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# ABOUT US



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## Lohitt V Urs - Ace International Rallyist, at Midtown

**Graduation:** BE Mechanical, SJCE, University Of Mysuru.

### Motorsport career-

- 2002 Rally Star Cup Champion.
- 2003 INRC 1400 Champion.
- 2004 2nd Runner Up INRC.
- Between 2005 - 2011 was representing MRF Tyres in Indian National Rally Championship, one of their Top Drivers.
- Winner of many prestigious Rallies like Karnataka 1000, Chikmagalur - Coffee Day Rally, Popular Rally - Kerala, Pine Forest Rally - Shimla, India Rally - Pune, Rally De Goa.
- Winner and Runner Up multiple times at Indian National Rally championship.
- 2009 Asia Zone 4X4 Cross Country Rally Champion Malaysia.
- 2010 Malaysian Sprint Rally Champion.
- 2010 -2014 Key Person to Develop Mahindra Motorsport and XUV 500. Lead Driver for Mahindra Motorsport.
- Record breaking run at Desert Storm Rally in XUV 500 in 2012. First time Diesel Power Powered Vehicle taking podium.
- 2015 - Indian Rally Champion in Mitsubishi Evolution 8.
- Asia Cup Winner at India Rally Chikmagalur.



### Presently Working on Nationalist Socio - Eco Platforms.

- Namo Brigade 2013 -14.
- Member of RSS since 2014.
- Lead Yuva Brigade Mysuru Vibhag between 2014 to 2016.
- Part of Isha Organization Team for Rally for Rivers, Cauvery Calling and Youth and Truth (Karnataka).
- Virat Hindustan Sangam General Secretary Karnataka, 2016- 18.



**Currently working on** Restoration of Ancient Hindu Temples, Water Bodies, Cauvery River, protection of Native Indian Cows.



## Ed-Tech - by Mr. Sumanth Prabhu



Sumanth Prabhu is a mechanical engineer turned entrepreneur. He is the CEO and co-founder of KIDVENTO EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PVT LTD started during 2017. He always dreamt of converting ideas into reality and making differences in the lives of people. He was the guest speaker at Midtown's weekly meeting on 17th February. He came along with his wife and the newly married couple were immaculately dressed. After Pres. Rtn Aiyanna called the meeting to order, Rtn Jaykumar a good friend of Sumanth introduced him to the club.

Sumanth prabhu in his speech articulated vivid details about present education system and elaborated 3 types of teaching methods like audio learning, video learning and reading and writing. He emphasized on his objective of teaching differently. His pursuits and crusading spirit are magnetizing. He related our education system with industrial revolution where

discipline is of utmost importance. He also narrated about Smart classes and of Gurukul system of learning. He told about the 2nd NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY which was done during 1986 which has been reformed during 2020 after a long gap of 34 years. As India is a multilingual and almost with rural population the NEP cannot be adopted like that of Israel. Rtn Bhanuchandra and Rtn Srinivasan interacted very well. Sumanth's reviews on education was of 3 kinds, firstly EDUCATION IN is having all kinds of gadgets with artificial intelligence, secondly EDUCATION FOR is of providing online platforms with contents and lastly EDUCATION OF is about online coaching.

If govt. wants to introduce online coaching into education curriculum it would take 10 to 15 years, but COVID 19 has done it in 1 year itself. He stressed the importance of INTERNET in everybody's life, he insisted about the extracurricular activities, sports and hobbies to develop the personality which has become very less in today's younger generation.

Fostering creativity and innovation should be the prime motive he opined. He also took BYJU'S app as the present game changer. Finally Rtn Rakesh babu proposed the vote of thanks in his unique style.

**Rtn. Ravindra babu**

## TRF Contribution



Thank you Rtn Abhilash Nair and Mrs. Indra Nair for contributing 3000 \$ towards TRF. May your tribe increase. The cheque being handed over to DG. Rtn. Ranganath Bhat.



## Happy Birthday

Many Happy returns of the day to our beloved DG sir  
**Rtn. Ranganath Bhat.**  
He Celebrated his birthday on  
22nd Feb.

World Rotary Day 



23rd Feb 2021

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## My Unforgettable Moments in Rotary



This feature in the 40th volume of About Us has become very popular and every midtowner eagerly waits to read and give their feedback. It has been a very satisfying exercise for me to collate this and bring it every week. Even our DG Rtn. Ranganath Bhat has recognized this and has been kind enough to give his appreciation. Our own Bhanu has been critically analyzing each ones' writing and giving his comments on a regular basis. I feel happy that I have been able to make people write- many of them have been writing for the first time, bringing out the experiences of our senior Rotarians-which will be learning process for the newcomers, in that way this series becomes a very valuable collection.

1. Recollecting my own UNFORGETTABLE moments, 20th Aug, 2003 is etched in my memory for ever. I was introduced to this great movement called Rotary by none other than late Rtn. Nandakumar, while I was a tenant at his house in Krishnamurthypuram. Nandoo, himself was a perfect example of discipline, planning, punctuality and dedication. One more stalwart Rotarian PDG G K Balakrishna was the inducting officer and I can quote no better example for an ideal Rotarian than Geekay himself. I was one among 12, who were inducted to Rotary Midtown that day at Sports Club and can you believe 6 of us are still in Midtown!



joining Rotary fold in 2003



The First edition of Masthalli Jaatre during Nandakumar's period



MCL during Rtn. Umesh's period

2. Without any second opinion every midtowner will agree that the best club service fellowship event so far witnessed is Masthalli Jaatre. We have had 3 versions in the last 18 years, during presidency of Nandoo(2003), Raaghu(2011), and Venky(2015). Each one of them was an UNFORGETTABLE event and probably all of us are longing to have the next one. Midtown's Cooking League – first time during Rtn. Vishwa's tenure(2012-13) and Rtn. Umesh's tenure(2015-16) for the second time brought all midtown families still more closer.



**Shri Sainik Deshratna Award to Martyr Major Akshay Girish**

3. Midtown's weekly speaker meetings are something which I eagerly look forward to and I have hardly missed any of them. If I have to rate the best weekly meeting I will put the moments of Shri Sainik Deshratna award presentation during Rtn. Harish's time to Major Akshay Girish who was martyred in Nagrota Terrorist attack in 2016, at the top. Patriotism, sentiments were running high during the meeting and I can't forget Major Akshay's innocent daughter Naina's face that evening. I could not control my tears rolling down while proposing vote of thanks. Thanks to Rtn.

Bhaskar for that UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT also to Rtn. Rock who anchored that evening's function with so much of energy. He sounded like soldier qualified from NDA.



**Bandhavva at Suttur in 2019**



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4. Bandhavva –Olympics for the Special children is the favorite community service activity of all Midtowners. It started during 2004-05 during Rtn. Alagappan's presidency. It brings together midtown families and the joy of mingling with special children and their families during the 2 day event, is UNFORGETTABLE for many of us. Recent editions have been adding a cultural evening to the event and also hosting the entire event at Suttur under the aegis of JSS mutt and enjoying mutt's hospitality. I should recognize the efforts of the Past Rotarian Mr. Balu, Rtn. Azeezulla, Rtn. Vishwanath , Rtn. Umesh, Rtn. Manoj, Rtn. Raju Baliga, Rtn. Aiyanna and many others for the success of this event year after year . In fact this event was the best District Community service event during Rtn. Vishwa's presidency (2012-13)

5. Recollecting my UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS in the journey through the leadership ladder in Midtown, first I should thank Rtn. Bheemesh who identified me as an editor for our bulletin About Us which I myself had not discovered and the job I am still enjoying. Then Rtn. Bhanu took me as Secretary and working with him taught me a lot about managing the club and more so the members. Then worked in various capacities under Rtn. K.N. Srinivas, Rtn. Mahesh Murthy, Rtn. Vishwa, Rtn. Raaghu, Rtn. Umesh, Rtn. Venky, Rtn. Narendra Babu and each year was a learning experience for me.

Finally taking up the mantle in 2018-19 as President was not difficult for me.



**Bhanu's Installation Ceremony**



Anchoring Raaghu's Installation ceremony as Bhatru and Bheemanna as Patelru

6. Rotary gave me a platform to showcase my hidden talents. To mention one is my anchoring. Rtn. Azeez gave me the first opportunity to be an MC for his installation in 2005. Anchoring Rtn. Raaghu's installation programme along with Bheemanna as "Bhatru and Patelru" is an UNFORGETTABLE MOMENT. Later on I have managed installation programmes of Venky, Harish, Babanna and so on... everytime it is a different experience and have thoroughly enjoyed the responsibility. Thanks to all those people who reposed faith in me in doing this job and now Midtown's installation programme is something which everyone awaits.

7. Coming to my own tenure as the President of this vibrant club- whole year was UNFORGETTABLE for me. Rtn. GK stood beside me like a rock as Secretary and I am ever indebted to his services. Rtn. Umesh was my mentor and he never let me down. The execution of Projects like Beautification of the Roundabout at SBM colony, Providing shelter for Chiguru Ashrama for the destitute, and Restoration of Anganawaadi at Brahmagiri Haadi at HD Kote tribal area will remain ever green in my memory. I should mention Rtn. D. Srinivasan's contribution in planning the circle design is exemplary. Rtn. Veeresh's commitment in executing Haadi project is laudable. Rtn. Ravikumar's help in Chiguru project also is appreciated. Introduction of Mann ki Baat at the weekly meetings by our own Rotarians was a new experiment, the members eagerly waited for the event. Our Installation function, where eminent Neurosurgeon Dr. Thimmappa Hegde was the chief guest is also memorable for me and the Kalakaar of Midtown Rtn. Harish was the Chairman of the event. I will never forget the unstinted support of all my board members.



Signature project of our time – beautification of Roundabout at SBM colony

8. This is my 18th year in Midtown and my UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS are innumerable in midtown and I can go on and on... Being in medical profession attending Rotary midtown activities is a great stress buster for me. During these 18 years my acquaintance with many stalwart midtowners has enriched my personality and learnt a lot from them, and am still learning. I am always inspired by Rtn. Raghu sir's ever enthusiastic and young attitude, Rtn. Ramki's knowledge and spirit of Rotary, Rtn. Alagappan sir's humility and large heartedness, Rtn. Salil Das's appreciative words, Rtn. Sundar's happy go lucky attitude, Rtn. Raaghu's passion to do the best attitude, Rtn. Sunanda's involvement, Rtn. Narendra's magnanimity, Rtn. Krishna's generosity, Rtn. Gopi's punctuality and Rtn. Aiyanna's creating opportunities amidst adversities .. and the list goes on...

9. Looking forward in Midtown journey- I am eagerly waiting for Rtn. Dr. Ravindranath's tenure as president. Dr. SMR is my role model in profession- and have seen him from close quarters, his sincerity, discipline and leadership abilities. Rtn. Naveen Chandra's year in 2022-23 will be a cracker of a year in midtown –because of his popularity among midtown family. GK, Kumaranna, Chandu, Rock, Seenanna, Jay, Veeru, Raju, Dilip, Nair, Satyendra, Bhaskar and many more ... all in the queue to hold the reins of Midtown for the next 10 years. Frankly I would like to acknowledge all 76 members of midtown who have shown great affection towards me and influenced my journey. Rtn. Raghavendra Shastry ascending the chair of DG in the District will probably be the climax of my journey. Well it is time to sit back and enjoy the show as Past President. Three cheers to midtown.

**Rtn. Dr. K.A. Prahlad**

Joined Rotary on 20th Aug, 2003



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## Rotary Information

### February 23, 1905 in Chicago

The lawyer, the coal dealer, the tailor and the mining engineer met for the first time. This was the start of the first Rotary club.

The aim of the club was to stimulate the business of the members and to develop good friendship.



**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

## Happy Birthday



**Rtn. Rakesh Babu K.L.**  
01st March



**Rtn. Narendra N**  
2nd March

## Wedding Anniversary



**Rtn. Dileep Kumar K & Ann Prashanthi K**  
28th Feb

## Next Week's Meeting

### Speaker Meet

Date:  
03-03-2021

Venue:  
RCL Hall

Time:  
6.30 pm

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?