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New Generation Service

District Projects

Clean Environment for Good Health
Awareness to Road Safety
Education with Legal Awareness
Go Green and Save Water

THE 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do
- Is it the TRUTH ?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned ?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS ?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned ?

Club Service

Rotary Club Manipal

Tuesday 26th August 2025 | 6:45 pm

Rotary Bhavan, Manipal

Theme: Charter day – Rewind/Replay

Speaker: Mr. U K Raghavendra Rao, Mr. Diwakar Rao

Meeting Co-ordinator: Rtn Dr Girija and Rtn Dr Gowri

No. of Participants: 45

Overview

The Charter Day celebration of Rotary Club of Manipal on 26th August 2025 was a memorable evening filled with nostalgia and pride. The program carried the theme “Charter Day - Rewind / Replay” and highlighted the rich journey of the club since 1958. Stories of its humble beginnings as RC Udupi, its inspiring leaders like Dr. T.M.A. Pai and Rtn. T. Ramesh U. Pai, and its many impactful service projects over the decades set the tone of celebration. A video on the club’s legacy, recollections of early eye camps, and recognition of 21 past presidents brought alive the spirit of Rotary fellowship. With warmth, gratitude, and renewed enthusiasm, members reaffirmed their commitment to carrying forward the proud tradition of service and growth.

The Rotary Club of Manipal celebrated its Charter Day on 26th August 2025 at Rotary Bhavan, Manipal, under the theme “Rewind / Replay.” The meeting, attended by 45 members, reflected on the club’s illustrious journey since its inception on 26th August 1958, spearheaded by Padmashree Awardee PDG Rtn. Dr. T.M.A. Pai. Key highlights included the evolution of the club’s identity—from RC Udupi to RC Manipal—its sponsorship of six Rotary clubs, and the leadership of six governors, including one lady governor. The club’s impactful service initiatives such as cataract surgery projects, TB diagnostic support, LN4 prosthetic hand camps, dialysis machine donations, and vocational support through sewing machines were recalled. Senior Rotarians and past presidents shared their experiences, and a charter video was displayed. The event also honoured 21 past presidents for their contributions, reinforcing the club’s legacy of fellowship, leadership, and service to society.



Thus, we have a great history, with great minds, heading our club and steering it. We shall continue keep our club alive and healthy with friendship and good vibes, paving the way for good deeds in Society.

Sr. Rotarian Dr. RSP Rao spoke about the early Rotary days. Charter Video was displayed. Ex-Rotarians – Mr. U K Raghavendra Rao & Past President Diwakar Rao spoke on the Eye Camps conducted in the early days & the activities conducted.

The legacy of the club made every member feel proud. The solid foundation laid in the early days has helped the club reach great height.

The meeting was concluded with announcement & vote of thanks by Secretary Rtn. Vanishree Rao and National Anthem & Group Photo.



PDG Rtn. Dr.T.M.A.Pai PDG Rtn.T Ramesh U Pai

Our charter President and Secretary

Club Service ... (Cont'd)

Interesting History of Rotary club of Manioal

1. PRID PDG T Ramesh U PAI in 1957 saw the Rotary News at the waiting room of Rtn. V.S. Kudva at Mangalore and that's how the idea struck him to start a Rotary club in Manipal.
2. The first district conference was held in 1964 with Dr.T.M.A Pai as governor. Manipal had no halls and whole of Manipal may have had only 20 cars. A big pandal was built in the KMC Greens and there was an unseasonal rain in 6 December 1964 and the whole Pandal was destroyed. – But overnight the Rotarians & people of Manipal set it up again in a heartwarming & hair-raising spirit.
3. Dr. Padma Rao, Mrs. Lilly M Pai, Mrs. Manorama Acharya were some of the early Annes that brought life into Rotary, coaching the Annettes and Johns to perform on stage.
4. With no hotels in Manipal in early 1960's guests of the District Conference stayed at homes of Rotarians and we Annettes got new dresses and our homes were spruced up with new curtains.

Past Presidents were recognized for their contributions to RCM

Past President List	Year
Rtn. Padmakar Nayak	1997-98
Rtn. Dr. Nagesh Kumar Rao	1998-99
Rtn. Diwakar Rao	2000-01
Rtn. Indira Rao	2003-04
Rtn. K S Jaivittal	2004-05
Rtn. Dr. H J Gowri	2005-06
Rtn. K Nagaraj Shetty	2007-08
Rtn. B K Karunakar Shetty	2009-10
Rtn. Nagaraj Tantry	2010-11
Rtn. Shyla S Rao	2012-13
Rtn. Dr. Girija A	2013-14
Rtn. P R Karanth	2014-15
Rtn. Dr. Shrikanth Prabhu	2016-17
Rtn. Geetha Kausik	2017-18
Rtn. Amit Aravind	2018-19
Rtn. Rajavarma Ariga	2019-20
Rtn. Dr. Prashanth Hegde	2020-21
Rtn. Dr. Virupaksha Devaramane	2021-22
Rtn. Renu Jayaram	2022-23
Rtn. Sripathy P	2023-24
Rtn. Subhash Bangera	2024-25

Thought for the day

by Rtn Swati Shourie
Peace of mind is a beautiful gift which only we can give to ourselves just by expecting nothing from anyone.



New Generation Service



26th & 27th Aug 2025: Rotaract Club of Manipal, celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with a fest of 2 days celebration filled with devotion, culture & togetherness, with great enthusiasm. The Rotaractors also had stalls to showcase various products & explore new opportunities for growth & expansion. RC Manipal members supported them by providing the fund for the fest. Rotarians also visited stalls and encouraged the Rotaractors in the initiative taken



28.08.2025: A brainstorming session was facilitated by Rtn Subhash Bangera & Rtn Farida Uppin, on team building, project planning and leadership at Madhavakripa School, Manipal.



29.08.2025: IPP Rtn Subhash Bangera and Past DRR Rtn / Rtr Mahalasa conducted Orientation Program to the TMA Pai Polytechnic College, Manipal and sensitized all the students on leadership and Rotaract Club. . President Rtn. Shashikala Rajavarma participated in the event. There were nearly 350 students who attended the session.

New Generation Service



29.09.2023: Dr. Rajalakshmi, Past President of IMA Karavali Udupi addressed the students of Govt Girls PU College, Udupi. 600 students and teachers, three Rotarians attended the session. The certificates were distributed to students participated in the of essay competition & other activities. The interact excellence awards were also presented to the Interact Club President & Secretary. 5 members attended the event.



Rotaract manipal was first installed in 1968 and is our oldest Rotaract Club. The chairman now is Rtn Col Shanbhag. This year it was installed on 30th Aug 2025, in KEF Auditorium, MIT Manipal. Nearly 25 Rotaractors were there.. The president of RC Manipal Rtn Shashikala was there along with the Youth Service Director Dr Girija, Rtn Rajavarma Ariga, Rtn Jaivittal and Rtn Nausha Shetty. Rtr Angela Anna Jossy & Rtr Hamsini Bhaskar were the nominated President & Secretary of the year 2025-26.

International Service



Rotaract Club at Manipal contributed the balance amount of RYLA Rs. 16,680event to the TRF funds



31.08.2025: Flag Exchange with RC Sringeri & RC Hassan at Kalyana Sangama, Sasthana

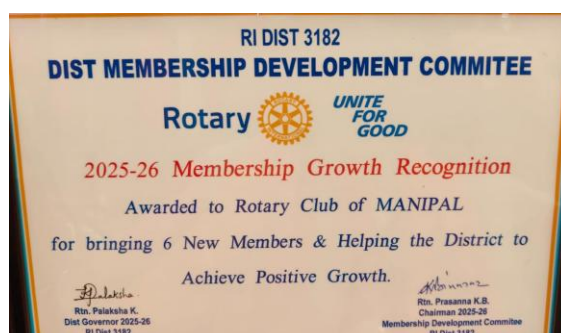
Date:
30th & 31st
August 2025



Venue:
Coastal Paradise,
NH-66, Sasthana

District Seminar on Membership Development & Public Image

30.08.2025 & 31.08.2025: 27 members from RC Manipal registered for the **District Seminar on Membership & Public Image – Kalyana Sangama** hosted by RC Kalianpura. It was a proud moment when the entire team stood by IPP Rtn. Subhash Bangera & Past President Rtn. Farida Uppin as we received the 2nd Prize as Best Club in the Large Club Category & Excellence Award for the year 2024-25 from our PDG Rtn. CA Dev Anand. The District Chairmen of the year 2024-25, Rtn. Amit Aravind, Rtn. Dr Virupaksha Devaramane, Rtn. Rajavarma Ariga, Rtn. Prashanth Hegde, Rtn. Jaivittal, Rtn. Renu Jayaram received the Certificate of Appreciation. Rotary Club of Manipal received 35 awards for the year 2024-25, which was indeed a true reflection of our unity, dedication, and spirit of service. Our President Rtn. Shashikala Rajavarma received the Membership Growth Recognition for bringing 6 New Members & helping the District to Achieve Positive Growth. Together, we have shown what Rotary stands for — Service Above Self. Let's carry this spirit forward as we continue to touch more lives and create lasting impact.



District Events



31.08.2025: Rotary Club of Manupal members participated actively in the District event, **Walkathon** organized by Rotary Club of Manupal Town, promoting the Organ donation

Public Image



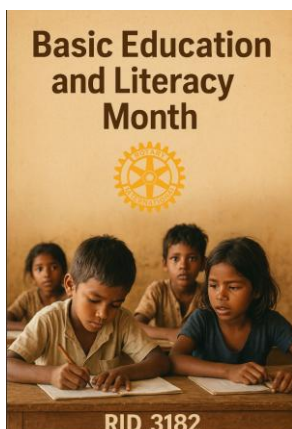
30.08.2025: EmpowerU-2025 (Teacher Empowerment Programme under District Program – Education was hosted by RC Udupi at Nutana Ravindra Mantapa, MGM College, Udupi. 10 members from RC Manupal attended the event. AG Rtn. Amit Aravind was one of the Guests of Honour.



Udayavani Newspaper dt 27.08.2025: News paper coverage on Arohana - Zonal Seminar on Membership Development & Public Image. 4 Members of RC Manupal were the dignitaries on the dais. AG Rtn. Amit Aravind was one of the Chief Guests. Zonal Coordinator Membership Development Rtn. Nagaraj Shetty & Zonal Coordinator Woman Membership Development Rtn. Renu Jayaram were the Guests of Honor & participated in the Panel Discussion. District Chairman - IT & Zonal Editor Rtn. Prashanth Hegde was also present. 25 members including the new members from RC Manupal attended the event.



Theme - September



Celebrations

Birthdays this week

- 02-Sep Rtn Dr Girija A
- 05-Sep Ann Asha V Sharma w/o Rtn I V Sharma
- 06-Sep Annette Aisha Uppin d/o Rtn Farida Uppin
- 07-Sep Kusuma Pai
- 08-Sep Ann Sharavathi Achar w/o Rtn A P Achar
- 08-Sep John Ethan Edward Sumithra s/o Rtn Roshan Denzil Sumithra

