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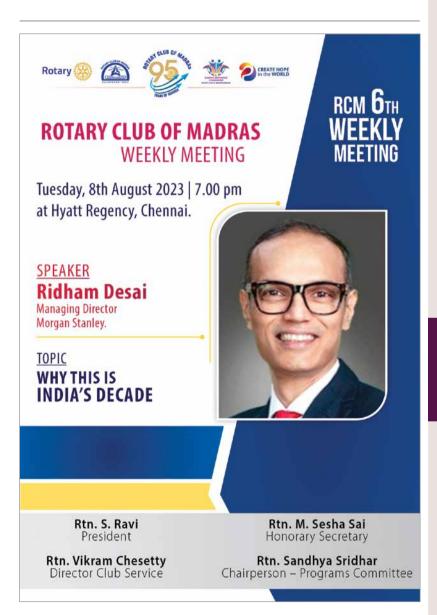


Dear RCMers,

This week's edition records the first of the Panorama series take off with resounding success. A whopping 5 Rotaract Club installations and a trip down nostalgia lane by PP. Rtn Shankar Mangadu.

Thanks and regards

Rtn. Sunita Suresh





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Minutes of the Meeting held on August 1st, 2023

Sgt-at-arms Rtn. Dr. Parkavi Collared President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan.

President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan called the meeting to order, followed by a moment of silence. The minutes of the 4th RCM meeting were confirmed.

The President extended a warm welcome to visiting Rotarians, spouses, guests, RCMers, and Probus Club members.

Rtn. Balaji Chinni, Director of Youth Services, presented and briefed the various Installation Reports of joint Interact Club's installation and Rotaract Clubs' projects. He also announced upcoming Youth services initiatives and highlighted the street scape project, acknowledging Rtn. Aswath Reddy as the project's chairman. A short video on the street scape project was shown to the Rotarians.

Rtn. Sabina Narayan made announcements regarding International Service.

The President received TRF cheques from Rtn. Hiren Shah, Rtn. Bharath Pujara, and PE Rtn. Chella Krishna.

Rtn. Linesh Sanatkumar and Rtn. Dr. Anisha announced initiatives regarding Wellness and informed about a happy feet dance event to be held at Hotel Maris. Rtn. Linesh expressed gratitude to Rtn. Anand Rangaswamy for providing the venue for the event.

Chairperson of Rotary Nagar, Rtn. Rani Muralidharan, addressed the audience and discussed the initiatives at the Rotary Nagar project site.

Secretary Rtn. Sesha Sai announced the next meeting on August 8th, featuring Ridham Desai, Managing Director of Morgan Stanley, speaking on the topic 'Why this is India's Decade'.

The President welcomed guests Lyndian Nadhaswaram and Amritha Varshini on behalf of the entire Club.

Rtn. Anil Srinivasan introduced Lydiyan Nadaswaram and Amrita Varshini, highlighting their remarkable talent and versatility in music. He mentioned their recognition by renowned artists like Harry Belafonte and Illayaraja. The club felt honored to have the opportunity to listen to these







prodigies on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023, and presented them with the book 'Timeless Legacy'.

Rtn. PP Venkhat Ramani spoke about Mr. Ridham Desai and delivered the vote of thanks. Secretary Rtn. Sesha Sai also thanked Rtn. Vikram Chesetty, Rtn. Paul, and Program Committee Chair Rtn. Sandya Sridhar for organizing a memorable evening filled with great music.

The Meeting was Adjourned. ■

































The atmosphere was filled with anticipation and enthusiasm as we eagerly awaited what the evening had in store for us.

In a celebration of music and talent, "The RCM Panorama" was a harmonious amalgamation of diverse melodies. The stage was set for an extraordinary performance by the young prodigy, Lydian Nadhaswaram, showcasing his virtuosity on the piano, accompanied by his sister, Amrithavarshini, who proved to be an equally gifted musician. Lydian was also the recipient of the world's best performer award by CBS in 2019.

The setting captured an intimate mood with an attractive LED display and stage created by our fellowship chair Rtn. PP Paul Jacob and Tanu. The evening began with an introduction of our young guest by our very own piano, Maestro Rtn. Anil Srinivasan. Having known and mentored Lydian from a very young age, it was a proud and emotional moment watching him make a mark for himself on the stage.

As the audience settled into their seats, the stage came alive with Lydian's magnetic presence. From classical masterpieces to contemporary tunes, Lydian showcased his versatility transitioning from one genre to another with ease. With finesse and flair, he delved into a spellbinding piano medley of iconic songs from Hollywood and Bollywood. He went from playing The Pink Panther, Spiderman, Mission Impossible and Harry Potter to Kal Ho Na Ho, Jiya Jale, Tum Hi Ho, among others. He also surprised us with a spectacular blindfolded performance. His fingers danced across the keys, effortlessly blending melodies that stirred memories and emotions.

Not to be outdone, Lydian's sister also took the centre-stage, captivating the audience with her enchanting voice and impressive flute-playing skills. She traversed musical genres, enchanting everyone by singing a soul-stirring German opera song. Together, the sibling duo displayed an unmatched musical bond, harmonising their talents to perfection as the audience lit up the room swaying their cell phone torches to Michael Jackson's "Heal the world". We were also treated to a dynamic performance as Lydian took up the drums for a soulful solo.

The pinnacle of the musical night came when



Lydian concluded the show with a touching medley of our Indian National Anthem and the Mile Sur. The audience stood united, hearts swelled with pride and reverence, as the patriotic melodies filled the air. The event showcased not only his exceptional skills but also his genuine love and passion for music.

Last but not the least, we enjoyed drinks and a scrumptious dinner buffet with yummy burritos, tacos and much more! Rotary's musical night was an unforgettable experience, where the power of music brought people together and kindled a sense of pride and unity.

A special thanks to Programs Chairperson Rtn Sandhya Sridhar and her team for identifying and convincing the artists to be our first Panorama Performers. A big shout out to President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, Secretary Rtn. Sai, Mentor PP Rtn. Venkhat, RCM Board and all our Rotarians, for all the support and encouragement that made the event a brilliant success.

- Rtn. Niloufer Seth





From the desk of Rtn SHANKAR MANGADU

As my Ann BHAGYALAKSHMI read the second Bulletin received today, I took a trip down my memory lane in Rotary.

We joined RCM the year 1984.

As it is now, Asst Secretary in 90's meant being Bulletin editor and I was that as well as being Chairman Special projects.

With Rtn M. Balaji (later PDG)- a very tough task master- as Incoming President- 1997/98, we would spend at least 3 evenings in a week together from 5 pm to 7 PM at VDS House, Cathedral Road. While we would talk about most things in our lives our Rotary, conversations were mostly on 3H project coming up in the huge building in Ashok Nagar during his year.

For me, it was an easy journey. As I marched along in RCM from being Director - youth services where 5 Interact Clubs became 13 along with 5 Rotaract clubs. I progressed from Assistant Secy to Secretary of RCM and then to President Elect - for only three months. I had to drop out due health reasons mid-way. The indomitable Rtn J.B.Kamdar stepped in and the rest as they say ... is history. I found this progress in Rotary helped build the leadership qualities in me.

Would I do it again? -OF COURSE!! I was game for it and did it and went on to becoming President Elect 2004/05 second time?

We then won District Best Bulletin Award.

As President RCM in 2005/06 I had a few Key new projects -

• Job Fair at Raja Muttiah and Rani Meyammai Hall for two years running.

My team leaders - PP PN Mohan & PP Nandita Krishnan were able administrators

• Two Public Toilets adjacent to Egmore Railway station

We also executed the one & only "hands on" Overseas Project of RCM to date. In Ghana Accra – we associated with RC Accra west and Ministry of Health, Ghana. Between 2005 to 2008 - 2833 Cataract Surgeries were done under the capable and dynamic Team leader Rtn Dr. Arul Mozivarman.

Hats off to him that the project was managed with efficiency and produced such good results.

As a representative of RCM, I was honoured by Ministry of Health Ghana along with RC Accra west in the year 2007 when I visited for the valedictory ceremony

I have also given the District Life time achievement Award to Father of Polio program - PDG Dr. Kenneth C Hobbs of Canada as well as the Life time achievement Award to former Test Captain S Venkatraman.

Other projects and achievements I look at with pride that happened under my watch are the Ken & Eva Rehabilitation Center at VHS - inaugurated by Prof Swaminathan and the development of the second stage of VHS Senior Citizens home.

• The best performing Boys Town at Gumudipondi,



Seliyur, Rotary Nagar, vocational Services at Sembakam which remains a favourite of Rtn Jayashree Sridhar also hold a place in my heart.

I refused to accept the Asst Governorship for D is trict

3230 to DG Subbu. I had decided to slow down my Rotary life to concentrate on my Business and Family. My children's education and marriage needed to be my priority.

The best training I received in Rotary was like a tuition from PP. R . Rathnam (TVS).

I was in his office all most every day at 5pm. My office was just across (3rd floor IOB building) from TVS. Motors .

The highlight for me was winning the District Award - Youth Services.

Personally, I was Head of Marketing and Sales of Trayons. I promoted this pioneering Industry and was completely involved in travelling around the world multiple times -17 countries. We won the GOI award for exports for first time by an Indian. For me the fun part of being the editor of the Lighthouse was having the Print of RCM Bulletin - always ready with a smile - to post by Saturday.

Most frustrating in those days was, in my opinion, none of the Rotarians willingly contributed their best to the cause of Rotary.

These are just my thoughts as they rolled in my mind and this article was typed out by me for what it is worth - to you Rtn Sunita. Current editor of Lighthouse and Assistant secretary RCM

Congrats on your post as Asst Secretary RCM and we wish you all laurels.

YIR, **Rtn. Shanker Mangadu PP.**



The Rotaract Club of AVIT hosted its 6th installation ceremony, entitled "Enthrona," on a delightful evening filled with enthusiasm and camaraderie. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries and marked the beginning of a new chapter in the club's journey of service and fellowship.

The ceremony commenced with heartfelt greetings from the faculty coordinators, Dr. S. P. Sangeetha and Dr. Aravind Raj, who warmly welcomed the chief guests, Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan, President of the Rotary Club of Madras (RCM), and Rtn. Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, the Hon'ble Madam Chancellor of AVIT. Joining the celebration were Guests of Honour, Rtn. Balaji Chinni, Director of Youth Service - RCM, and Rtn. Manish Mardia, Rotaract Chairman - RCM.

Preserving the rich traditions, the event commenced with the soulful rendition of Tamil Thai Vazhuthu, evoking a sense of unity and cultural pride. Following this, the lighting of the kuthuvikkaku symbolized the illumination of knowledge and service in the journey ahead.

An important moment of the evening arrived when Rtr. M.K. Manobala was collared as the new president by the outgoing president, Rtr. B.S. Kavin Harshith. Alongside this transition, the club's charter was passed on to the new secretary, Rtr. B. Manikandan, symbolizing continuity and progress.

The installation ceremony also marked the official launch of the letterhead and theme for the current Rotary year, 2023-24, setting the tone for the club's forthcoming projects and initiatives.

Afterwards, badges were distributed to the board members, each representing their commitment to serve the community with dedication and integrity. In a powerful display of unity and responsibility, all members took a common oath, pledging to uphold

the principles of Rotaract and contribute selflessly to society.

In their addresses, the dignitaries commended the club's outstanding efforts and achievements. The chief guest for the event,President Rotary Club of Madras in particular, praised the exalted work accomplished by the Rotaract Club of AVIT and lauded their commitment to making a positive impact.

Rtn. Dr. Anuradha Ganesan, honourable Madam Chancellor,VMRF presided over the ceremony.In her special address, expressed admiration for the club's successful execution of social events centered around various causes, urging them to persist in their benevolent endeavors.

Rtn. Balaji acknowledged the club's adherence to protocol during the installation ceremony and commended the faculty advisors and president for significantly boosting membership, ensuring a stronger and more influential presence. Rtn. Manish, in his speech, extended warm wishes and congratulations to the newly appointed office bearers, fostering a sense of encouragement and support for their future responsibilities.

The special invitee expressed hope and enthusiasm for the club's active participation in district-level programs, further reinforcing the club's significance within the wider Rotaract community.

The 6th installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of AVIT will be remembered as a defining moment, inspiring and motivating its members to continue their impactful journey of service, leadership, and friendship. With renewed spirits and a shared sense of purpose, the club embarks on a new Rotary year, prepared to make a difference and create positive change in the lives of those they touch. ■



ROTARACT CLUB OF JEPPIAAR ENGINEERING COLLEGE

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Madras | RID 3232

24.07.2023 | 11 am onwards | Placement Seminar Hall, Jeppiaar Engineering College

CORONATION

9th Installation Ceremony for the Rotaract Club of Jeppiaar Engineering College, sponsored by Rotary Club of Madras | RID 3232, took place on 24th July 2023 between 11 am and 1 pm. During the coronation ceremony, Rtr IPP Leo Edwin Samuel passed on the President's Collar to the incoming President, Rtr Gem, symbolizing the transfer of leadership.

Rtr Pres Gem took the opportunity to introduce his Office Bearers for Rotary Year 23-24 and unveiled the theme for his term, which is "Deep Roots, Deeper Friendships." This theme highlights the club's commitment to fostering strong connections within the community and deepening the relationships among Rotaract members.

In addition to the theme, Rtr Pres Gem introduced a special project for the year called "The JR Chronicles," inspired by RCM's renowned initiative, 'Lighthouse.' "The JR Chronicles" is a monthly bulletin designed to serve as an information exchange and discussion forum for all members of the Rotaract Club of Jeppiaar Engineering College.

"The JR Chronicles" aims to enhance communication and collaboration among club members by facilitating the exchange of ideas, updates on ongoing projects, and upcoming events. This bulletin will foster a sense of unity and camaraderie within the club, providing a platform for members to share their experiences, insights, and achievements.

The installation ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries from both the Rotary Club of Madras and the District Rotaract Council. Notable personalities present included Rtn Pres Ravi Sundaresan, Rtn PP Venkhat Ramani, Rtn Balaji Chinni - Youth Service Director, Rtn Deepak Chander - Rotaract Zone Chairman from RCM, and the dignitaries from DRC, such as Rtr PP Essaki Sekar - District Rotaract Representative, Rtr PP Sanjana David Varma - District Rotaract Representative Elect - RID 3233, Rtr PP Niranjana - District Rotaract Secretary, and Rtr PP Dinesh Kumar - Associate District Rotaract Representative.

The newly minted President, Rtr Pres Gem, has set an ambitious vision for the year, encapsulated by the theme "Deep Roots, Deeper Friendships." The club's focus on building meaningful connections and the introduction of "The JR Chronicles" as a unique project showcase







their dedication to fostering positive change and making a lasting impact in their community.

With such promising initiatives, the Rotaract Club of Jeppiaar Engineering College is poised to embark on a year filled with impactful projects, enriching experiences. and profound friendships. The ceremony marked the beginning of an exciting journey for the club and its members, and the presence of distinguished dignitaries reinforced the support and encouragement from the Rotary Club of Madras and the District Rotaract Council empowering the vouth's serviceoriented endeavours.





INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT CLUB OF **NEW COLLEGE**

SYNDICATE - A group of people who work together in order to achieve a particular aim.

The Rotaract club of New college celebrated its 48th Installation ceremony named SYNDICATE.

The outgoing team presented their achievements during the previous year. They were rewarded with Mementos and certificates for their hard work and dedication.

The farewell speech was delivered by the outgoing president.

The installation of the Rotaract Club for the Rotary year 2023-2024 took place where the President and office bearers took charge of the club responsibilities. The following are selected as the President and Honorary Secretary for the year 2023-2024:

Rtr. Mohamed Mahin - President 2023-2024 Rtr. Afeef Zayaan.T - Hon.Secretary 2023-2024

The following dignitaries attended the function:

Dr. M. Asrar Sheriff (Principal of the New College)

Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan (President of Rotary Club of Madras)

Rtn. Balaji Chinni (Youth Service Team Director)

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Rtn. Balaji Chinni (Youth Service Team Director)









On July 30th, 2023, our 19th installation was a resounding success. Rtr. Sujan Rahul and his Board were officially installed for the Rotary year 2023-24. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of chief guest Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan and guest of honour Rtn. Deepak Chandar. We were honored to have Rtr. PP. Essaki Sekar Drr of RID 3232 as a special invitee. Notably, we proudly presented the Golden Apple Award to Rtn. G. Ganavelan and bestowed the Finesse Accolade upon Rtr. PP. Sasikumar.







INSTALLATION AT INNERWHEEL CLUB OF MADRAS

Renu Chandra was installed as the 57th President of Innerwheel Club of Madras at an impressive function at EHotel on July 19th. The Club inducted 11 new members to achieve a record strength of 102 members.

RCM President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan graced the occasion, felicitated the incoming team and also made a generous donation of Rs 50000 for the club's projects. In his address, President Rtn. Ravi Sundaresan suggested that RCM and Innerwheel Club of Madras should undertake Joint Projects during the year.

President Renu mentioned that the focus areas for the club this year would be Women Empowerment, Healthcare, love & care for small children and bringing smiles to the underprivileged. Some of their major initiatives undertaken this year/in the pipeline include a tour of IITMRP by graduate girl students for an extensive tour, Metro Ride for 150 Government school children, Health Camp for female sanitary workers, handmade quilts to infants, collection of empty milk sachets for recycling.

We look forward to continuing the rich legacy of close cooperation between RCM and Innerwheel Club of Madras.











THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF ROTARACT CLUB OF MADRAS

The Rotaract Club of Madras, sponsored by the esteemed Rotary Club of Madras, RID 3232, marked a momentous occasion on July 30, 2023, with its grand Installation Ceremony. The event witnessed the official induction of the office bearers of 23-24, led by the newly appointed President, Rtr. Deepak Kumar, who was honored with the collar by Rtr. PP. Anbu Harish.

In the presence of the distinguished Chief Guest, Rtn. N.S Saravanan - District Governor 24-25, RID 3234, and esteemed Guest of Honors, Rtn. S. Ravi - President, Rotary Club of Madras, Rtn. PP. Gopinath - Rotary Club of Madras, and Rtn. Shivkumar Eashwaran - Mentor, Rotaract Club of Madras, the Installation Ceremony exuded an atmosphere of enthusiasm and commitment to service.

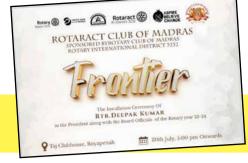
The event was graced by special invitees, including Rtn. Manish Mardia - Rotaract Zone Chairman, Rotary Club of Madras, Rtr. Essaki Sekar - District Rotaract Representative, RID 3232, and Rtr. Niranjana - District Rotaract Secretary, RID 3232, who added their distinguished presence to the occasion.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was the prestigious "Jewel of RCM" award, which was bestowed upon Rtn. N.S Saravanan - District Governor 24-25, RID 3234, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the community. The award was presented by Rtn. Shivkumar Eashwaran.

Another significant moment was the presentation of the "Peerlessness Award" to Rtr. PP. Dinesh Kumar, a testament to his outstanding dedication and service to the Rotaract Club of Madras. Rtr. Parkavi Mahalingam had the honor of presenting this award.

The new members were inducted into the Rotaract Club pf Madras by Rtr. Deepak Kumar, the President 23-24, who eagerly welcomed them to the vibrant madras community.

The Year Plan for the Rotaract Club of Madras 23-24 was unveiled by Rtr. Deepak Kumar, highlighting the club's vision, goals, and projects for the coming year.



The esteemed speakers, including Rtn. N.S Saravanan, Rtn. S. Ravi, Rtn. PP. Gopinath, Rtn. Shivkumar Eashwaran, Rtn. Manish Mardia, Rtr. Essaki Sekar, and Rtr. Niranjana, delivered inspiring addresses, emphasizing the significance of service and leadership in Rotary and Rotaract.

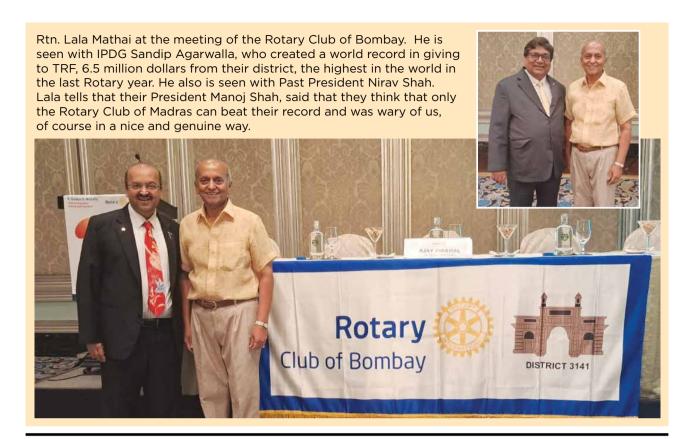
The event concluded on a high note with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Rtr. Neshal, the Secretary of the Rotaract Club of Madras 23-24, expressing gratitude to all attendees for their support and encouragement.











These Rotary members will serve on the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2025-26. The committee is scheduled to meet on 7 August.

Zone 1 : Masahiro Kuroda, Rotary Club of Hachinohe South, Aomori, Japan

Zone 3 : Akira Miki, Rotary Club of Himeji, Hyogo, Japan

Zone 5 : Basker Chockalingam, Rotary Club of Karur, Tamil Nadu, India

Zone 7 : Sambasiva Rao Patibandla, Rotary Club of Jubilee Hills, Telangana, India

Zone 9 : **Hsiu-Ming Lin**, Rotary Club of Taipei Tungteh, Taiwan

Zone 11 : **Eun-Soo Moon,** Rotary Club of Cheonan-Dosol, Chungcheongnam, South Korea Alternate : **Kwang Tae Kim,** Rotary Club of Seoul Gwanag, Seoul, South Korea

Zone 13: Roger Lhors, Rotary Club of Pont-Audemer, Eure, France Zone 15: Ekkehart Pandel, Rotary Club of Bückeburg, Germany

Zone 17: Ann-Britt Åsebol, Rotary Club of Falun-Kopparvågen, Falun, Sweden Alternate: Virpi Honkala, Rotary Club of Raahe, Raahe, Finland

Zone 19: James Anthony Black, Rotary Club of Dunoon, Dunoon, Scotland

Zone 21 : Safak Alpay, Rotary Club of Istanbul-Sisli, Turkey

Alternate: Aikaterini Kotsali-Papadimitriou, Rotary Club of Pendeli, Greece

Zone 23: Celia Elena Cruz de Giay, Rotary Club of Arrecifes, Argentina Zone 25: Susan Howe, Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston), Texas, USA

Zone 27: Steven Snyder, Rotary Club of Auburn, California, USA

Zone 29: Mary Beth Growney Selene, Rotary Club of Madison West Middleton, Wisconsin, USA Alternate: Robert Knuepfer, Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA

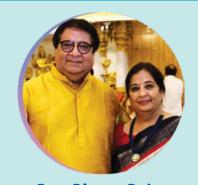
Zone 31: Larry Lunsford, Rotary Club of Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA

Zone 33: Anne Matthews, Rotary Club of Columbia East, South Carolina, USA

Alternate: Peter Kyle, Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, Washington D.C., USA

Courtesy: Rtn. PP. N.K. Gopinath, Rotary Club of Madras.

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Rtn. Chella Krishna **CNGSN & ASSOCIATES** \$10,000



Rtn. Hiren Shah \$5,000

BIRTHDAYS

1st Aua - Rtn. Suman Voora

1st Aug Rtn. Supriya Dabir Gautam

Rtn. PP. S. Gunashekar 3rd Aug

Rtn. PE. Ravi Sundaresan 3rd Aug

4th Aua - Rtn.Prashanth S Kharche

5th Aug - Rtn. Abdul Kareem Sait

5th Aug - Rtn. Rohit Toshniwal

5th Aug - Rtn. PP Rani Muralidharan

6th Aug - Rtn. N. Vivek Pai

- Rtn. PP Dr. Gauthamadas Udipi 7th Aug

4th Aug - Ann. Meenakshi (Rtn Ravee Malhotra)

6th Aug -Ann. Priya (Rtn R Rajenderan)



WE ARE ROTARIANS

WE BRIDGE CONTINENTS | WE BUILD COMMUNITIES WE SERVE ABOVE SELF | WE CURE DISEASE WE BUILD MINDS | WE BUILD PEACE WE BRING HOPE | WE SAVE LIVES





Plastic pollution is the accumulation of plastic objects in the earth's environment that adversely affect all life from wildlife, wildlife habitats, human beings and our habitat.

So much of what we unconsciously consume is made of plastic, because it's convenient, versatile and inexpensive. The critical issue is its durability - it's so durable that it takes over four to five hundred years if not more to degrade, thanks to its unique chemical structure.

Many of us feel good when we say we segregate and recycle, however only less than one quarter of the plastic waste generated is recycled. The rest go into landfills, oceans, and ultimately into our bodies and that of innocent animals, birds and marine life.

While ultimately this concern has to be addressed by Governments world over, we thought we would share a few simple ways we as individuals and Rotarians can reduce our consumption of plastic.





- Say no to single-use items (balloons, plastic bags, water bottles etc)
- Carry a re-usable shopping bag
- Keep a reusable water bottle on hand
- Refuse products with microbeads (typically found in face wash, body wash & toothpaste)
- Refuse products with too much plastic packaging
- Use old newspaper to make bin liners instead of plastic
- Ditch plastic straws, cling film and use reusable straws, wax paper instead
- Wherever possible try to send your own containers to collect food (when ordering)
- Use matches instead of disposable lighters
- · Use reusable pens instead of single use plastic pens

The Environment Action Team



