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EXPLORING WORLD THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

Speaker Profile:

Kiran Ranga is the founder and Managing Director of RippleFragrances Pvt Ltd. Ripple Fragrances represents a new frontier for the NR group in home fragrance products. The NR group is a Mysore based Family Business conglomerate which was established in 1948. The Group has a diverse portfolio including agarbathies - with its flagship brand "Cycle pure agarbathies", natural extracts for perfumery and nutraceuticals and electronics manufacturing solutions.

Kiran graduated from the University of Plymouth, UK in 1998, with a Bachelor's degree in Business and Perfumery. This unique degree in perfumery is accredited by IFEAT (International Federation of Essential Oils and Aroma Trades). He then obtained a MBA degree from Case Western Reserve University, USA in 2002 specializing in strategy and corporate

finance.

Through his focussed leadership and creative elan, Kiran has positioned the 'IRIS' brand as a leader in Indian Home Fragrance market space. IRIS has received several accolades for its innovativeness in product, form and environment design. IRIS markets novel products such as Reed Diffusers, Fragrance vapourizers, Fragrant candles and potpourri.

Kiran's expertise in fragrance creation has helped him to create a library of around 200 fragrance compounds for different applications. He evolved the concept of "brand signature fragrances" which introduced a new dimension to the customers brand experience. In 2014 Kiran was featured in Vir Sanghvis's documentary on India's leading Perfumers.

Kiran is a director at NESSO (Natural and Essential Oils), a business vertical of the NR Group which manufactures Flolral extracts and Nutraceutical isolates for the perfumery and functional food market space. He is also a director at Rangsons Defence Solutions, a group initiative that focuses on design and manufacturing solutions for the defence and aerospace market space.

Kiran is a member of FAFAI (Fragrances and Flavors Association of India) British Society of Perfumers, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysore Race Club (MRC), Jaychamraja Wadiyar Golf and Sprots clubs

Kiran balances his work and family life with a plethora of hobbies. He is passionate about nature photography and conservation and has participated in workshops in Svalbard for polar bears, Costa Rica for birding, British Columbia, Africa and Brazil. He is well versed in racket sports including tennis and badminton. He has trekked the Mt Everest base Camp. He is a motorcycle enthusiast and actively participates in rides with Malgudi Mavericks, Mysore.

Kiran is married to Pooja and is blessed with a three year old son, Vivaan Ranga.



SPB Evening

7th October, 2020, Wednesday



It was 'Gana Namana- a tribute SP Balasubramaniam' musical program at weekly meeting of Rotary Midtown. Innerwheel Midtown joined the event and made it interesting and colourful. What was supposed to be a music contest initially was changed to Tribute to the legendary singer and a competition after the sad demise of SPB recently. More than 15 singers from the Midtown family were lined up with SPB songs and an interesting evening was on the cards. President Rtn. Aiyanna called the meeting to order and after welcoming the guests and members handed over the proceeding to IW president Mrs. Rashmi Kaveramma, who after a brief intro gave a go to the event.

Mrs. Prabha anchored the event. She did a great job giving tit bits of SPB's life and his journey as a singer also introducing the singers of the evening. She had done her home work to perfection. The singers from Midtown family

included annets, Rotarians, IW sisters and their spouses. Ann. Ramya Sunil and Mrs. Anuradha Nandakumar were the judges for the event. They also paid their respect to the legend by singing his famous numbers.

Ms. Bhoomika daughter of Rtn.Satyendra and Kala from the Annets section was a runaway winner and she richly deserves followed by Annet Suyog S/o Bhaskar Sainik, Mr. Preetham husband of Mrs.Rashmi was a clear winner under men's category with his medley of SPB's songs in different languages. Rtn. Harish and Rtn. Ravikumar shared the second prize and Rtn. Bhanu at third. Under Women's category Mrs. Vijaya kiran was first followed by Mrs. Nandini Murthy and Ann Chaitra mohan.

It was a family time at Midtown meeting and the time well spent listening to some hits of the legendary singer paying tributes to his 6 decades of singing, as well as enjoying the competition.

Winners of SPB musical evening

Annet's section

1st Bhoomika

2nd Suyog

Women's section

1st Mrs Vijaya Kiran

2nd Mrs Nandini Murthy

3rd Mrs Chaitra Mohan

Men's Section

1st Mr. Preetham

2nd Rtn. Harish and Rtn. Ravi Kumar

3rd Rtn. Bhanu Chandran

Runners Up Team



Rtn. Milton and Rtn. Veeresh were Runners up at the Shuttle Badminton Tournament - doubles event conducted by Rotary Club of Mysore Ambari. Midtowners Rtn. Narendra Babu Rtn. Raghvendra Rtn. Abhilash Nair were also sponsors for the tournament.

Rotary International Centenary Quiz



Rtn. Rakesh Babu, Rtn. Ramkrishna P.K. and Rtn. Dr. Prahlad represented midtown in online Rotary International Centenary Quiz conducted by Rotary Ivory City Mysore.

Project -a -week



Rtn. Dr. Prahlad sponsored a Pizza party to the Covid warriors (nurses and other ancillary staff) at the Covid Care hospital of Apollo hospitals (Nataraja hospital). They were nearly 25 in number.



MY UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN ROTARY



Since my childhood, it was a dream was to join Rotary movement. During those days, newspapers used to be filled with Rotary activities with members in suits/blazers. I was fascinated as I often heard that Rotarians are distinguished citizens of the society and most of them are industrialists, businessmen and top-class professionals like doctors, engineers, advocates, etc.



Masthali Jaatre during Raaghu's Presidency

In the year 2003 my dream became reality when I visited Mottozone, vocational place of Rtn.Aiyanna, to get seat covers for my new car. I was pleasantly surprised when Aiyanna offered me to join Rotary movement. On a lighter note, I was always thinking that I needed to own a Mercedes Benz or BMW to get Rotary membership and Santro car wouldn't let me in.

Thus began my Rotary journey during Rtn.Nandakumar's president-ship. Nandoo's question during pre-induction talk still reverberates in my mind, "Will you be able to pay the club fees....?". Probably, looking at a 28 year old this question was obvious.

In my view, Rotary is an MBA institute, it has taught me so many things that even a formal education may not offer. I proudly admit that whatever I am today is because of Rotary and will remain indebted forever to Midtown.



Brahmanda during Raaghu's period

I learnt discipline, time management and systematic execution of work from Rtn.Nandoo sir. I learnt humbleness, being down-to-earth character from Rtn.Alagapan sir. He motivated & supported me to take up Secretary-ship as well as President-ship. I learnt to achieve maximum results with minimum resources from the Rtn. Dr.Bheemesh & Rtn.Bhanuchandran who are role models for dedication and workaholics themselves. Rtn.Dr.Bheemesh was the first President to recognize me and offered a place in his Board of Directors. Rtn.Bhanu, like a big brother has always stood with me throughout. I learnt how to enjoy life, have a cool nature & to be happy always from Rtn.Sundar sir. He gave me an opportunity to serve as

club Hon. Secretary during his President-ship.

I am very grateful to our club senior Charter member, fatherly figure Rtn.Raghu sir for his timely advice and help always.

I appreciate the service and support extended by my big brothers Rtn.Umesh and Rtn.Aiyanna. They stood strong with me in all the programs and projects during my President-ship. My beloved Rtn.Vishwanath (Vishwanna) has always guided me & motivated me to get the Community Amenity (CA) site from MUDA for special children school during his President-ship. Rtn.Dr.Prahlad's friendship made a huge difference in my life. He is a silent worker, dedicated and dependable. He is treasure of talent & is a great asset to Midtown. I distinctly remember the first ever colorful drama-skit presentation during my board installation ceremony, ably supported by Rtn.Dr.Bheemesh. The fun filled hilarious evening is still fresh in everyone's memory and I stay thankful to Rtn.Dr.Prahlad for that and everything.

I deeply appreciate Rtn.Ramki sir for all the support extended to me, there is no match to the services he has rendered to Rotary in the past 30+ years. My wish and ambition is to see him as first District Governor from Midtown.

I am grateful and lack right words to explain or show gratitude for the support, encouragement and the contribution for my personal and my professional growth made by my business partner Rtn.Naveen Chandra and Rtn.Venkatesh, Rtn.Narendra Babu (Babanna), Rtn.Kumar (Kumaranna), Rtn.Srinivasan D, Rtn.Haish (Harishanna),



Installation ceremony



Raaghu's Installation

Rtn.Ravi (Ravi moms), Rtn.Manoj, Rtn.Bhaskar, Rtn.Mohan, Rtn.Nagaraj, Rtn.Pavitrn for their invaluable support.

I must also recall support of Rtn.KN.Srinivas, Rtn.Azeez, Rtn.Chandu, Rtn.Rajesh Darla, Rtn.Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Milton, Rtn.Gopinath, Rtn.Mahesh Murthy, Rtn.Salil Kumar Das, Rtn.Manickam, Rtn.Manoharlal, Rtn. Sambasivan, Rtn.Narendra, Rtn.Raju Baliga, Rtn.Ravindra Babu, Rtn.Ravikumar, Rtn.Sulaiman Said, Rtn.Sanjay, Rtn.Gopal, Rtn.Sathyendra, Rtn.Naveen Chand, Rtn.Srivatsa, Rtn.MNS, Rtn.Sunanda, Rtn.Sunil, Rtn.Wajid Suryani, Rtn.Krishna, Rtn.KJ Ramesh, Rtn.Ashok, Rtn.Dr.Manu, Rtn.Dr.Ravindranath, Rtn.Balaji, Rtn.Dilip, Rtn.Gangesh, Deepak Solanki, Rtn.Satish Babu, Rtn.Mallikarjun, Rtn.Veeresh,

Rtn.Abhilash, Rtn.Abhilash Nair and entire cricket team. All of them have been true friends & have helped in life-time learnings. I will surely cherish their friendship throughout my life.

Special mention of Rtn.Rakesh Babu (Rock) for his support either during my President-ship or any other responsibilities at District level. Rock has been there with me always, anytime, any moment to render timely support, thank you rock.

During very first week of joining Rotary as a young Rotarian, I heard few lines of advice from Rtn.Narasimha which still rings in my mind; he said "First take care of your family and business. If at all you find free time then only come and do the service at Rotary, don't leave your business work in between and rush to Rotary". I have followed these words of advice and would like to advice the same to young Rotarians too. Thank you Narasimhanna for those meaningful words of advice

Happiest moments

- 1. Midtown got a Community Amenities (CA) site after much follow-up for 4-5 years. The site will be used for Manasa Kuteera (a home for the special children).
2. Awards and TRF: Midtown adjudged as the best club (in large club category) and bagged highest number of awards at District Awards ceremony, topping with a special recognition for the highest contribution to TRF in the District during my President-ship.



Bandhavya

Moments of grief : Losing most loved, humble Rotarians Rtn.Nandoo sir, Rtn.Dr.Kanakaraj, Rtn.Ganesh and former Rotarian friends Shoeb Khuraishi, Sridhar kumar Bhagavat (very recently). It was also sad moment when few proficient, dedicated Rotarians who played key role in Midtown's growth - Siraj Asgar ali, D.Srinath, Prathap kumar O, Lokanath left the club together for avoidable reasons.



Diksoochi

Enchanting club service projects

- 1. Masthalli (1,2 and 3) 2. Men's Cooking League
3. All humor filled Installation ceremonies

Much loved community service project :

Bandhavya- sports for special children

Significant vocational service projects

- 1. Diksoochi- career guidance program for young & budding students.
2. Venus Shrama Jeevi award

Worthwhile youth service projects : Brahmanda- igniting innovation among young kids

Memorable international service : Attended International Rotary Conventions at Bangkok, South Korea & Germany with Rotary friends.

Amazing permanent projects

- 1. Rotary Midtown Academy school (RMA) 2. Round About (circle) project.
3. Renovation and reconstruction of Anganawadi and Subbanna hostel
4. Up Coming - Manasa Kuteera (home for special children)



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Moment of glory- winning 1st best club

This project is very close to my heart, hope to get a shape for this under able Midtown Foundation Chairman Rtn.Dr.Prahlad.

I wish to strive hard & serve the society in the best of my capacity and also enjoy the great family – 'Midtown'. Thank you all!

Rtn. Raghavendra. S.
Joined Rotary on :20-8-2003
President during 2011-12

Community Service



Kum. Samruddhi, a 9 year old girl is suffering from Steroid dependent Nephrotic syndrome and is now admitted in a hospital in Bangalore with cardiac failure. Mr. Phaniraj father of Ms. Samruddhi is facing difficulty meeting the hospital expenses towards treatment of his daughter. Midtown is helping the family by donating Rs. 25000. The following Rotarians have

contributed wholeheartedly.

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| Rtn. Alagappan | Rs.5000 | Rtn. Naveen Chand | Rs. 5000 |
| Rtn. Dr. Prahlad | Rs. 5000 | Rtn. Naveenchandra | Rs. 3000 |
| Rtn. Satyendra | Rs. 2000 | Community service | Rs. 5000 |

Midtown wishes Ms. Samruddhi a speedy recovery



CORONA FILES.....

Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening.

Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.

... and the month is already over.

... and the year is almost over.

... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.

... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends.

and we realize it's too late to go back...

So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...

Let's keep looking for activities that we like...

Let's put some color in our grey...

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left. Let's try to eliminate the afters...

I'm doing it after...

I'll say after...

I'll think about it after...

We leave everything for later like "after" is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that:

Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...

Afterwards, priorities change...

Afterwards, the charm is broken...

Afterwards, health passes...

Afterwards, the kids grow up...

Afterwards, parents get old...

Afterwards, promises are forgotten...

Afterwards, the day becomes the night...

Afterwards life ends...

And then it's often too late....

So... Let's leave nothing for later...

Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best moments,

the best experiences,

best friends,

the best family...

The day is today... The moment is now...

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.



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Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Rotary Information



Take action on World Polio Day

Take action on 24 October for World Polio Day to raise awareness about Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio for good. To get started, download the World Polio Day Toolkit for resources to plan events and promote a polio-free world. Last year, Rotary members held more than 5,900 World Polio Day events in 136 countries. This year, online events and activities will allow us to expand our reach even more and inspire others to join us. Register your event and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates @EndPolioNow.

Wedding Anniversary



Rtn. Narasimha & Ann.
26th October

Happy Birthday



Rtn. Gangesh .B.K,
24th October

Next Week's Meeting

Speaker Meeting

Sri Murali Gundanna of Foodbox will share his journey behind his achievements



28th Oct. 2020
Wednesday



Virtual Meeting



7.00 pm
onwards



Rtn. Paul Harris
Founder



Rtn. Holger Knaack
RI President 2020-21



Rtn. Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat
District Governor 2020-21



Rtn. Aiyanna A.N
President 2020-21



Rtn. Veeresh
Secretary 2020-21



Rtn. Prahlad K A
Editor 2020-21

Good decisions don't just happen.

Ask yourself these 4 questions:



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?