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## Editor's Corner

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Hello Vidyapeetarians,

I am delighted to address you today through this bulletin which is a power of knowledge, curiosity and the written word. The incredible impact and importance of our bulletin has been a source of inspiration and information for our club members in many ways for many years.

This is not merely a collection of pages filled with articles and images. It is a living and breathing entity that connect us, inform us and ignites our imaginations.

The Cub Bulletin serves as medium through which we can explore new ideas, stay informed about the world and appreciate the beauty around us. In our fast-faced digital age, a monthly bulletin provides us with a sense of continuity and belonging. The shared experience of reading and discussing its contents brings us together, whether we are neighbors, friends or simply Vidyapeetarians.

The world is a tapestry of culture, perspectives and experiences. Our bulletin celebrates this diversity by featuring stories and artwork from around the globe.

In conclusion, our club bulletin is not just a publication; it is a vital thread that weaves us together as a community. It is a source of knowledge that enriches our lives and broadens our horizons. Thank you for your continued support for our club bulletin, and I look forward to another month of exploration, learning and connection.

Let us work together to show the Magic of Rotary in the world... --Dr K Sambasiva Naidu



# October is Rotary International's Economic & Community Development Month.

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Rotary Clubs all over the world help communities and people in other countries with projects that aim to provide sustainable ongoing development and help, not just immediate charity.

The Rotary Foundation also enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long-term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by :

\* Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;

 Developing opportunities for productive work;
Reducing poverty in under-served communities; and
Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

The work of Rotary begins in the community, and every community has its own unique needs and concerns. While we serve in countless ways, we've focused our efforts in six key areas to maximize our impact. These areas encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs. Rotary members planning new service projects are encouraged to consider these areas and the many opportunities for innovative projects within them. Rotary International and **The Rotary Foundation** have adopted **six areas of focus** as organizational priorities: ....

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- · Economic and community development

There are countless ways that Rotary clubs can address these issues both locally and internationally.

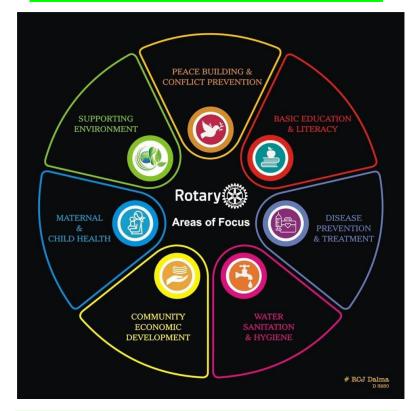
For ideas, consult the publication Rotary's Areas of Focus Brochure (965en) . It s available in a pdf format on rotary.org website.

Economic and Community Development is one such area of focus that Rotary has asked all clubs to focus on , especially in October. What is your club doing?

Here are some ideas:

- 190 million people are funding their business endeavors through microfinance
- Partner with a local microlender to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.
- Develop mobile banking resources in partnership with a microlender. Cell phones, which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities
- When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees
- 1.4 billion people nearly half of them employed live on less than \$1.25 a day
- Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming, at local nonprofit organizations
- Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
- Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures, and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure
- Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market
- Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community

# 7 Areas of Rotary Service



The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have identified seven areas of focus for the new grant structure. These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians are addressing worldwide. They will align Rotary with other international development efforts and will strategically further the Foundation's mission. Rotary Clubs serve communities around the world, each with unique needs and concerns. Rotarians have continually adapted and improved the way they respond to those needs, taking on a broad range of service projects. The most successful and sustainable Rotary service tends to fall within one of the seven following areas:

Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution

Today, 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. We provide up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centers. (July 2014)

The Foundation enables Rotarians to promote the practice of peace and conflict prevention/ resolution by:

1. Training leaders, including potential youth leaders, to prevent and mediate conflict

2. Supporting peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict

3. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to peace and conflict prevention/resolution Disease Prevention and Treatment

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas.

The Foundation enables Rotarians to prevent disease and promote health by:

1. Improving the capacity of local health care professionals

2. Promoting disease prevention programs, with the goal of limiting the spread of communicable diseases and reducing the incidences of and complications from non-communicable diseases

3. Enhancing the health infrastructure of local communities

4. Educating and mobilizing communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases

5. Preventing physical disability resulting from disease or injury

6. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to disease prevention and treatment

Water and Sanitation

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation. (July 2014)

The Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that people have sustainable access to water and sanitation by:

1. Providing equitable community access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene

2. Strengthening the ability of communities to develop, fund and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems

3. Supporting programs that enhance communities' awareness of the benefits of safe water, sanitation and hygiene

4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to water and sanitation

Maternal and Child Health

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs. (July 2014) The Foundation enables Rotarians to improve the health of mothers and their children by:

1. Reducing the mortality and morbidity rate for children under the age of five

2. Reducing the maternal mortality and morbidity rate

3. Improving access to essential medical services, trained community health leaders, and health care providers for mothers and their children

4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to maternal and child health

**Basic Education and Literacy** 

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. (July 2014)

The Foundation enables Rotarians to ensure that all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy by:

1. Involving the community to support programs that strengthen the capacity of communities to provide basic education and literacy to all

2. Increasing adult literacy in communities

3. Working to reduce gender disparity in education

4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to basic education and literacy

#### Economic and Community Development

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. We carry out service projects that enhance economic and community development and develop opportunities for decent and productive work for young and old. We also help strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.

1. Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities

2. Developing opportunities for productive work

3. Reducing poverty in underserved communities

4. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development Environment

Supporting the environment becomes Rotary's seventh area of focus. It joins peacebuilding and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment water, sanitation, and hygiene. RI past President Ian Riseley is the chair of the Environmental Issues task force, which he has championed the new area of focus.

#### TRUE HAPPINESS

The interviewer asked his guest, a millionaire, "What made you happiest in life?" The millionaire said, "I have gone through four stages of happiness in life and finally I understood the meaning of true happiness.

The first stage was to accumulate wealth and means. But at this stage I did not get the happiness I wanted.

Then came the second stage of collecting valuables and items. But I realized that the effect of this thing is also temporary and the luster of valuable things does not last long.

Then came the third stage of getting big projects. Like buying a football team, buying a tourist resort, etc. But even here I did not get the happiness I had imagined.

The fourth time a friend of mine asked me to buy wheelchairs for some disabled children......At the friend's request, I immediately bought wheelchairs. But the friend insisted that I go with him and hand over the wheelchairs to the children myself. I got ready and went with him. There I gave these wheelchairs to these disabled children with my own hands. I saw the strange glow of happiness on the faces of these children. I saw them all sitting on chairs, moving around and having fun. It was as if they had arrived at a picnic spot.

But I felt real joy when I started to leave and one of the kids grabbed my leg. I gently tried to free my legs but the child stared at my face and held my legs tightly. I bent down and asked the child: "Do you need anything else"? The answer that this child gave me not only made me happy but also changed my life completely.

This child said: "I want to put the imprint of your face in my mind so that when you are in heaven and When I meet you, I will be able to recognize you and thank you once, before my Lord"

Drawing competition organised by our club for the students of Jayanagar Cooperative society School located next to 12B busstand, adjacent to Carmel school in Padmanabhanagar. Top 3 Winners were awarded with Prizes and mementos.







Dt: 02 Oct. 2024:The Headmistress of Sahakari Vidya Kendra School has invited Our Club Members to be a part of Gandhi Jayanti celebration. The program was scheduled between 8:00 am to 9:00 am. 6 Members of our Club graced the occasion. The drawing competition winners were awarded today and chocolates were distributed to the entire school. The program was a grand success













PP Rtn Ravi Kumar had the opportunity to visit Scaler Campus, one of the leading technical educational institution in Bangalore, located in Electronic City. I aimed to understand the courses offered and discuss career opportunities for students under the new National Education Policy.





We were a part of the joint speaker meet on Wednesday 9 th September at Vasavi Convention Centre.



#### PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.





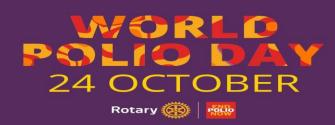


Rotary is focussed on several criically important goals that make a significant difference to the lives of the people in need, in India and around the world. These causes align closely with the UN's Sustaianable Development Goals.









Rotary is dedicated to causes that build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

### ONE TEAM. ONE DREAM. A POLIO-FREE WORLD.

The world has made huge strides against polio with cases down 99.9% over the last four decades. With renewed global attention and commitment, we can finally beat polio, but the last stretch is the toughest.

As with any challenge, we are stronger when we work together as a team.

### One Day, One Focus, Ending Polio.

World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

WORLD POLIO DAY ON 24th October has been organized throughout the World. Our Club Members took part in this WORLD POLIO DAY District Event.



BIRTHDAYS	
R Srinivas Naidu	: 14th Oct
S Ravi Kumar	: 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct
M C Anand	: 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Sandeep H K	: 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov
ANNIVERSARIES	
Smt & Sri Aparna Rao	
Smt & Sri M C Anand	: 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct



Smt Rupala & Mr. Rukmangada Babu D : 19<sup>th</sup> Aug

#### **ROTARY-FIGHTING DISEASES**

We believe good health care is everyone's right. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care.

Disease results in misery, pain, and poverty for millions of people worldwide. That's why treating and preventing disease is so important to us. We lead efforts both large and small. We set up temporary clinics, blood donation centers, and training facilities in underserved communities struggling with outbreaks and health care access. We design and build infrastructure that allows doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education and bringing people routine hearing, vision, and dental care.

#### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

We educate and equip communities to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases. Rotary members have hundreds of health projects underway around the world at any given time.