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rotary MYSORE MID-TOWN Club No. 15742 RI Dist. 3181



# ABOUT US



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## ಭಾವಪೂರ್ಣ ಶ್ರದ್ಧಾಂಜಲಿ

ಜನವರಿ 8, 2021 ಶುಕ್ರವಾರದಂದು ರೋಟರಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್‌ನ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯ ರೋಟೇರಿಯನ್ ಕೆಜಿ ರಮೇಶ್‌ರವರು ವಿಧಿವಶರಾದರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ 60 ವರ್ಷ ವಯಸ್ಸಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅವರು ಪತ್ನಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಲೀಲಾವತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುತ್ರ ಶ್ರೀರಂಗರನ್ನು ಅಗಲಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ



ಅನಾರೋಗ್ಯದಿಂದ ಬಳಲುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿ ಬಂತು. ಅಗಲಿದ ಆತ್ಮಕ್ಕೆ ಚಿರಶಾಂತಿ ಸಿಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ರೋಟರಿ ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಭಗವಂತನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್ ವಿದೂಷಕ ಎಂದೇ ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಿದ್ದ ರಮೇಶ್ ರವರು 1991 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ಸೇರಿದ್ದರು. ಕ್ಲಬ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಗಣನೀಯವಾದ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಅವರು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸದಿದ್ದರೂ ಅವರ ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಚಟಾಕಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಹಾಸ್ಯಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆಗೆ ಸದಾ ಅವರನ್ನು ಸ್ಮರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. 'ಪ್ರೊಫೆಸರ್ ಆಫ್ ಲಾಫ್ಟರ್ ಯೂನಿವರ್ಸಿಟಿ' ಎಂದು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ KJ ಪ್ರತಿ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಸುತ್ತ ಹಲವಾರು ಅಭಿಮಾನಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಕರ್ಷಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರು ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಹಲವಾರು ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಚಟಾಕಿಗಳು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಇನ್ನೂ ನಗೆಗಡಲಲ್ಲಿ ತೇಲಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅವರು ಹಾಜರಾದ ಬಹುತೇಕ ಸಭೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವರ ಏಕಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳು, ಟೀಕೆಗಳು ಇರುತ್ತಿದ್ದವು. ಇದು ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಬಹುತೇಕ ನಗೆಗಡಲಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಳುಗಿಸುತ್ತಿತ್ತು.

ರಮೇಶ್ ಮತ್ತೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಿ ಬಾ. ನಿಮ್ಮ ನಗು ಮುಖ... ನಿಮ್ಮ ಹಾಸ್ಯ ....ನಿಮ್ಮ ಹಾಸ್ಯಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆ.... ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್‌ಗೆ ತುಂಬಲಾರದ ನಷ್ಟ....

## 'ROTARY OPENS OPPURTUNITIES' YEAR'S START AT MIDTOWN

On Wednesday the 6th January 2021, MIDTOWN gave a start to the first physical meeting of the

ROTARY OPENS OPPURTUNITIES year, with good attendance and heavy rains. The atmosphere in the fellowship area was electric with everybody conversing. Yes a great fillip to push Midtown to get on track of polishing the Covid year with more and more service.

Rtn President Aiyanna called the meeting to order with a little more power and the National Anthem too was resounding. RtnBhanu came forward and handed over a cheque towards the educational expenses of his driver's daughter and promised that he would support the educational needs of the child to any level of learning. Rtn. Aiyanna also recognised PP Dr.Bheemesh for his efforts in collecting funds towards 75 Tabs for the Rotary-

Public TV literacy programme to empower all the SSLC students of Government Schools in Karnataka. Midtown's target he said was minimum 200.

And then came the locked town experience sharing. President stumped Rtn. Naveen Chandra to talk first and Naveen in his ever smiling-mode gave his very personal thoughts. First was how the 25th Anniversary celebrations of Silicon had to be cancelled, then his son's thread ceremony getting pushed and the most sorrowful experience of losing his Beloved Father. Still being positive Naveen said he would just not count this year 2020 to his age and looks forward to see 2021 a much better year.

Then to come on was Rtn. Dr. KarthikUdupa, who went up page 2....



Rtn. Bhanu donating a cheque towards educational expense of his driver's daughter, being handed over by PP. Rtn. Bheemesh.



Rtn. Bheemesh handing over the cheque for 75 tabs towards Gnana Deevige project.

looked around and gave us all a whack “None of you guys are wearing your masks”.(All members had pulled down their masks) He said that one cannot be complacent and should take all the care. He related how he had to stay isolated in his own house coming back from long hauling work schedules and couldn't spend time with his children. Now he said things have improved and said they have understood ways of managing covid patients and bringing down mortalities.

Next to share his experience was PP Dr. Bheemesh. He said in this covid time he was able to address a lot of students all over india through the virtual mode and cited Assam as a special experience. He was able to take up newer skills during the lock down and said he even mastered the art of making chats like panipuri, masalapuri etc and that he will one meeting, make and serve all the members.

Coming from the theatre background, our next speaker PP Bhanu said how he was transformed from a busy traveller to part-home maker and an animal activist. Sharing his locked down story he said how he was introduced to the humble onion for a simple shredding to washing a few plates to more plates, a wee bit of sweeping to more sweeping and swabbing, in all understanding, yes managing a home too is a challenging occupation.

Our President-Elect Rtn Dr. Ravindranath was the next narrator. We had all the earlier speakers sharing what happened to them during the lock down, but Ravindranath shared what covid did to rural people around H D Kote. With no mode of transport the people couldn't travel to buy food and medicines. He explained how his NGO used the radio communication network and

helped in providing ration and medicines to around 2500 people. The hospital too worked and he had almost 25 patients in the OPD. He explained how inspite of putting the patient chair 6 feet away from his desk, the patient walking in, would drag the chair and come near his table.

Then came Rtn. Dr.K A Prahlad. He made his story-telling very interesting going back to July 2020 when Apollo had not yet started full swing on covid positive patients. He was just hearing about how covid patients develop symptoms, but he had not seen a positive patient. Come August and he hears how people are developing breathing issues and had to be shifted to ventilators. But he had not seen such a patient. Come September and he hears how people on the ventilators just die but he had not seen one. End of September he is on 3 days/week covid duty and gets to see all hell break loose. With treatment protocol shifting from HCQ to Plasma therapy to Remdisiver he sees death at very close quarters. Wearing PPEs from 9-4 , seeing 60 covid patients and another 40 asymptomatic patients he shared the tough time he underwent. In all he said the steroids worked in most patients.

Our President A N Aiyanna being a covid warrior added how Dr Prahlad helped him through his difficult days in the hospital. He also had a good word about our Midtown staff Jagga. People were discussing after the meeting is there something to learn from this lockdown?

Some were of the opinion yes, we learnt to get a better perspective of life, that people beyond our immediate family too matter. Some others said we must learn to empathise and some said that we should learn to give.

Rtn. Ramki.



## MY UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS IN ROTARY



Experience is the best teacher.

“ The assertion sounds mundane, yet withstanding supreme meaning. Rotary, nevertheless, been the same over my tenure of 12 years. Fortunate enough to count on good days, no regret and no looking back standing on the threshold in despair.

The rolling years earned me a personality to befit the aura of Rotary. Amidst umpteen self-discoveries, the one that gave a humane touch to my living is an ongoing project-BANDHAVYA, which paved the way to opening 'Devdhan' a special school for challenged children. This initiation ignited my personality from ignorance to bliss.

Rotary mid-town was a place to refill passion. Cricket was extensively expressed passion and I became the captain under the reference of Rtn. Umesh. My intense feeling towards the game of Cricket elevated while I had to lead the team towards triumph. Fortunate enough to bag the SOC for the first time over the game tenure, it brought zealous confidence and paved way to incessant success. Regrettably, switching over from Cricket to Shuttle Badminton, earned the equivalent sports passion as such.



Midtown won the SOC cup for the first ever time in 2016

To mention out of many, visits with the learned personas sea- a- far helped me imbibe social etiquette and measured my social relationship quite adequately. These instances played a prominent role, connecting self with the social tone.

I never was into role play, though contributing a known bit with confined responsibility as Sergeant- at- arms, Joint Secretary, Youth Service Director, et al. contented and fulfilling, I was always mentored by taking up one with grace.



Yercuad Club Visit During 2015-16



Winning the District cricket tournament for the first time in 2018



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Celebrating century by mates..

The members of the Rotary club were always amiable, projecting their best on new entrants, inculcated efficacy and so. Holding no prejudice, the platform signifies my identity of being a good leader to cheer the acquaintances. Memories rush back to days when Rtn. Ashok Yadhav introduced me to the opulent scaffold of Rotary. I owe my gratitude!

A club that denotes a family is more to be!

**Rtn. Elizor Milton**

Joined Rotary on 22nd Feb, 2006

## MIDTOWN'S FIRST GLOBAL GRANT (GG1990476)

In 2018-19 when Rtn Manoj was our President and Rtn. SulaimanSait was the Hon secretary we applied for a Global Grant under Education and Literacy Focus area. The project is to improve English literacy through remedial education for grade 3 to 7 standard rural school children, about 3600, in Chamarajanagar and Kodagu Districts. We are the Host club with DDF support from our District 3181 and our International partners are

RC San Antonio , RI District 5840 and Pragathi Foundation, besides being supported locally by RC Bangalore West, RC Bangalore Yelahanka and RI District 3190. The total Project outlay is \$98900.

The following are the members as listed in the GG application:

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. RTN P.K. RAMAKRISHNA | PRIMARY CONTACT   |
| 2. RTN DR. K A PRAHLAD  | SECONDARY CONTACT |
| 3. RTN L.M. MANOJKUMAR  | SECONDARY CONTACT |
| 4. RTN SULAIMAN SAIT    | SECONDARY CONTACT |
| 5. RTN UMESH K          | SECONDARY CONTACT |
| 6. RTN SATHYENDRA       | SECONDARY CONTACT |

The ROTARY MYSORE MIDTOWN GG1990476 account operations will be operated by any two of the following:

1. RTN AN AIYANNA
2. RTN LM MANOJKUMAR
3. RTN DR. K.A. PRAHLAD

On 24th March 2020 the Grant was approved and Rtn Manoj signed the Legal agreement. All participants pooled their contributions by October 2020 and the Grant amount of \$98900 from Rotary Foundation was remitted in our bank account on the 23rd December. The account as of date shows a credit of Rs 7319613.16.

The project will start from the next school academic year and will run for 24 months. The cooperating agency executing the project for the 60 Schools is Pratham , Mysore.

**Rtn. Ramki**

## Project a week

Friends

Today (5/1/2021) seems to be average different day for me. Early in the morning saw an abandoned german shepherd stray dog lying, bleeding and writhing in pain. Probably a vehicle must have hit it. Initially didn't know what to do but remembered that good samaritan from PFA (People For Animals) who had addressed us. Tried calling president to get her contacts but couldn't reach. Called PP. Harish who suggested Rtn GK. Instantly a flurry of activities took place. Mr Bhashyam (Raaghu's Associate) a volunteer in PFA called. An Emergency service provider from PFA called. An Ambulance rushed to the spot. Meanwhile I was able to make the dog drink some water. The Intern who came along confirmed it is a back injury and gave me a hope the dog will survive. The dog is now admitted to PFA and am sure would thank all the good samaritans of Rotary Midtown. Thanks all and yes it is a soul satisfying day.



**Rtn. Bhanu**

## Happy Birthday



**Rtn. Manjunath D.K.**  
13th Jan.



**Rtn. Subanda Patra**  
20th Jan.



## CORONA FILES.....

Someone had been to Ladakh for a week long family trip. Their local driver was a 28-year old chap named Jigmet. Jigmet's family consists of his parents, wife & two small girls!

This was the conversation with Jigmet, during their journey in deep Himalayan Ranges!

Prashant -: At the end of this week tourist season in Ladakh will end. Are you planning to go to Goa, the way Nepali workers from Hotels do?

Jigmet -: No, I am local Ladakhi, so I won't go any where in winter!

Prashant -:What work will you do in winter?

Jigmet -: Nothing, will sit quietly at home (chuckles & winks!)

Prashant -: For six months, up to next April?

Jigmet -: I have one option for working. It's to go to Siachen!

Prashant: Siachen? What will you do there?

Jigmet -: Work as Loader for Indian Army!

Prashant -: You mean, you will join Indian Army as Jawan?

Jigmet -: No, I have crossed the age limit to join the Army. This is a contract job for Indian Army. With my few friends, also drivers, I will travel 265 kilometers to Siachen Base Camp! My medical examination will be done there to check, if I am fit enough for this job. If I am declared fit, then Army will issue us uniforms, shoes, warm clothing, helmets, etc, We will have to walk up mountains for 15 days to reach Siachen. There is no motorable road to reach Siachen. We will work there for 3 months!

Prashant -: What work will you do?

Jigmet -: It is of loader. To carry load on our back from one Chowky to other in Siachen. All supplies are airdropped there. We do the job of picking it up & carry it to Chowkies!

Prashant -: Why doesn't the Army use Mules or vehicles for shifting of loads?

Jigmet -: Siachen is a glacier. Trucks or other vehicles will not work there. Ice scooters make too much sound, which will attract attention from enemy

around there. Use of vehicle will result in firing from other side! We go out in the middle of night, generally around 2 am & pick up loads silently & bring back to barracks. We can't even use a torch. Mules or horses cannot be used because at the altitude of 18,875 feet, in winter temperature of minus 50 degrees no animal will survive!

Prashant -: How can you lift load on your back where oxygen levels are low?

Jigmet -: We carry maximum 15 kgs at a time & we work maximum for 2 hours in a day. Rest of the time is for recouping!

Prashant -: That is very risky!

Jigmet -: Many of my friends died there. Some of them fell in bottomless crevices. Some got shot down by enemy bullets. The biggest danger we have in Siachen is of frost bites, but it's rewarding, We are paid Rs 18,000- per month. Since all expenses are taken care of, we can save around Rs 50,000- in these three months. This money is precious for my family, for my daughter's education.& finally I have feeling that I am serving the Indian Army, which means my nation!

The value of money & the life we have can be better understood after this exchange!

Do not forget to share this with your children. Let them realise the value of hard earned money!

Totally humbling!

## ವಾರದ ಸಭೆ

ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 30, 2021

ಕನ್ನಡ ಚಿತ್ರರಂಗದ ಹಾಸ್ಯ ನಟ ಟೆನ್ನಿಸ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಮಿಡ್ ಟೌನ್ ನ ವಾರದ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದರು. ಟೆನ್ನಿಸ್ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ರವರು ಮಿಡ್‌ಟೌನ್ ಹಾಗೂ ರೋಟರಿ



ಉತ್ತರದ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಂದ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ಸುಮಾರು ಒಂದು ಗಂಟೆ ಕಾಲ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು. ಅವರ ಮಾತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹುಪಾಲು ಮನದಾಳದ ಮಾತುಗಳು ಅಡಗಿದ್ದವು. ಒಬ್ಬ ಹಾಸ್ಯನಟನಾಗಿ, ಬೆಂಬಲ ನಟನಾಗಿ ಚಿತ್ರರಂಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಟ್ಟಪಾಡು ನೋವು ಬೆಳ್ಳಿ ಪರದೆಯ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಕಟುಸತ್ಯಗಳು ಸಭಿಕರಿಗೆ ಮನದಟ್ಟು ವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಕೊನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಂದ ಬಂದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನೇರ ಉತ್ತರ ನೀಡಿದರು. ವಂದನಾರ್ಪಣೆ ಯೊಂದಿಗೆ 2020ರ ಅಂತಿಮ ಸಭೆ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯಗೊಂಡಿತು.

Covid ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ವಿದಾಯ ಹೇಳಲಾಯಿತು.



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## Rotary Information

### Top 10 ways to be a peacebuilder in the new year



By Fergal McCarthy, Peace Programs Manager  
Many people use the end of one year to reflect on things they would like to accomplish in the coming year. What better resolution than to sow the seeds of peace in 2021? Peace underscores much of the

work that Rotary members do in improving their communities around the world. Rotary's peacebuilding initiatives seek to create environments where lasting peace is possible. We do this by continually investing in sustainable and measurable peace programs throughout our communities and across the globe; by creating an extensive network of peacebuilders and community leaders dedicated to peace and conflict prevention; and by providing Rotarians with several avenues in which they can actively participate in peacebuilding processes within their communities.

We believe that if Rotarians and concerned citizens mobilize locally to create peace, change can happen globally. Here are 10 ways you can be an everyday peacebuilder. (Check out an expanded list here).

- Enroll in the Rotary Positive Peace Academy.
- Read the Positive Peace club presentation and facilitator's guide and share the presentation with your club
- Help recruit and endorse worthy candidates for the Rotary Peace Fellowship
- Seek out any Rotary Peace Fellows who live or work in your district and invite them to collaborate on your club's next peacebuilding project – they can offer invaluable help on the planning and implementation of the peacebuilding project.
- Check out the Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association website, where you can access the Online Speaker Database to find peace fellows globally who can give a virtual presentation to your club.
- Encourage your district to become a Global Peacebuilder District.
- Start an Inter-Country committee (ICC) or a Rotary Friendship Exchange between your district and a district in another country, or create a Rotary Fellowship.
- Work with young leaders to promote global understanding and peace.
- Engage with a local Rotaract club and implement a service project that fosters understanding within and across cultures.
- Work with one of our peacebuilding partner organizations: Mediators Beyond Borders International (MBBI), ShelterBox, the Peace Corps, and Ashoka.



**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

Next Week's Meeting

### New Team Introduction



20th Jan 2021  
Wednesday



Golf Club



7.00 pm onwards

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?