difficult. He noticed my car coming from far and came out and started waving with both his hands, like they used to signal during olden days. Such was his concern.

Eventually in 2000 - 2001 Mike became the President and he persuaded me to join Rotary. It was an eventful year for me, as I was inducted during that year. Mike was a gentleman to the core, well behaved and soft spoken.

If his wife Leti would be present, he would always address and welcome her as the First Lady of the Club. We both have shared lot of things and laughed together during fellowship.

When we were in Goa, he came all the way to meet us from a long distance. I felt so touched.

I vividly remember the party thrown on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.
Today, Mike is one of the persons, whom I owe for me becoming a Proud Mid - Town Rotarian.
This is my humble tribute to him.
I was satisfied that though I was a bit late, I could get the last glimpse and pay my due respects to Mike.
Sincere prayers that GOD keeps you safe, Mike, in HIS fold. Stay happy wherever you are.
-Rtn Sunanda Patra



Rotary Midtown PROJECT A WEEK !

Rtn. Harish K B Graciously donated and participated in distributing food to 250 needy people..

Rotary Mysore Midtown team DO GOOD thanks you sir for ur service.



Rtn. Harish K B

Rotary Mysore Midtown is a prestigious club with a legacy of 45 years dedicated to community service. Over the decades, we have passionately supported social causes in and around Mysuru through impactful projects, touching countless lives.

Join Us & Make an Impact! Be a part of this noble initiative and align your brand with a cause that truly makes a difference. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

The Event

In our continued mission to serve, we are organizing a Charity Open Golf Tournament to raise funds for initiatives in:

- ✓ Healthcare – Providing medical aid and wellness programs
- ✓ Environment – Sustainable projects for a greener tomorrow
- ✓ Education – Empowering underprivileged students
- ✓ Skill Development – Enabling self-reliance through training

Why Partner With Us?

This prestigious event is expected to attract 200+ golfers, including business leaders, professionals, and influencers. It presents a unique branding opportunity to showcase your organization to a niche, high-value audience while contributing to meaningful social change.

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Together, let's drive change - one swing at a time!

Moments from the Installation Ceremony



Rotary News

2025 Rotary International Convention also focuses on the status of polio eradication efforts By Etelka Lehoczky



Rotary International's newest Programs of Scale grant will foster people's capacity to build and sustain peace in Colombia. The US\$2 million grant, the fifth that Rotary has awarded, was announced at the 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada.

with communities to co-create lasting solutions. And we also know ... that Positive Peace is not the absence of war, but the presence of equity, justice, trust, and opportunity."

The previous Rotary Programs of Scale grant recipients have worked to promote sustainable farming in India, fight cervical cancer in Egypt, reduce deaths of mothers and newborns in Nigeria, and decrease cases of malaria in Zambia.

Foundation endowment reaches \$2 billion

Maloney highlighted members' commitment to the Foundation's Endowment, which reached US\$2 billion in assets by June 2025, representing a doubling of its value over the last decade. Foundation trustees joined him on stage to celebrate.

"Your gifts, commitments, and dedication matter not just today, not just this year, but for future generations of Rotary members to come," Maloney said.

Maloney also announced during the general session that a new Rotary Peace Center will be established at Symbiosis International University in Pune, India. At the new center, peace and development professionals from across the region will deepen their understanding of peace studies, conflict transformation, and sustainable development.

"The fellows of Symbiosis will focus on peacebuilding efforts throughout Asia," said Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick. "With each new peace center, we are building a network of peacebuilders who are local experts with global reach."

For more...

https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-announces-us-2-million-programs-of-scale-grant-to-foster-peace-in-colombia?source=rotaryorg_frontpage_features

Next week in Midtown:

Rotary Mysore Midtown Trinity Academic Excellence Award

16th July, 2025 RCL Hall, JLB Road, Mysuru



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
President - Rotary International



Rtn. Ramkrishna P K
District Governor RI-3181



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