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WE MEET FRIDAY 7pm at
Holiday Inn Bengaluru Racecourse

ROTARY RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR: "A Night of Dance, DJ, Food, and Fellowship"



On December 29th, more than **100 Junctionites** gathered to celebrate the start of the new year, 2025. The annual New Year's party was a night to remember, filled with dance, music, delicious food, and warm fellowship.

The evening's festivities took place at Brahma Brews, JP Nagar. To create an immersive experience, the venue was transformed into a lavish setting, with soft golden lighting and melodious music wafting through the air. Upon arrival, guests were greeted with their choice of drink and an assortment of masks, ranging from simple yet elegant designs to elaborate feathered creations.

Members and their guests indulged in a sumptuous buffet spread and refreshing drinks. The DJ spun a lively mix of tunes, getting everyone on the dance floor and keeping them there until the wee hours. A celebration cake was also cut to usher sweetness and joy in the upcoming year. A few games and a lucky draw brought out the child in each and every member.

The night was more than just a celebration – it was also a chance for Rotarians to come

together and reflect on their incredible work over the past year. From community service projects to fundraising initiatives, Rotary members have made a tangible difference in the lives of those around them.

We are delighted to welcome **Rtn. Anup Daga** as the newest member of our club. We eagerly look forward to the positive impact he will bring to our initiatives and we look forward to achieving great things together.

"We're proud of the work we've done, and we're excited to see what the new year holds," said **President Siddharth**. **"Tonight is a chance for us to let loose, have fun, and celebrate the friendships and connections that make our Rotary community so strong."**

As the night wore on, Rotarians gathered on the dance floor, hands clasped and voices raised in joyful celebration. It was a moment of pure magic, a testament to the power of fellowship and community that defines the Rotary spirit.

As the new year dawns, Rotary members are poised to tackle new challenges, launch new

initiatives, and continue making a positive impact in their communities. And as they do, they'll carry with them the memories of an unforgettable night, one that will inspire and motivate them to keep serving, keep giving, and keep shining bright.

Rtn. Neeta Agarwal



THE ICGF

The spectacular ICGF, **KALPATARU SIRI on Public Image & Community Service**, was held at the MJ Farm House in Turuvekere on Sunday, December 1, 2024. The event was organized in association with the Turuvekere Rotary Club.

The program beautifully showcased rural traditions and culture, featuring activities such as plowing fields, bullock cart rides, and cow milking, among others, offering attendees an immersive experience of rural life.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Shri Sudarshan Channangihalli, Chief Editor of Vijaya Karnataka newspaper. The event was further graced by the presence of Ft. Lt. Rtn. K.P. Nagesh, RI Director Elect.

Guests were treated to a delicious breakfast, which included traditional Bidadi Tatte Idlis, vadas, uppittu, kesari bath, and freshly brewed coffee/tea. This was followed by an authentic Tumkur and Mandya-style meal served on banana leaves. In a refreshing twist, non-alcoholic Neera (coconut water) and sugarcane juice were also provided.

Rotarians, dressed in traditional attire—men in white dhotis and shirts, and women in sarees with checks—added to the grandeur of the event, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere.

This ICGF event promised to be a unique and memorable experience, highlighting the rich charm of rural life and showcasing active participation from the Rotary Clubs of Turuvekere,

Bangalore, Tumkur, and Tiptur. The District Governor commended the efforts of all those involved in making this event a success.

RBJ was represented by Rtn. B.K. Krishnamurthy, Rtn. Lalana Krishnamurthy (Secretary), Rtn. Surender Marda and Rtn. Vikash Agarwal. Additionally, Rtn. Jannappa and Rtn. Ashok Kumar from Satellite Club of Sira also attended.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The **Second General Assembly** of the year took place on December 13th, 2024, at the Rotary House of Friendship on Lavelle Road. The gathering was warmly welcomed by President **Rtn. Siddarth Hamirwasia**, who expressed his gratitude to all the attendees and invited the directors to provide updates on the activities in their respective areas of service.

Club Service Update:

Rtn. Narayan Gupta, Director of Club Service, shared an overview of the Club's activities over the past five-and-a-half months. He highlighted the completion of nine weekly meetings, six board meetings, seven family events, and one outstation trip. He also mentioned the upcoming meetings and the active participation of Junction members in District events. He proudly reported that a total of Rs. 27,34,000 had been raised through CSR funds. He emphasized the Club's focus on improving its public image and online presence through the website, Facebook, and other social media channels. Additionally, the coverage of the signature Free Limb Donation Camp in the media was a noteworthy achievement. He thanked the Greetings Committee and extended his gratitude to all members who contributed to the success of the family meets.

Membership Report:

Rtn. Kamal Karnani, Director of Membership, reported that 14 new members had joined the club this Rotary year, showcasing the continued growth and vitality of the Club.

Community Service Update:

Rtn. Savita Bhauwala, Director of Community Service, spoke about the various projects completed since July. She expressed her appreciation for the generous support and contributions from members, which made these initiatives successful.

Youth Service Update:

Since Youth Service Director Rtn. Manish Bojjavar was unable to attend, the report was presented by Club Secretary Rtn. Lalana Murthy, covering the key youth initiatives undertaken by the Club.

International Service Report:

Rtn. Meera Deshpande, Director of International Service, shared an update on the Club's international service projects and encouraged members to support The Rotary Foundation (TRF) to further these global efforts.

Financial Update:

In the absence of Treasurer Rtn. Sanjay Kedia, President Rtn. Siddarth Hamirwasia presented a brief financial overview on his behalf. Rtn. Nawal Kishore Saraf, Chairman of the Trust Accounts, then presented a detailed statement of the RBJ Trust's accounts, outlining the funds allocated to various projects.

Election Results:

Rtn. B.K. Krishnamurthy, Returning Officer for the election process, announced that the election process for the 2025-26 Rotary year had been completed. He announced that Rtn. Kamal Karnani would be leading the new team for the year 2025-26.

In conclusion, the assembly was a productive and insightful session that highlighted the collective efforts of the Club's members in service to the community and beyond. Looking ahead, the Club continues to work together to strengthen its impact, grow its membership, and contribute to global Rotary initiatives.



JOINT MEETING WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF ACCRA AIRPORT, GHANA

A joint meeting with our sister club, the Rotary Club of Accra Airport, Ghana, was held on December 6, 2024.

Past President **Rtn. M.P. Krishnan** shared insights into our country's rich cultural diversity, including its many languages, religions, traditions, and cuisines, and also highlighted the Rotary projects we are involved in.

Rtn. Felix Kissiedu then spoke about their club's impactful initiatives, which include supporting children with autism, establishing a community library, maintaining a military hospital, providing computer coaching to girls, offering basic health support to the community, and working towards the eradication

of polio, among other projects.

Rtn. Alice Otoo-Ocran- President of Ghana Club emphasized the importance of regular meetings between our clubs and expressed her commitment to sharing the culture of Ghana at our next gathering.

President Rtn. Siddarth Hamirwasia extended his gratitude to **Rtn. Meera Deshpande**, Director of International Service, for organizing this meaningful meeting.

Rtn. Lalana Murthy, Secretary, delivered the vote of thanks.

DECEMBER PROJECTS

Heart Surgery

Rotary District 3192, in collaboration with the **Needy Heart Foundation**, has been dedicated to raising funds for heart surgeries for those in need. Over the years, this ongoing project has successfully supported over 14,000 heart surgeries. We are delighted to announce that we have sponsored **15 pediatric heart surgeries**. The following Rotarians from RBJ generously contributed Rs. 35,000 each to sponsor a heart surgery:

1. Uma Hamirwasia
2. Sunil Bajaj
3. Santosh Kumar Goenka (2 surgeries)
4. Sanjiv Goenka
5. Arvind Chandak
6. Om Prakash Garg (3 surgeries)
7. Lalana Krishnamurthy
8. Ruias

9. Sunil Chouraria
10. Surendra Marda
11. Arun Bajaj
12. Saranya (Siddharth's friend)

We express our sincere gratitude to these generous donors for their unwavering support of this noble cause.

As a token of our appreciation, each sponsor were given two passes, valued at Rs. 5,000, for the "Raj Kapoor Musical Evening," organized by Rotary International District 3192 and the Needy Heart Foundation. The event, celebrating 100 years of the legendary showman, took place on Sunday, December 15th, 2024. President **Rtn. Siddharth Hamirwasia** was recognized for RBJ's contribution to funding 15 pediatric heart surgeries.



Bhoomi Puja for New BBMP School

"BBMP has approached our Club to provide infrastructure for the construction of two classrooms, toilets, a play area, and other essential facilities, fully equipped with benches, desks, whiteboards, hand wash stations, and more, for children who are deprived of basic education.

Our Club has identified a site located in the heart of the city, surrounded by three slums. The Bhoomi Puja for the new BBMP School Building Project was successfully held on December 11, 2024, at J.K. Pura, Jalakanteshwara Nagar, Bangalore. The estimated cost of this project is Rs. 25 Lakhs."

This project aims to provide a conducive learning environment for underprivileged children, supporting their basic education.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Rtn. Mona and Rtn. Pradeep Dhandhania for their generous sponsorship of 8.5 lakhs towards this initiative. RBJ sincerely thanks them for their contribution.

The function was well attended by the members of the club.

Savita Bhauwala
Dir - Community Service
RBJ - 24-25



WELCOME TO NEW JEWEL

I was born in Jaipur and grew up in Kota, Rajasthan, where I completed my early schooling. Later, I moved to Bangalore for my middle and high school, attending St. Joseph's Indian High School. After finishing school, I pursued a Bachelor of Commerce degree from St. Joseph's Evening College and later completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration from Mount Carmel Institute of Business Administration.



On the personal front, my wife Ritika is a homemaker. We are proud parents of a daughter, Vanshika Daga, who works as a Branding and Strategy Specialist, and a son, Tanay Daga, who is currently studying for CIMA.

Outside of work, I have a deep love for music and travel. I enjoy singing as a passion, and in my free time, I also write poetry. Exploring new places and experiencing different cultures is something I truly cherish.

We are into Iron & Steel Business, specializing in supplying CRCA/ Galvanized sheets and Aluzinc sheets exclusively to OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers)

I am actively involved with the Maheshwari Samaj, a platform that has enabled me to build meaningful connections and engage with a wider, vibrant community.

Being inducted into Rotary Junction brings me great joy. I look forward to being an active member, contributing to meaningful social services while gaining invaluable experience along the way. I firmly believe in the importance of balancing professional success with personal fulfillment. I am always eager to learn, grow, and make a positive contribution to society.

KNOW YOUR KANNADA

Prashne: Rotary Samsthe yava yava tatvagala adharadamele karya nirvahisuttade?

Question: Which are the principles does Rotary organisation operate upon?

Uttara: Rotary Samstheyu pramukhavagi e yeradu tatvagala mele karya nirvahisuttade.

1. Seve meladrushti.
2. Naalku hanthagala pareekshe.

Answer: Rotary organisation operates mainly under these two principles.

1. Service above Self.
2. Four way test.

Rtn.Vidya Suresh Arekere

ROTARIAN IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to Rtn. Bipin Ram Agarwal for being appointed as Chairman of the Charitable Activities at Maharaja Agrasen Hospital, Bangalore. This is a well-deserved recognition of his dedication and commitment to making a difference.

We extend our heartfelt best wishes to him as he embarks on this new journey, working tirelessly towards the noble cause of supporting the underprivileged and downtrodden sections of society. His leadership and efforts will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the community.

We look forward to seeing the positive change that will come from his valuable contributions.



Crossings Wishes its readers
a very Happy Republic Day



Greetings

Birthdays

Rtn. O P Goel	02-Jan
Rtn. Shankar Lal Agarwal	06-Jan
Rtn. Sunder Somani	07-Jan
Rtn. Dr Anuradha Khar	07-Jan
Rtn. Asheesh Mittal	10-Jan
Rtn. MP Krishanan	10-Jan
Rtn. Sanjeev Agarwal	11-Jan
Rtn. Sushil Khemka	11-Jan
Rtn. Shikha Chandak	11-Jan
Rtn. Shakshi Choudhary	11-Jan
Rtn. Monalisa Dhandhanian	13-Jan
Rtn. Arun Bajaj	20-Jan
Rtn. Shashi Garg	26-Jan
Rtn. Shailesh Agarwal	29-Jan

Ann. Gulabi Devi Mehta	01-Jan
Ann. Sabita Churiwal	01-Jan
Ann. Asha Agarwal	11-Jan
Ann. Ritu Mussadi	13-Jan
Ann. Neha Agarwal	14-Jan
Ann. Nisrin Attarwala	18-Jan
Ann. Babita Singhal	22-Jan
Ann. Preeti Kejriwal	30-Jan

Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Asheesh Mittal & Ann. Manila Mittal	22-Jan
Rtn. Arun Ladha & Ann. Nimisha Ladha	25-Jan
Rtn. Dhiraj Aggarwal & Ann. Supriya Aggarwal	26-Jan
Mr. Dinesh Agarwal & Rtn. Raj Agarwal	26-Jan
Rtn. Raghavendra Shah & Rtn. Shilpi Shah	26-Jan
Rtn. Nitin Jain & Ann. Neha Jain	27-Jan
Rtn. Rajesh Kumar Saraf & Ann. Varsha Saraf	27-Jan
Rtn. Ashok Kejriwal & Ann. Preeti Kejriwal	28-Jan
Rtn. Anshul Jindal & Ann. Ruchi Jindal	29-Jan
Rtn. Dilip Kumar Churiwal & Ann. Sabita Churiwal	29-Jan
Rtn. Nitin Agarwal & Ann. Meru Agarwala	30-Jan

FROM THE DESK OF BULLETIN EDITOR



Crossing New Horizons

As we prepare to cross into 2025, let's take a moment to look back on 2024. This crossing is not merely a change in the calendar but a journey filled with renewed hope, peace, happiness, togetherness, and a determination to make this year better than the last.

Rotary teaches us the value of crossing boundaries to make meaningful connections. We cross barriers to build friendships, cross divides to foster understanding, and occasionally cross our fingers when planning events. From crossing paths with incredible individuals to crossing the limits of our own potential, every step strengthens our mission to serve above self. Whether it's crossing the hall to meet a new member or crossing town to attend a service project, every step brings us closer to making a difference.

January is a unique crossing point—it's where we reflect on the roads we've traveled and the challenges we've crossed. It's also the time when we look ahead, realize we still have some projects to finish, and wonder how we crossed the halfway mark of the Rotary year so quickly! With each project completed and each life touched, we are crossing closer to our vision of a better world. As Rotarians, we've mastered the art of crossing hurdles with a smile (and a cup of coffee) because together, we know we can. So, buckle up, fellow Rotarians! We're not just crossing into the new year; we're crossing into a whole new adventure. And who knows? Maybe this will be the year we finally stop crossing "lose weight" off our resolutions list.

So, dear Rotarians, let's cross into this new year with high spirits, big smiles, and the courage to face every challenge head-on and maybe crossing off that vacation you've been planning for years. Let's do this!

This year, let's cross new milestones, cross limits we once thought impossible, and maybe even cross over to try something bold. Remember, every crossing takes us closer to creating lasting impact, spreading joy, and occasionally discovering talents we never knew we had.

Keep crossing, Rotarians—because the only direction we're headed is onward and upward. And if you find yourself at a crossroads, take it. After all, you're a Rotarian—you'll figure it out.

So, fellow Rotarians, buckle up for 2025. Let's cross into it with energy, laughter, and a spirit so unstoppable that even the busiest traffic light can't slow us down. Here's to crossing boundaries, crossing successes, and—most importantly—crossing the dessert table at our next event before someone else finishes the good stuff.

Rtn. Sushil Kumar Agarwal