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ROTARY CLUB OF BANGALORE BRIGADES

The Brigade's Rote

ROTARY BANGALORE BRIGADES RI DISTRICT 3192, Club Number - 051651



2024-25 Special Double Edition



OCTOBER 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brigadears,

As we complete three months of this Rotary year, I am filled with pride for all we have achieved together. Many of our projects have successfully been completed, and there are many more in the pipeline, promising an eventful year ahead.

With Diwali fast approaching, I kindly request all members to contribute generously towards our yearly project of providing new dresses to children. This year, we aim to bring joy to 600 children, and with your support, we can make this initiative a grand success.

In addition to our service projects, we have planned several fellowship events, providing ample opportunity for us to strengthen our bonds as a Rotary family. I encourage every member to actively participate in these gatherings and continue to support us in our efforts.

On behalf of the Rtn Anuradha and myself, I extend my heartfelt greetings to you and your families for the festive season. May this Diwali bring joy, prosperity, and peace to all.

Yours in Rotary,
S.Sambamurthy
President (RY 24-25)



RTN S. SAMBAMURTHY
PRESIDENT
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FROM SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear Rotarians,

The past two months have been exceptionally eventful for Rotary Bangalore Brigades. We proudly completed 16 impactful projects, showcasing our unwavering commitment to community service and engagement. Our collective efforts have truly made a difference, from transformative community service projects to enlightening guest lectures and RYLA. The spirit of fellowship that defines our Rotary Club has been vibrant and unwavering.

Among these initiatives, our family outing in August to Yelagiri stands out as a highlight, offering a memorable and enriching experience for all participants. The combination of dedicated project work and enjoyable fellowship has truly made the past two months unforgettable.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all members for their enthusiasm and support in making August and September a success. As we look ahead, October ushers in a season of festivities, joy, and renewal with Dussehra and Diwali around the corner. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming projects and events that will continue to drive our mission forward.

Warm regards,
Bhavesh Shah
Secretary (RY 24-25)



RTN BHAVESH SHAH
SECRETARY
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PROJECTS IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Self Defense Workshop

The self-defense workshop conducted at Gunasheela Fertility Centre, Basavanagudi, by members of the Indiranagar Interact Club, concluded successfully with an enthusiastic turnout. Fifteen nurses participated in the workshop, demonstrating keen interest and active involvement throughout the session. The initiative aimed to empower the healthcare professionals with practical skills to enhance their safety and confidence. This workshop not only equipped the nurses with essential self-defense techniques but also highlighted the importance of safety and preparedness in the workplace.

The success of the event was made possible by the invaluable support of Rtn. Akshai Mallappa, who played a key role in organizing the workshop and liaising with the hospital. His efforts ensured smooth coordination and helped make the event a meaningful experience for all participants.



DEI Blind Rally

RBB's participation in the DEI Blind Rally was made even more special by the presence of District Governor Rtn. N.S. Mahadev Prasad (RID 3192) for the year 2024-25. His attendance added a sense of honor to the event, and he personally recognized and appreciated our involvement in this inspiring initiative.

With Rtn. Anuradha driving, accompanied by Rtn. Gayathri and Rtn. Meera KK as passengers, and a visually impaired navigator leading the way, the experience was a profound lesson in trust and inclusivity. The recognition from the District Governor further validated the importance of our participation in such meaningful events.



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DEI Training

RBB was also proud to participate in a DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Training session, which was attended by District Governor Rtn. N.S. Mahadev Prasad. Representing RBB at the event were Rtn. Gayathri Nayak and Rtn. Abha Saxena, who actively engaged in the discussions and learning sessions.

The training emphasized the importance of fostering inclusivity and equity in all aspects of leadership and community work. It was an insightful experience, further strengthening RBB's commitment to promoting diversity and creating a more inclusive environment in both the organization and its outreach efforts.



Distribution of Electric Iron Boxes to Laundry Ironers

RBB continues to distribute gas iron boxes to people who earn their livelihood as laundry ironers, working from roadside carts. These women were overjoyed and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all our members for their generous support. This initiative aims to empower these hardworking women by providing them with modern tools that will significantly ease their daily tasks and improve their efficiency.

RBB was recognised in Rotary Magazine (August 2024) for the Gas Iron Box project.



Sambamurthy Sivasubramaniam, president, RC Bangalore Brigades, along with Akshay Mallappa and Ashwani Kinger, giving a gas iron box to a woman.

In a similar effort RC Bangalore Brigades, RID 3192, kicked off the new Rotary year with an identical initiative. They distributed two gas iron boxes to women who earn their livelihood as laundry ironers with roadside carts. This effort aims to ease their daily labour and reduce environmental impact by decreasing reliance on traditional charcoal irons. ■



Donation of Sofas & chairs to Hema Vema Orphanage, Bikkanahalli

We are pleased to announce that RBB made a meaningful contribution to the **Hema Vema Orphanage in Bikkanahalli** by donating sofas and chairs, bringing comfort and happiness to the 35 children who call this orphanage home.

Thanks to the generosity of Rtn. Ashok Vyas, the children are now enjoying their new seating arrangements. The in-charge of the orphanage shared that the kids are overjoyed and have already settled into their new sofas with excitement. This act of kindness has truly brightened their lives.

With this thoughtful donation, RBB is making a huge difference in the lives of these children.

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Morning Flag Hoisting and Food Trolley Donation at Govt Primary School, Nagavarapalya

On August 15th, we had the honor of hoisting the National Flag at the Government Primary School in Nagavarapalya. The event was well-organized, with 128 students in attendance. Along with Rtn. Mahadevi Biradhar, I sponsored snacks and sweets, which were distributed to the children, bringing smiles to their faces.

In addition to the flag hoisting, we had the privilege of donating a much-needed food trolley to the school. The gesture was warmly received, and the students expressed their gratitude to all our members for their support. It was a heartwarming occasion, with the children feeling the care and attention of the community.



Sapling Plantation Drive at Avalahalli

Later in the day, we participated in a sapling plantation drive at Avalahalli, aimed at contributing to a greener environment. Alongside IPP Suresh Babu, Club Service Director Sudha Suresh, and Vocational Service Director Ashwin Acharya, we planted 130 different types of saplings.

This initiative was made possible through the coordination of Smile Seva Kendra, who arranged the volunteers for the event. We extend our special thanks to Rtn. Ashwin Acharya for generously sponsoring the plants and ensuring their transportation.

After the plantation, we had a productive discussion with Mercy Mission directors about organizing health camps in the near future. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for the first week of September to finalize the dates. The day was a meaningful step toward environmental sustainability and future community health initiatives.

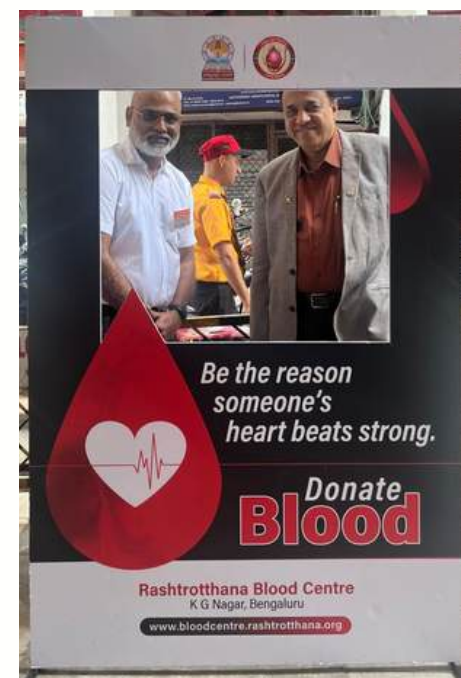


Blood Donation Camp and Membership Day

On August 22nd, RBB had the privilege of hosting a Membership Day event combined with a blood donation camp, which saw the participation of our esteemed District Governor, Rtn. N.S. Mahadev Prasad. His presence added significance to the day, as he recognized the importance of both strengthening our membership and contributing to a noble cause.

The event was a great success (also covered in Local Newspaper), with club members and volunteers coming together to support the blood donation drive. The turnout was impressive, with numerous donors stepping forward to contribute towards saving lives. The blood donation camp underscored the club's commitment to community service and making a tangible impact in the lives of those in need.

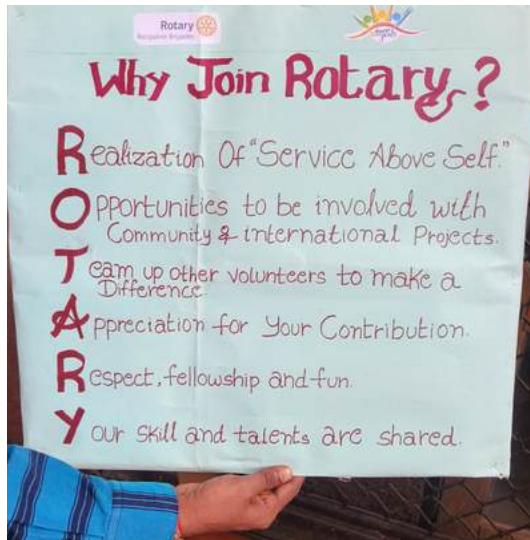
Simultaneously, the Membership Day event provided an opportunity to celebrate the growth of the club and highlight the importance of engaging new members in Rotary's mission of service. The District Governor's participation in both events not only motivated members but also emphasized the value of unity and active involvement in Rotary's initiatives.



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Rotaract Club Goldenrock Installation

RBB members recently attended the installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club Goldenrock. Representing the club were Secretary Rtn Bhavesh, Rtn Gayathri Nayak, Rtn Abha Saxena, Rtn Akshay, and Vice President Rtn Anuradha. The event was an outstanding success, with the presence of esteemed guests PDG Rtn Uday Bhaskara and DGE Rtn Elizabeth Cherian adding to the significance of the occasion.

The energy and enthusiasm displayed throughout the event were truly inspiring, reflecting the vibrant spirit of the Rotaract community.

ICGF event

On August 24th, RBB members attended the ICGF (Intercity Group Fellowship) event, which brought together Rotarians from various clubs. The event was an excellent opportunity for networking, exchanging ideas, and fostering fellowship. It provided valuable insights and inspiration, reinforcing the collective commitment to service and community development.



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Silicon City Job Fair

RBB proudly served as one of the sponsor clubs for a recent job fair, supporting an initiative aimed at providing employment opportunities to a diverse range of candidates. The event attracted numerous job seekers and companies, fostering meaningful connections and career prospects. RBB's involvement underscored its commitment to community empowerment and workforce development.



Teacher's Day

RBB celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5th at the Government Higher Primary School, Murugeshpalaya, with eight Brigadeers in attendance, including President Rtn. Sambamurthy, Rtn. Mahadevi Biradhar, Rtn. Gayathri Nayak, Rtn. Meera, Rtn. Akshai, Rtn. Ashwani, King, Rtn. Thomas, and Rtn. Anuradha Murthy.

During the event, we proudly presented the National Builders Award to three deserving teachers, recognizing their dedication and contribution to education. Gifts were distributed to all the staff, while students enjoyed chocolates and bananas, with special thanks to Rtn. Mahadevi Biradhar for sponsoring the bananas.

The celebration was filled with joy and gratitude, making it a heartwarming and fulfilling day for everyone involved.



Donation of Refrigerator and Washing Machine to Mathushree Orphanage

RBB successfully donated a 446-litre refrigerator, a 12-kg washing machine, 20 kgs of rice, and diapers to a deserving institution. The handover was attended by President Rtn. Sambamurthy, along with Rtn. MRC Ravi, Rtn. Bhavesh, Rtn. Vinod Bathija, Rtn. Ashwani King, Rtn. Sureshbabu, and Rtn. Akshai.

The in-charge expressed sincere gratitude to MRC Ravi and the entire team for this generous contribution, acknowledging its positive impact. It was a truly fulfilling experience, and we are grateful for the opportunity to support such a meaningful cause. Thank you to everyone involved for your continued dedication and support.



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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Mother Mary English School

RBB successfully conducted a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event at Mother Mary English School, with 60 enthusiastic students participating. Rtn. Mohan Kumar, President of Rotary Bangalore Ulsoor Club, delivered an engaging session on goal setting, which was highly appreciated by the students. Special thanks to Rtn. Irene Slim and her staff for their cooperation and support in making the event a success.

To add to the day's enjoyment, cakes, biscuits, and cool drinks were distributed to the students. Certificates of participation were also issued to all students as a token of recognition for their involvement. The program was attended by President Rtn. Samabmurthy, Rtn Akshai and Rtn. Irene Slim.



Medicine Donation to Belaku Academy

RBB is pleased to have handed over a month's supply of medicines to Belaku Academy.

This contribution was made possible through the generosity of Rtn. Vinod and his friend, to whom we extend our heartfelt thanks. Their support has greatly benefited the academy, and we are grateful for their kindness.



International Democracy Day

RBB proudly participated in the International Democracy Day event held at Vidhan Soudha on September 15th. The event emphasized the importance of democratic values and civic responsibility. It was an honor for the club to be part of such a significant occasion, promoting awareness and engagement in democratic processes.

Emergency Polio Awareness Conclave

RBB participated in the Emergency Polio Awareness Conclave held on September 22nd. The event focused on raising awareness about the ongoing efforts to eradicate polio and emphasized the importance of vaccination and community education. RBB's involvement underscored the club's commitment to supporting global health initiatives and contributing to the fight against polio.



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MEETINGS IN AUGUST & SEPTEMBER



Weekly Meeting on August 02, 2024



Weekly Meeting on August 09, 2024



Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Yelagiri on August 31, 2024



Rtn. Meera KK met with Rtn. Mildred from Rotary Club of Darjeeling



Joint Speaker Meeting with Rotary Bangalore Ulsoor Rotary Bangalore Manyata & Rotary Bangalore Rajajinagar

Speaker: Dr. Vasunethra Kasargod, MBBS, MD Pulmonologist, Manipal Hospitals



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RBB's Family Get Together: A weekend of fun!

RBB's family get-together at Yelagiri, a charming hill station in Tamil Nadu, was a weekend filled with joy, bonding, and unforgettable memories. Surrounded by the serene beauty of nature, the family spent quality time together, leaving behind the hustle and bustle of daily life. The air was filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of togetherness as everyone indulged in the simple pleasures of life.

A special highlight of the weekend was the campfire, where Raunak's soulful guitar melodies created a perfect atmosphere. Ananya and Rachita brought the evening to life with their energetic dancing, drawing cheers and applause from the family. The glowing campfire added a magical touch, as everyone gathered around, singing, laughing, and sharing stories. To add to the fun, the family enjoyed lively games that had everyone participating enthusiastically, bringing out the playful spirit in each person.

In addition to the fun and relaxation, the family also had the pleasure of meeting with the Rotary Club of Yelagiri Hills. The interaction was enriching, as the family exchanged ideas and learned about the community work being done in the region. The meeting added a meaningful dimension to the trip, showcasing the importance of giving back and fostering connections with the local community.

As the weekend came to a close, the Yelagiri getaway was not only a refreshing break but also an opportunity to strengthen bonds, create lasting memories, and engage with the local community in a truly special way.



“What a fantastic outing! 🌟

Thank you all for making this weekend truly wonderful. A special shoutout to President, Nishant Sir and Ronak for their exceptional efforts in creating such memorable moments for us all.”

Rtn. Bhavesh Shah

“Thank you so much for the lovely time.

Three cheers to President Samba Murthy and all others who helped organize this wonderful, relaxing trip 🍷🍷🍷”

-Rtn. Akshai Mallappa



“Awsome outing...as usual an entertaining evening..thanks to Nishant.

Great work President and team..🌸🌸”

-Rtn. Ashwani Kinger

“Wah wah.. What fun you people had.. Mastic Jai ho 🥳🥳🥳”

-Rtn. Meera KK

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“President and team it was a wonderful trip, enjoyed every minute of it. Music and games were such fun. Heartfelt thanks to Ronak and Nishant.

Sone pe suhuga was the Gas Iron project done in collaboration with Rotary Yelagiri ”

Rtn. Abha Saxena

“Very well organized Program by the President. We all thoroughly enjoyed... Mehbooba dance by Irene and Ashvani was epic :-)”

-Rtn. Nishanth Goel

Thanks to President Murthy , Secretary Bhavesh for an excellent fun filled get together. Thoroughly enjoyed the ambience of the resort. Thanks also to the annets for their songs & dance, especially Raunak who was electrifying. Looking forward to the next get together.”

-Rtn. Vinod Bhatija



“I would like to thank Mr.Sambamurthy and team for organizing this trip so well. It had been a few years since my family and I went on a trip. And I thank each one of you for making us feel soo welcome and the location also was very nice.My wife and daughter had a lot of fun. I didn't feel like I was new to rotary it felt like home, thank u all 🙏”

-Rtn. Anand



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CELEBRATIONS

Date	Name
4th October	Antt. Pranav (s/o Rtn. Meera Krishna Kumar)
5th October	Rtn. Dr Suresh Hulyar and Ann. Leelavathi
6th October	Rtn. Razi Abbas
10th October	Antt. Aditya (s/o Rtn. Shailesh Siroya)
16th October	Rtn. Vijay Bansal
29th October	Rtn. Dr M.P. Raghu and Ann. Jayashree Raghu
30th October	Rtn. Vinod V. Bathija

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OF THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

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?

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Fridays - At Tulip Inn, Off Sankey Road, Bengaluru
at 19:00 Hours

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