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Club Service

18.02.2025: Weekly Meeting

Venue: Rotary Bhavan, Manipal

Topic: Impact of AI on Common Man

Speakers: Rtn. Vijay Fernandes & Rtn. Shrikant Prabhu

Meeting Co-Ordinator & Host: Rtn. Farida Uppin

No. of participants: 25



Meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Subhash Bangera. Thought for the day was presented by Rtn. Col Madhav Shanbhag. Rotary Information was presented by Rtn. Farida Uppin.

Rtn. Vijay Fernandes presented Classification Talk. In his Classification Talk, Vijay shared his childhood days. He was born in Bethangady Taluk in an Agriculture Family. His early Schooling was in Belthangady Govt. School & completed his Pre-University College in SDM, Ujire. He wanted to either join Army, or Church as a Father. He, by chance participated in a Rally in Mangalore along with his friends, which led him to join training in Army. He passed all the test & got adapted to the tough Army life. His father was a MSW Social Worker & Mother was a House Wife. He was posted to Bareli Regiment. In 1992, he became Brigadier in Pooch Centre. He participated in Kargil War. He learnt horse riding.

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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 ?



Thought for the Day
Rtn. Madhav Shanbhag

We Rotarians believe in the importance of being the righteous person always standing by truth & saving the society showing compassion & helping others. Considering the topic of talk today, it is desired that the advent of the advanced technology like AI helps to enhance our human qualities rather than diminishing them. Value of integrity should not be affected by changing social norms influenced by this technology. AI can play a crucial role in solving complex ethical dilemma making choices that align with social values & ethical norms. Therefore, prioritising a human centric approach in AI development is essential. Let us hope & wish that this technology will turn to be a blessing rather than a curse to humanity.



Rotary Information
Rtn. Farida Uppin

Rotary International celebrates its birthday on February 23rd, commemorating the first Rotary meeting held on Feb 23 1905, by Paul Harris in Chicago and is indeed observed as World Understanding and Peace Day, not coincidentally, but intentionally. The reason for this is rooted in Rotary's core values and mission. Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, envisioned a world where people from different backgrounds and cultures could come together, build relationships, and work towards a more peaceful and harmonious world. By observing February 23rd as World Understanding and Peace Day, Rotary International aims to:

1. Promote global understanding
2. Foster peace and conflict resolution
3. Celebrate Rotary's commitment to peace

Club Service... (Contd)

Whenever Rtn. Vijay came to his home town, he was recognised and was felicitated for being an Army Official. He worked as Army Dog Trainer in Jammu & Kashmir. He participated in various Terrorist Attacks rescue projects. He was recommended for Shaurya Chakra award. He later served as National Security Guard for four years. In his tenure, he did a course in Bomb Disposal. After Bombay Terrorist Attack, he applied for VRS. He did farming in Belavai for some time.

He worked as Training Executive in Manipal University. Later he worked in RCC Cruise Liner for 2 years & travelled South Asia & European Countries. He worked in UK Embassy for 2 years. He along with his wife is running a catering business, He opened a food factory, New Stall Open Products in Hiriyaadka. He also has opened Jambu Security Agency and has around 600 employees recruited. He has joined various service organisations like JCI & Rotary. His two children are going to School. Thus, he has gained versatile experience in various field.

After the Classification Talk, Rtn. Shrikanth Prabhu conducted an interesting session on Artificial Intelligence. He explained that Artificial Intelligence is opposite of Human Intelligence. He also explained the technicalities behind the AI, that is, Data, Information, Risk Mitigation, Pattern Recognition, Pattern Classification, Grouping, Internet, Operating System & so on. He also explained the role of AI in Health Care, Sports, Business Forecast, Geopolitics, Infrastructure designing, Railway, Airways, Traffic Signalling System, Defence, Education, Law, Forensic etc. He said that AI does not remove job. It promotes job opportunities. It is important that all of them are aware of Cyber Security & Cyber Crime. Rtn. Shrikant concluded the session with a note, "I & We should see something which Nobody has".

The meeting was concluded with announcements & Vote of Thanks by Secretary Rtn. Farida Uppin, National Anthem & Group Photo.



18.02.2025: Board of Director meeting was conducted. 14 members were present.



23.02.2025 - World Understanding & Peace Day: Birthday of Rotary International was celebrated by Zone 3 & 4 jointly by Car Procession from Coin Circle, Manipal to Vijay Isle Beach Resort, Mattu, Padukere Beach, Udupi. Lokayukth SP Mr. Kumarachandra flagged off the rally. The program was inaugurated by DG Rtn. CA Dev Anand, Zone 3 AG Rtn. Raghavendra Samaga, Zone 4 AG Rtn. Jagannath Kote by releasing 3 white pigeons to the sky as symbol of peace. Most of the Rotarians gathered wore white costumes as a sign of support to peace mission. It is a pride for RCM that PDG Rtn. Jaya Gowri was one of the dignitaries on the dais. AG Elect Rtn. Amit Aravind was honoured. Members of RCM participated in the procession in large numbers.



Vocational Service



20.02.2025: Bharathiya Vikas Trust Manipal, Robosoft Technologies Udupi, Rotary Club Manipal, Rotary Community Corp Hebri & Dhanalxmi Sanjeevini Okkuta Hebri collaboratively organised 10 days Training Program on Artificial Jewellery & Decorative Handcraft Products for Rural Women at Samudaya Bhavan, Hebri, from 20.02.2025 to 03.03.2025, under the guidance of Rtn. Jagadeesh Pai. The inauguration program was on 20th February. Club Secretary Rtn. Farida Uppin, Rtn. Shashikala Rajavarma, President of RCC Udupi, Sri. Krishnaraja K were the Chief Guests. Rtn. Rajavarma Ariga was also present for the occasion. 25 participants participated.



24.02.2025 to 25.02.2025: Rotary Club Manipal & District Health & Family Welfare Udupi District in collaboration with Centre for Podiatry & Diabetic Foot Care & Research & Dept. of Physiotherapy MCHP MAHE, Manipal organised 2-day workshop on Advances in Physiotherapy Skills & Practices in MCHP, MAHE, Manipal. (Rotary Global Grant: CG 2239988)

Rotarians in Action



21.02.2025: PPC Udupi, Women Empowerment Cell SHE in association with Udupi Chamber of Commerce & Industry organised a panel discussion on “She Leads, She Innovates, She Empowers” at Prajna Hall, Udupi. Rtn. Renu Jayaram was one of the Panellist.



23.02.2025: Around 20 Rotarians attended the Bhoomi Pooja of Archana Grand Kanak, an upcoming luxury residential project in Manipal. Rtn. Amit Aravind is one of the Partners & Project Engineer of the Archana Project and this is the 25th project. Congratulations to Amit and all the very best!



Congratulations to Rtn. Dr Shubha H S on being appointed as Director of Manipal College of Communications!!



24.02.2025: Rtn. Jaivittal was the Guest of Honour in the stage function at Shivapadi Temple on the occasion of the annual function “Shivapadi Vaibhava”.

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More than numbers, let's increase our impact: Sangkoo Yun



Training for Graduate Primary Teachers on 13.02.2025 Vijayavani Newspaper dt 18.02.2025

RI President Nominee Sangkoo Yun feels that Rotary needs to forge more partnerships and through sponsorship make big events such as conventions and zone institutes more affordable to Rotarians. His vision is also to make Rotary an online platform for service, which can be used by any organization interested in doing various kinds of service. In an interview to Rotary News in Kochi recently, he talked about his dream and vision for Rotary, how to attract younger members and make it more sustainable.

A Leaf from the 'Shiva Puranam' and Contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Today is 'Maha Shivratri'. According to legend, the sage Narada once visited Lord Shiva at his abode on Mount Kailash and presented him with the jnana palam (fruit of knowledge). Shiva decided to gift the divine fruit to one of his two sons, Murugan or Ganesha, and set a challenge: the first to circle the world three times would receive the prize. Murugan, taking the challenge literally, mounted his peacock and swiftly set off on his journey. Ganesha, whose mount was a humble mouse, interpreted the challenge differently. He believed that his parents, Shiva and Parvati, represented the entire universe. With this wisdom, Ganesha circumambulated them three times, and Shiva, pleased with his insight, awarded him the jnana palam. I have identified 51 reasons for Rotarians to contribute to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in my book: "Know Your Rotary."— here's one more, and it's significant. When you donate to TRF, you are making a decision much like Ganesha's. Instead of distributing donations to multiple charities for various causes, giving to TRF allows your contribution to touch many lives through its seven areas of focus. Your single donation has the collective impact of supporting diverse programs, just like Ganesha's single act symbolized the wisdom of encompassing the entire world in his devotion. Choose TRF — a foundation that amplifies your generosity across multiple humanitarian causes with the power of unity and vision. It's a wise investment for you, your children and, children's children as it creates a better world. Rtn Bhaskaran Pillai, Author of 'Know Your Rotary'



Celebrations



- Birthdays:
❖ 20th Feb - Rtn Vijay Fernandes
❖ 20th Feb - Annette Archana M J, D/o Rtn. K S Jaivittal
❖ 22nd Feb - Annette Dr Sharmila Rao, D/o Rtn Shyla Rao
❖ 23rd Feb - John Narasimha Bhat, S/o Rtn. Premaleela Bhat