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ROTARY QUOTE:

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer.always remember,you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world”- Harriet Tubman

EDITORIAL

Scoring a perfect 100 is always a matter of pride and deserves acknowledgement. Rotary club Virajpet felicitated the teachers and students of Rotary club who were responsible for this wonderful feat.

As important as how it's going, it's important where we began. The very idea and thought of Rotary club Virajpet and our Charter members have played a lead role in keeping this club going.

This Virotor sends heartfelt gratitude to Rtn Nanaiah-Ann Savithri and Rotarian Mohan Aiyappa- Ann Mala for making 50 years at Rotary Virajpet so commendable.

-Ann Dr Priyadarshini

WEBINAR OF A KIND-THE ANTARTICA!

Are you ready to attend the COOLEST webinar of Rotary Year 2020-21 ? Wow, I knew you all are ready to join, then why to wait, let's REGISTER through our district website www.rid3240.org (Registration is Must).

ANTARCTICA is coming LIVE to your Drawing / Living Room, and from there we will listen to the Team Leader of 39th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (ISEA) LIVE from BHARATI RESEARCH STATION @ Antarctica - who will be speaking to & will share his Experience & Research at the world's coolest place.

We are also arranging to show you some glimpses of the external sight of Antarctica and who knows, if you are lucky, a PENGUIN may virtually walk in to your room to say you a 'Hello'

Date : Sunday, 13 September, 2020

Time : 03:00 PM (India Time) / 09:30 GMT

On Zoom Platform

Organised by District 3240.

ROTARY VIRAJPET IS EVER INDEBTED TO THE CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB FOR BRINGING THIS TOGETHER AS A FAMILY. TODAY'S VIROTOR DEDICATED TO THE CHARTER MEMBERS AND ANNS WHO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN KEEPING THE MUSIC OF THIS CLUB ALIVE.

50 years of Rotary- Rotarian Nanaiah and Ann Savithri

Those eventful , enjoyable and glorious 50 years! Looking back we remember with gratitude, the founding fathers of this organisation in Virajpet. Rtn MW Kalappa and Rtn Major Ponnppa who were Rotarians themselves while in service. It was a platform for members to meet for friendship, Fellowship and above all for service. The outings be it on a picnic, a medical camp or a collection drive was enjoyed by every Rotarian Ann and Annet. The visits by GSE Team was an opportunity to make friends overseas. Rotarians who cherished the memory of their visits to our club were overjoyed to meet us when we visited them in their country. Our club functions were eagerly looked forward to by members of other clubs because of the warm hospitality and home cooked food by the Anns. Anns participated in all club activities like true Rotarians! At the end of the Rotary year the Ann's would put up ANN'S NIGHT in appreciation of the work done by the Rotarians. The bonding of Rotary family was very precious and thankfully continues to be so. May the present members and those who join Rotary later breath in fresh ideas and enthusiasm to take our club to greater heights.

Members will come and members will go, but Rotary Virajpet should go on forever

- Rotarian Nanaiah and Ann Savithri

50 years of Rotary as part of my Life! – Rtn. Nellamakkada Mohan Aiyappa

It was in the year 1961, when the gist of Rotary was introduced into my system by Rtn. M.W. Kalappa, who was then the president of the Rotary club of Bangalore. That was the time, when I was still in School at King George VI Royal Indian Military College, Bangalore, wherein, the school was approached by him to start the Interact club, which the then principal agreed to. I managed 30 students from the school to join and did the necessary duties during that period. That was the first interaction with Rotary, which gradually transformed me into being the youngest Charter member of the Rotary Club in 1970 by M.W. Kalappa and Maj. Ponappa.

There was so much of interaction and involvement within the 25 members of the Rotary Club, Virajpet, then; that it seemed like another family away from one's own. Projects and social work that were undertaken, was so well planned and implemented, that the urge to meet every week on a Wednesday was part of our living. The involvement was not just limited to the members, but the Anns and Annets who were so involved with every project on a weekly basis, that the family grew dearer and closer to each other. Wednesdays used to be so important to each one of us, that members from all over South Coorg used to attend with almost close to 100% attendance. This was inevitable, because we had made a rule that a member not attending the meetings for 3 consecutive Wednesdays, would have to host a dinner mandatorily on the fourth Wednesday in their respective homes, which was named as 'Fireside Meetings'. This was a practice which indirectly fined that irregular member, but in the process, brought about closeness and interaction with all the families. Fireside Meetings happened every month in one member's house, irrespective of any member absenting himself for three consecutive weeks.

Apart from many prominent and relevant projects and entertainment events, the rotary Club of Virajpet has a few proud mentions in some of the achievements, which are:

1. District 3180 Conference in the year 1983-84, when I was the President. This happened, because the District governor was Col. Chengappa, who was from our club.
2. The Interact Club at St. Annes School, and the Rotract Club at Kavary College was introduced and active participation was ensured by our club.
3. Regular Inter Club Cricket matches, with the participation of members, Annes&Annets were a memorable outing, apart from the other outings organised by the club, so that the interpersonal relationship was developed.

4. The Rotary School was started in 1991 in a small way, to what it has reached unto, in 2020.
5. The Rotary Club building that now stands for us to hold meetings was built around the late 80s and early 90s.
6. Our club was the only active club which periodically organised 'Anns & Annets Nights' for the longest period of time.

My personal view:

Never did I or my wife (Mala) feel out of place when we met people from the club during my initial days, irrespective of age, class, designations or status. We don't feel that now either, however, there seems to be a little vacuum in the present scenario and I urge and look forward to those olden days of rotary, where the entire families used to come as one and make Rotary a part of their regular lifestyle! I request all the youngsters today in the Rotary club, to reinvent the club as in the days of yore, so that we older generations can relive the past and cherish the memories along with present members.

[Rtn. Nellamakkada Mohan Aiyappa and Ann Mala](#)



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