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WE MEET FRIDAY 7pm at
Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse

INSTALLATION CEREMONY



The 15th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Bangalore Junction was held on 5th July 2024 at Hotel Royal Orchid, Bangalore.

This event marked the time for the outgoing President to express satisfaction and appreciation for the contributions made in building relationships and executing impactful projects for society at large.

President Rtn.Suresh Arekere called the meeting to order.

The invocation song and performance by Divya was indeed Divya - sacred and spellbinding.

President Rtn. Suresh Arekere invited the dignitaries—Incoming President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia, Secretary Rtn. Lalana Murthy, the District Governor Rtn. Mahadeva

Prasad, and the Assistant Governor Rtn. Arjun Merwade to the dais, with the entire club participating in expressing their happiness.

Rtn. Suresh Arekere spoke about the past year, highlighting Rotary Bangalore Junction's contributions to Rotary and society. He detailed the activities, achievements, and awards for the year, reflecting on a simple yet remarkable journey in the life of our Rotary Leader.

Incoming President Rtn.Siddharth Hamirwasia was introduced by Rtn. Reshu Baid and PP Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal introduced District Governor Rtn. Mahadeva Prasad.

District Governor Rtn.Mahadeva Prasad installed Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia as the 15th President of Rotary Bangalore Junction in a simple yet interesting way. President

Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia introduced his team of Office bearers, who were installed by the District Governor. In his acceptance speech for the Rotary year 2024-25, President Rtn. Siddharth outlined promising plans for Community and Vocational Services. For Community Service, he emphasized blood donation drives, tree plantations, model school projects, exploring lake restoration projects, and health camps in rural areas. Under Vocational Service, we aim to provide skill training for over 2,000 economically disadvantaged students and 500 college dropouts, empowering them for successful careers or entrepreneurial ventures.

He highlighted that membership would be given priority and said that RBJ would establish a new sister club and also renew the relationship with the existing ones.

He concluded with the following: "I am excited to begin this journey with you all and confident that together, we will kindle 'The Magic of Rotary.' Are you ready?"

Vice President and President-Elect Rtn. Kamal Karnani inducted the new members, who were pinned by District Governor Rtn. Mahadeva Prasad.

Our news bulletin, Crossing, was released by the Asst.Governor Rtn. Arjun Merwade and this year's Bulletin Editor Rtn. Sushil Agarwal.

The Charter of the new "Rotaract Club of Yenepoya" was presented to the President and members of the club.

President Rtn. Siddharth announced a contribution of \$1,000 to TRF from the Director of Club Service Rtn. Narayan Gupta and a

cheque for the same was presented to the District Governor. President Siddharth's parents donated the sum of Rs.10 lakhs to the Trust Account, a very kind gesture from them.

District Governor Rtn. Mahadeva Prasad's address was marked by its simplicity but its content was path-breaking and thought-provoking. He highlighted the importance of membership development and the Rotary Foundation, requesting the members to contribute generously. He outlined the plans and objectives for the Rotary year including initiatives such as Environmental Projects, Cervical cancer awareness, Aasare (which aims to help senior citizens), Traffic awareness, Human Milk Bank, Rainwater harvesting, and more.

The Secretary Rtn.Lalana Murthy acknowledged guests who were yet to be recognized and ended with a Vote of thanks that came from the heart.

National Anthem was sung together and it brought out a sense of common purpose and commitment in all of us to work together as a Team.

The fellowship and Dinner that followed were in the true spirit of warmth, well-being and Fellowship that Rotary always endeavours to foster.

President Rtn.Siddharth Hamirwasia concluded with these thoughts: "What began as a day of promise will continue to offer the joy of fellowship as we honour our commitments and produce a report card that will not only warm hearts but also make every member feel a deep sense of achievement by the end of our term in Rotary Junction's history."



WEEKLY MEETINGS

The 1st weekly meeting was held on 12th July, 24 at Hotel Adarsh Hamilton. The speaker for the day was Mr. Deepak Justin who is a TEDx speaker and the Rockstar of Toastmasters. He addressed the members on the topic - 'Once Upon A Time...The End!' It was an engaging and informative session, wherein he enlightened the members on the art of business story telling. He also gave us tips on how we can pick up stories from our day to day lives, giving practical examples. The Four Way test was read out by Director of Vocational Service - Rtn. Dr. O.P.Goel. Two of our members, Rtn. Dr. Vasu Deo Sarda and Rtn. Sarika Ruia delivered vocational talks on their respective professions. A new member Hansraj Giria was inducted. We welcome him to the RBJ family. We also had our former member Rtn. Anil Rao Paila, who has relocated to Dehra Dun, attending our meeting.

Rtn.Lalana Murthy



Weekly Meeting on 26th July 2024

The second weekly meeting was held on July 26, 2024, at Hotel Holiday Inn. The guest speaker for the day was Dietician Sarika Giria, who presented on "Nutritional Wealth – A Healthy Way of Keeping Diseases at Bay." According to her "Health is not just physical but also mental & emotional. She explained in a very simple way that most of the diseases like Diabetes, Obesity, PCOS, Insomnia, Osteoarthritis etc. could be reversed with the right diet and lifestyle. She gave many simple, easy-to-follow tips that we could follow and adopt easily in our daily lives. Her captivating presentation was greatly appreciated for its blend of educational content and delightful entertainment.

Ann. Neeta Agarwal read out the Four Way Test in her unique and

distinctive style, which pleasantly surprised everyone.

Two of our members, PP Rtn. Santosh Kejriwal and newly inducted Rtn. Rangacharyulu, delivered vocational talks on their respective professions.

Rtn. Puja Dokhania was re-inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction (RBJ) after having to discontinue for a year due to personal commitments.

The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Boppaiah. His engaging style of presenting the Vote of Thanks received many rounds of applause.



INDUCTION OF NEW JEWELS

Rtn. Sunil Bajaj is an engineering graduate and a businessman by profession. He is deeply passionate about community service and manages a Goushala, an orphanage, and an institute for mentally challenged children. Additionally, Mr. Sunil Bajaj provides care for the blind and oversees an old age home. He is also working on establishing a blood bank for Thalassemia patients. He is married to Kiran Bajaj, and the couple is blessed with four children. He was introduced to Rotary by President Siddharth Hamirwasia.



Rtn. Vikash Agarwal is a commerce graduate and works in the interior design industry. He is married to Nidhi Agarwal, who holds an M.Com and B.Ed in Political Science and is currently serving as a higher secondary faculty member at Delhi Public School. He was introduced to Rotary by Past President Rtn. Ajay Bhauwala.



Rtn. Rangacharyulu Komanduri is an accomplished professional with a Master's degree in Automotive Business Management and is an alumnus of IIM Kolkata and ISB Hyderabad. He currently serves as the CEO of Marketing at Mercedes-Benz Karnataka. He has been recognized as the best CEO in the automobile industry for turning around Audi's business in five markets. He is married to Kiranmayi, a teacher by profession. He was introduced to Rotary by Rtn. Milind Deshpande.



Rtn. Umesh Khole is an MBA graduate and entrepreneur specializing in real estate. He is married to Shwetha Khole, a Chartered Accountant and member of the Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore Junction. The couple is blessed with a daughter, Anvi. He joined Rotary with a focus on service and friendship and believes it is an excellent platform for networking with like-minded individuals. He was introduced to Rotary by President Siddharth Hamirwasia.



Rtn. Surendra Marda joined Rotary Bangalore Junction in January 2018 and held various positions, including Director of Community Service and Treasurer, until June 30, 2023. He had to leave the club due to relocating outside of Bangalore, but we are pleased to welcome him back after a year. He holds a M.Sc. in Chemistry from IIT Delhi and is currently working as an Independent Financial and Insurance Advisor. He is also a licensed mutual fund distributor.



Rtn. Puja Dhokania considers herself a successful homemaker, committed to nurturing her children's (Aakaush and Om) growth and instilling strong Indian values in them. She takes pride in having developed a deep sense of community service and a genuine desire to give back in various ways. She has always been a steadfast support to her husband through his ups and downs, ensuring that their family remains united and happy.



Rtn. Sarika Ruia is well-known for her dedication to service and community engagement. Her active involvement in Rotary Bangalore Junction, through various initiatives and fellowships, has further highlighted her dedication to our shared goals. Professionally, she is an accomplished art facilitator and has successfully run Saakar Aakar Fine Arts for over a decade.



Sarika's leadership and innovative spirit were particularly evident when she led a team from the FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) to create a stunning mural made entirely from e-waste. This remarkable artwork now adorns the walls of the arrival hall at Bengaluru International Airport, standing as a testament to her ability to blend artistic vision with environmental consciousness.

Rtn. Dinesh C. Patwari is a member of the Indian Revenue Service, 1986 batch. With a distinguished service record spanning 36 years, he retired last year as the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax for Karnataka & Goa and Tamil Nadu. Throughout his career, he set numerous benchmarks and records, earning recognition as one of the top-performing Principal Commissioners of Income Tax (CIT), Director General of Income Tax (DGIT), and Principal Chief Commissioners of Income Tax (CCIT). He is also the author of a book on Options and Futures. Following his retirement, he has embarked on a career in strategic consultancy, focusing on tax matters and IT searches. He is married to Mrs. Nirmala Patwari, a national-level sports person.



Rtn. Hansraj Giria is not new to the RBJ family. Due to some personal commitments, he discontinued RBJ a few years ago. He is a commerce graduate and is the owner of "Girias," a well-known name in household and consumer goods. The company operates 160 consumer durable showrooms across Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry. He is married to Manju. He loves playing Table Tennis and Golf. Welcome back to RBJ family.



KNOW YOUR ROTARIANS

I am Rotarian Santosh Kejriwal. I joined Rotary in 2012 and had the honour of leading this vibrant club as its president during RY 2017-18. Supporting the club through my time, talent, and treasure has become a passion and way of life for me. My wife Rekha has been a pillar of strength and support throughout my personal and Rotary life.



Regarding the profession, both Nawal Kishore Saraf and I are business partners in Transasia Marketing Pvt Ltd, and we are the authorized distributors of JK Copier papers. These papers are widely used in all laser and inkjet printers and also for photocopying. JK is a brand that boasts nationwide availability and a wide range of products suitable for all sections of society. We have been pioneers in establishing this brand, and many times over the past three decades, we have been ranked as the No.1 distributor of PAN India.

Rotary Bangalore Junction was part of a Tree plantation program in association with L&T, during which approximately 600 fruit-bearing saplings were planted at the Public Health Center premises in Doddaballapur. Special thanks to PP Rtn. Milind Deshpande and Rtn. Meera Deshpande for facilitating this event on July 4, 2024.



President Rtn. Siddarth extended his heartfelt gratitude to Community Service Director Rtn. Savita Bhauwala, Youth Service Director Rtn. Manish Bojjawar, and Blood Donation Chairman Dr. B.D. Patel for their exceptional efforts in organizing the camp. Thanks to their collaboration, a total of 50 units of blood were collected. The dedication and hard work of everyone involved made the event a great success.

1. The diagnosis was consisted of Mammography, Pap Smear, Chest X-ray, GRBS, ECG and Blood Pressure in addition to General Checkup & Doctor Consultations.
2. A total of 341 people were benefited from this camp.
3. A follow-up Card has been given to them.

A collage of five photographs documenting the inauguration of the 'Saksham' mobile health unit. The main photo shows a group of men and women, including officials and community members, gathered outdoors for a cake-cutting ceremony. Two men in suits are prominently featured cutting a large cake. Other photos show the interior of the unit with people receiving services, a man working at a desk, the exterior of the pink mobile unit with 'Saksham' branding, and a group photo of all participants standing in front of the unit.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

A 5 day Faculty development program was organized by RBJ Vocational Services team in association with 'Reach Much Higher' from July 1st - 5th, 2024 at Yuvaka Sangha, Jayanagar, Bangalore. This 'Train the Trainers' program, which aims to upskill the students for employable skills was held for 20 faculty members from 3 Government universities. The faculty members were trained in "Riddhi" and "Siddhi" programs which were conceptualized by Vocational Services Director Rtn. Dr. O.P.Goel. The course curriculum Trainer kits were distributed to the trainees along with jackets with Rotary logo and water bottles.

The concluding ceremony of the Training program was held on 5th July and the completion certificates were distributed to the trainees by our Past District Governor Rtn. Jitendra Aneja.



Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction has set up a new Skill Development Center in association with "Reach Much higher" at Constituent Degree College, Banaswadi with complete brand concept and course material. This centre was inaugurated by Rtn. Dr. O P Goel, Director of Vocational Service, on 15th July on the occasion of World Youth Skill Day.

The event was attended by Rtn. Ashok Kumar, Chairman of Vocational Training, Mr. Sitesh Bharti, COO of Reach Much Higher, Dr. Beena, the College Principal, Mr. Prabhu, RMH Vice President, representatives from Train Wheel Academy, Vice Chairman Mr. P Jayaseelan, and Mr. R Devaraj from REAL Power Vision, apart from the students and parents. Dr. Goel highlighted the importance of skill-based training linked to employment opportunities, while Rtn. Kumar emphasized Rotary's role in supporting such initiatives.

The program, SIDDHI, targets youth aged 18 to 25, especially school dropouts, and provides three months of job-linked training, including two months of classroom instruction and one month of on-the-job training. Each batch accommodates up to 25 participants, offering support to secure entry-level jobs in the service sector. Participants receive a free student kit containing necessary materials and an ID card. This initiative has an annual capacity to train and employ 100 youths.

Candidate mobilization has begun, with the first batch starting in early August 2024. The college management expressed gratitude to Rotary Club of Bangalore Junction team and Reach Much Higher representatives.

Kudos to Rtn. Dr. O.P.Goel for this great initiative.



INSTALLATION OF INTERACT CLUB

The Installation of the “Tapovan Interact Club” was held on 20th July at the Tapovan School premises. Itr. Monisha Naik was installed as President and Itr. Goutham was installed as the Secretary. A Guruvandana program was held preceding the Installation and the poet Sri. Nagalekha was honoured. The children of the school performed beautiful dances and also enacted Guru-Shishya characters of Krishna-Arjuna, Dronacharya-Ekalavya, Ramakrishna Paramahansa-Vivekananda, etc. President Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia, Rtn. Uma Hamirwasia, Rtn. Dr. B.D.Patel, Director Youth Service - Rtn. Manish Bojjawar and Rtn. Lalana Murthy attended the program.



ROTARACT ACTIVITY

Rotaract Club of Bangalore Junction has done us proud by winning many awards under the leadership of the President Harshika Baid for the wonderful work during the year 2023-24

The awards received by them are:

- Club Service par excellence
- Most Innovative Project - Thrift Thursday
- Best President-Secretary Duo
- DRR Citation Platinum
- Platinum recognition for quarter 1,3 & 4 and Silver recognition for quarter 2

Congratulations team Rotaract Junction!!

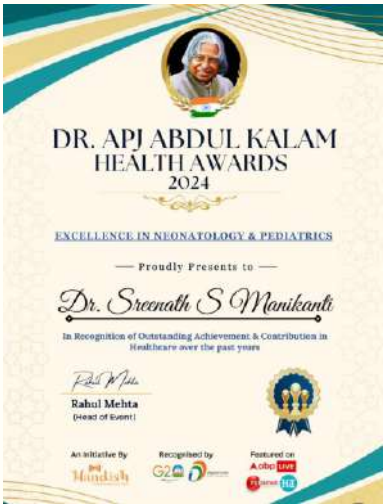


ROTARIANS IN THE NEWS

Rtn. Prashant Mishra, Rtn. B.K.Krishnamurthy and Annete Akash Bhat were a part of the IFMR Inter-State Bike ride to Penukonda, AP - which is about 150 km from Bangalore. Past Rotarians Punit Bajaj & Mandar Dixit also participated. Incidentally, Rtn. Prashant Mishra is the Chairman of IFMR (International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians).



Congratulations to Rtn.Dr.Sreenath S Manikanti on receiving Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Health Awards 2024 in recognition of outstanding contribution in Healthcare over the past years.



Shyam Godavari Smelters LLP managed by Rtn. Ajay Bhauwala has been recognized as the Best Battery Recycling Plant in the State of Telangana.

Congratulations.



Greetings

Birthday's

Rtn. Channa Keshava Reddy	01-Aug
Rtn. Dinesh Chandra Patwari	01-Aug
Rtn. Ajay Ruia	07-Aug
Rtn. Puja Dokania	14-Aug
Rtn. Rajesh Kumar Saraf	17-Aug
Rtn. Hozefa Attarwala	20-Aug
Rtn. Ravi Kumar Tayal	20-Aug
Rtn. Nitin Jain	22-Aug
Rtn. Sital Mittal	23-Aug
Rtn. Neeru Tayal	23-Aug
Rtn. Ajay Bhauwala	25-Aug
Rtn. Shakila Shetty	25-Aug
Rtn. Velu B Pethi	27-Aug
Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal	28-Aug
Rtn. Vijay Shankar Saraf	28-Aug
Rtn. Vikash Poddar	28-Aug
Rtn. Vivekhanandam D P K	30-Aug
Rtn. Vikas Jajodia	31-Aug

Ann. Alka Talaria	09-Aug
Ann. Rekha Kejriwal	09-Aug
Mr. Nishant Bothra	10-Aug
Mr. Dinesh Agarwal	12-Aug
Ann. Sandhya Mishra	14-Aug
Ann. Deepika Bojjawar	19-Aug
Ann. Hemalata Agarwal	26-Aug
Ann. Nidhi Agarwall	26-Aug
Ann. Sangeetha Reddy	31-Aug

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Shiva Prasad Inguva & Ann. Vijayalakshmi	15-Aug
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Happy
Independence
Day

ROTARY AN OVERVIEW

It all started a Century ago when four friends met to beat boredom and foster Fellowship. They decided to meet at each other's offices in rotation and Rotary was born thus.

As time passed and the Rotary Organization grew, it added many elements to continue its existence and relevance to the time and place where it started taking root.

The Four-Way Test defined the Ethos Rotary wanted its members to follow as a Credo and its leading light into the world that was being defined by Commerce, Finance, Growth, Inventions, Wars and ushering in Democracies around the World.

The need to foster international relationships and people-to-people connections, be involved in community service, undertake disease prevention, and spread education and vocational training has made Rotary an organization that cannot be categorised into any slot but covers a whole spectrum where a helping hand is required.

It is made up of professionals from different walks of life. Rotarians have expertise and experience in handling any challenge and contributing under any circumstance.

To make it more meaningful, we have to understand that Rotary is the only Organization that reaches all funds collected with the least expense on administrative and other costs to the cause it supports. That is why the CSR funds in India and other major Trusts all around the world contribute and donate to the causes supported by Rotary.

Today Rotary supports Polio eradication, Cancer detection, Happy Schools, supply of equipment to Hospitals, water conservation, and Lake rejuvenation to name a few.

Governments all over the World realize the role Rotary can play in peace and conflict resolution even in countries that are non-cooperative through people-to-people connections.

The most important endearment that holds Rotarians together is undoubtedly the relationships they are able to build amongst each other that go beyond age, position, country, and creed of colour.

Being a Rotarian is to be a sensitive citizen of the World and all its inhabitants.

Rtn. M.P.Krishnan

LEARN KANNADA

Q1.Rotary varsha prarambhavaguva dina haagu konegolluva dina yavudu?

Q1.When does the Rotary year start and end?

A1.Rotary varshavu July 1 ne thariku prarabhavaagi June 30 randu konegolluvudu.

A1.The Rotary year starts on July 1st and ends on June 30th.

Rtn. Vidya Suresh Arekere