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Rtn Harbinder Singh Rattha	4 th November
Rtn Jayant Hemdev	4 th November
Rtn Nikhil Raj	4 th November
Rtn Sunil Sudhakar Shanker	5 th November
Rtn Vikram Jalan	6 th November
Rtn Nalini Radhakrishnan	7 th November
Rtn Raja V	8 th November
Rtn Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti	9 th November
Rtn Rajesh Yummidi	10 th November
Jayanthi, Spouse of Rtn Shivakumar Vellur	4 th November
Nita, Spouse of Rtn Hiren Bhasker Shah	6 th November
Kiran Jhaver, Spouse of Rtn Jhaver R.K.	6 th November
Nilaya Reddy, Spouse of Rtn Dr Yashwanth Kumar	6 th November
Venkataraman	
Lalitha, Spouse of Rtn Rajesh Shankar	8 th November
Vasantha, Spouse of PP Rtn K N Raja	10 th November
ANNIVERSARY 🎰	
Rtn Dr Parkavi & Mr. Kathirganapathiappan	3 rd November
Rtn Harikrishna D & Smitha	8 th November



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Rotary Club of Madras

19th Weekly Meeting

Topic:

**Employee to
Entrepreneurship
Journey**

Speaker:

Mr. Mathew Cyriac
Executive Chairman

Florintree Advisors

Tuesday, 11th November 2025 | 1.30 pm

Lunch : 12:30 - 1:30 pm at Hyatt Regency, Chennai.

Spouses are invited for this meeting

Rtn. Nikhil Raj
President

Rtn. Prasanna Rajagopalan
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Rotary Club of Madras (RCM)

18th Weekly Meeting held on 04-11-2025 at 6.30 PM

@ Madras Cricket Club (MCC)

Call to Order

President Nikhil Raj called the 18th weekly meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

The meeting commenced with the Rotary Song.

“Toilets and Sanitation,” highlighting Rotary’s commitment to hygiene, healthcare, women empowerment, and environmental protection.

President Nikhil Raj welcomed all members, Anns, and special guests to the meeting. He extended a warm welcome to Mr Ramachandran and Dr Karpuswamy from the Probus Club. Dr Venkata Karthikeyan & Mr Suraj Saravana Raman attended their first RCM meeting. It was noted that despite rain, the attendance was encouraging.

President's Announcements

President Nikhil Raj shared updates on recent and upcoming club activities.

Rotaract Club of Vepery Installation was held at Maris Hotel. This marked the 4th charter for the club, and the new team looks promising for continued activity.

Full Club Fellowship (1 Nov 25) hosted by PDG Rtn J.B. Kamdar and Ann Marlene saw excellent participation and fellowship.

RYLA Program 80 students from RCM's Interact schools left for Kuala Lumpur on 2 Nov 25. President Nikhil Raj and Youth Service Director, Rtn Suman Voora flagged off the group. Students would be visiting schools, colleges, and cultural sites in Malaysia. On 14 Nov 25, another batch of 60 students from Vidya Mandir Sr Sec School, Mylapore would travel under the guidance of YSD, Rtn Suman Voora, Rtn Himanshu Budhia, and Rtn Sesha Sai.

Medical Camp (7Nov & 8 Nov)

Organized by Dr Anisha Ashok through her laparoscopic clinic for women at Rotary Nagar and coordinated by PP Rtn Rani Muralidharan, Rtn Dr Sangeetha Viswanathan and the medical team led by Rtn Arjun Ananth.

Visit by Ms. Erica Yeager (Jain Family Foundation)

The Foundation, established by Anurag Jain (son of Rtn Mahendra Jain), has contributed US\$ 250,000 as a directed gift to Rotary International. The Club is planning 3-4 Global Grants through this generous support.

Ms. Yeager would attend the next meeting on 11 Nov 25 and would include a visit to ongoing RCM projects. Members were encouraged to attend in full strength.

Lucknow Trip (6 Nov – 9 Nov)

About 40 Rotarians and spouses would travel together for fellowship and sightseeing, curated by Rtn Sarada Sriram and his spouse.

RCM Golf Event

Organized by the Golf Committee chaired by Rtn Sriya Chari. Approximately 30 lakhs have been raised to cover expenses. Work in progress on goodie bags and sponsor add-ons.

District Governor Nomination

DG Rtn Vinod Sarogi invited nominations for DG 2028-29. Subsequent to the letter from District Governor Rtn Vinod Saroogi, calling for nominations to the post of District Governor 2028-29, the Board was pleased to nominate our PP Rtn S Ravi, to that post, at the Board meeting held on November 3rd at the Madras Club, Chennai. The same was announced at

the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Madras, held on November 4th at the Madras Cricket Club at 6.30 pm and a resolution was passed accordingly.

“IT WAS RESOLVED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS (RCM) HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 25, AT THE MADRAS CRICKET CLUB,

AFTER THE BOARD HAD PASSED THE SAME, THAT RCM WILL NOMINATE THE NAME OF PP RTN S RAVI, TO THE POST OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR IN THE YEAR 2028-29."

We wish PP Rtn S Ravi the very best and all success in his election to that post.

Secretary's Announcements

Rtn Prasanna Rajagopalan announced Birthday, Spouse Birthday and Anniversary for the week.

President's Sunshine Contribution: Rs. 4,000

Next meeting: 11 November 2025 at Hyatt Regency

Guest Speaker: Mr Mathew Cyriac, Executive Chairman, Florintree Advisors on "Employee to Entrepreneurship Journey". Spouses are invited.

Combined Community Service Presentation

Overview

President Nikhil Raj outlined the scale and scope of ongoing community service projects.

Total Project Value: Rs. 16.02 crores (total projects being executed)

Expenditure thus far:

Q1: Rs. 2.39 crores

Q2: Rs. 2.28 crores

Project Categories

Homes, Toilets, Environment, School Infrastructure, Medical Equipment, HPV Vaccination, Mental Health, Medical Camps, Education, and Skilling.

Efforts are on track to meet projected completion by 30 June 2026.

Presentations by Directors

Rtn Suresh Amirapu – Director, Community Service Development (CSD)

He presented an update on five key verticals under CSD

Homes for the Homeless – Chairperson: Rtn. N. Prakash

RCM Hope Village, Irembedu – 100 homes for Irular tribals.

39 completed and handed over; 22 under progress; others awaiting clearances.

Includes greening, water body, vegetable gardens, and community centre.

Villagers are forming a registered society to self-manage the settlement.

Smaller projects at Perathur, 18 homes and Beerakuppam, 15 homes are also progressing.

WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene) – Chairperson: Rtn. Arvind Kumar Shankar

Chintadripet Boys' School: Long-pending toilet project completed despite COVID delays.

Presidency Girls' School, Egmore: 200-year-old school – new WASH blocks completed.

Anganwadi, Perambur: Work nearing completion.

Thanipoondi - 130 toilets across 4 villages, CSR project of Sundaram Fasteners Limited. Major government clearances secured. Driven by PP Rtn. S. Ravi.

Boys Town Society – Chairperson: Rtn. Rajesh Yummidi

Currently 78 boys (Classes 5–12), government-referred through CWC.

RCM supports boarding, education, tuition (via Chudar), and activities with Krea University. Yoga, sports, and counselling are integrated for holistic development.

Lake Restoration – Chairperson: PP Rtn P.N. Mohan

Projects at Kadaperi and Old Perangudi are ongoing through Exnora.

New projects under discussion with Brigade Group and others. A major upcoming project at Srimavathur Lake will involve multiple donors.

Environment – Chairperson: Rtn. B.V. Gautam

Biogas Plant, Govt. School, Thiruvanmiyur – completed, funded by Rtn Kadiresan Adityan R.

Vandalur Zoo Water Restoration:

Langur Enclosure – Rs. 15.7 lakhs (civil work commenced).

Chimpanzee Enclosure – Rs.13 lakhs (donor identified).

Hippo Pond – Rs.35 lakhs (seeking donor).

Projects executed with Cirgen Technologies and approved by zoo authorities under an RCM MOU.

Afforestation at Loyola College: Donor: Rtn

Geetha Nagu and family (Rs.10 lakhs).

Vendor: EFI; to be completed within one month of PO issuance.

President Nikhil Raj and other members engaged in discussion on technical aspects and donor partnerships, appreciating the scope of the environmental projects.

Here's a concise and formal summary of this segment suitable for the Minutes:

Discussion on Project Sustainability and Health Initiatives

PP Rtn Srikanth commended the club for its diversity and scale of projects, while emphasizing the importance of project sustainability. Drawing from his experience, he cautioned that many WASH projects worldwide face long-term sustainability issues, with nearly 50% becoming non-functional within five years. He recommended that each project include a "failure report" to record learnings and urged the club to conduct follow-up assessments to evaluate long-term impact and usage.

President Nikhil Raj responded affirmatively, informing members that a survey was conducted last year in the Gummidi poondi area under IPP Rtn Chella Krishna's leadership. Of about 250 toilets built, 220 were in active use, while others had been repurposed. He assured members that sustainability and monitoring mechanisms are being built into all current and future projects, with plans to establish a Project Monitoring Committee.

Rtn Bharat Shetty representing Director Rtn Arjun Ananth, presented the Community Services Health report. Highlights included:

46 HPV vaccination camps conducted this year with 3,641 girls enrolled, 1,620 second doses given, and 2,000 more in process.

Major donations and sponsorships totaling several crores for ambulances, dialysis machines, and medical equipment across multiple hospitals, including Child Trust Hospital, Hindu Mission, and government hospitals at Mannargudi, Erode, Hosur, and Trichy.

Sponsorship acknowledgments were made to Rtn Govind Parekh, Rtn Hari Venkatesh, Rtn Anthony Lobo, PP Rtn N K Gopinath, PP Rtn Vivek Harinarin, Rtn Mahendra Jain, Rtn Vardhaman Jain, and Rtn Krishnamurthy Vijayan.

A shortfall of Rs.1.3 lakh was reported in the dialysis project due to increased equipment costs, for which members were invited to contribute.

Dr. Sangeetha Viswanathan updated members on the HPV vaccination initiative,

now scaled nationally through a partnership with Inner Wheel Clubs of India.

Approximately 1,890 girls have been vaccinated under this collaboration, with commitments for another 2,000 vaccinations, bringing the total close to 4,000–6,000 by November.

The project aims to vaccinate 1 million girls by the club's centenary year, supported by CSR funds and a proposed Global Grant.

The Serum Institute handles distribution and collection of unused doses through its dealer network.

About 10% dropouts have been recorded for the second dose, but even one dose provides partial protection.

PP Rtn Mohan Raman P.V. led a light-hearted crowdfunding appeal, successfully raising funds towards the Rs.1.3 lakh dialysis shortfall and additional contributions for the HPV vaccination program. Several Rotarians volunteered Rs.25,000 each, with President Nikhil and others also pledging support.

President Nikhil Raj expressed gratitude for the generosity shown and acknowledged PP Rtn S Ravi for his efforts in identifying hospitals for the SBI Mutual Fund-sponsored dialysis project. He also mentioned progress on the hyperbaric machine project.

Here's a concise and formal summary of this segment suitable for the Minutes:

Vocational Services Report – Presented by PP Rtn Rani Muralidharan on behalf of Dr. Sharon Krishna Rau.

Overview

Dr Sharon's presentation (delivered by PP Rtn Rani) highlighted the first-quarter activities under the Vocational Services vertical, described as "the beating heart of Rotary," connecting members' professional skills with community needs.

Focus Areas

Women's empowerment, children's skilling, RCM members' professional growth, and DEI initiatives.

Nine sub-verticals operate under this area, focusing on skill development, education, and employability.

Key Project Updates: SELU (Center of Excellence for Women's Empowerment)

Continued legacy programs: MS Office, Tally, tailoring, and hand embroidery.

Courses are now nationally certified (NIIT for digital learning; Apparel Skill India Council for tailoring/embroidery).

Spoken English course by MCC & Chennai Volunteers Group.

Paramedical courses launched with VNEPR Skill Development Center.

Health & awareness programs:

General health and cancer screening (147 women benefited)

HPV vaccination awareness (50 girls registered)

Meditation and wellness camp (50 participants)

Bhavodini School for Autism: Vocational training for 20–25 children.

Handmade bags venture: Initiated by Anne Deepti Prasanna; 700 bags sold—profits given to women graduates.

Rotary Nagar: New Building:

Vocational & educational courses for women (certified by NIIT).

Tuition center for 70–100 children (LKG–12th).

STEM enrichment, ISRO space science, coding by Rtn. Anjali Poni, and spoken English

classes.

Old Building:

To be converted into a sports, yoga, and self-defense center.

Currently hosts medical camps and Anganwadi.

Current Enrollments (as reported by PP Rtn Rani):

Seliyur/Sembakkam: 11 (MS Office), 15 (Tally), 20 (Spoken English), 37 (Tailoring), 10 (Embroidery).

Rotary Nagar: 21 (Digital Literacy – 17 MS Office, 4 Tally), 60 (Tuition Center), 15 (Coding), 30 (Spoken English – 15 women + 15 children).

New Initiative:

Exploring retail job training programs with guaranteed placement for local youth.

Planning courses in DTP, welding, electronics, and TNPSC coaching.

Focus on impactful, employment-linked vocational training.

V.P. Raman Award: Award for living the Rotary 4-Way Test presented to Interact schools on 7 Oct 25.

Health Camp Follow-up (Q&A):

Screening camps link patients to partner hospitals for further treatment; costs are often covered by RCM.

Eye screening camps identify refractive errors; Rotary arranges glasses at nominal cost and maintains records for follow-up.

Closing Remarks by President Nikhil Raj

Emphasized the passion and diversity of RCM's service efforts.

Announced a 3-month calendar (Nov–Jan) listing project visits to encourage members to personally visit and experience Rotary

projects.

Visits to be organized via carpooling and coordination with project directors.

Meeting was adjournment.

A Shout-Out to JB & Marlene

What a wonderful full-club fellowship last night! Thought and care shone through every detail — the classy invitation, refreshing venue, crisp speeches, and a delightful show that brought us all together. It was a momentous occasion, celebrating the successful sale of a company built on sweat, trials, and tears — all the right ingredients for a memorable evening. Special thanks to @Rtn Rajesh Mani and @Rtn Divya for the behind-the-scenes effort and thoughtful curation. Lots of hard work over a few weeks to pull off such a lovely event.

A lovely chance for us all to relax and let our hair down (okay, for some of you at least).

Thank you for a fabulous evening!

-Rtn Sanjay Chaganti Rao

What a way to begin November!

2 Nov 25, 7 pm – RCM's President Nikhil Raj and Youth Services Director Rtn Suman Voora flagged off the first batch of participants of 86 Interactors @ Gate No 10, International Terminal – Departure Area, Chennai Airport.

Our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors, Rtn AVM Balu, PP Rtn Jayshree Sridhar and Rtn Aswath Reddy for their invaluable support in making this possible.

**Day 1 – 3 Nov 25**

The day began with Heritage and Cultural Visits to the iconic Putrajaya, the administrative capital of Malaysia. Participants engaged in team building and ice-breaking activities while exploring the magnificent government buildings and offices. The Opening Ceremony of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2025 was held at the Headquarters of the Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC).

This was followed by a Networking Dialogue and Dinner Session with distinguished leaders including Datuk Dr. A.T. Kumararajah, Deputy President of the Malaysian Associated Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MACCI) – a dialogue partner of the Malaysian Government, Former Economic Council Board Member under the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Former Council Member at the Ministry of Entrepreneurial Development and Cooperatives, Malaysia, Rotarian at Rotary Club of KL Diraja, and Executive Secretary at Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC).

Other notable speakers included Dr. Satheesh, Press Secretary, Ministry of National Unity, Malaysia; Mr. Dhanesh, Putera (Youth) Wing, Malaysian Indian Congress and Former Young Board Member, University of Malaya; M. Sesha Sai, Honorary Consul General, Republic of Seychelles, Mentor, Youth Services, Rotary Club of Madras; Rtn. Murali Rao, RYLA Chairman, RI District 3234; and Dinesh Gajendran, Asia Regional Special Advisor, Commonwealth Students Association.

Day 2 – 4 Nov 25

Session 1 – Educational Forum

A visit to the University of Cyberjaya

Interactive session with

Prof. Dr. David Whitford

Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive

University of Cyberjaya, Malaysia

and the esteemed Faculty of Social Sciences.

Session 2 – Government Forum

High-Level Dialogue with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia

Speakers included:

Dr. Zainah binti Shariff

Deputy Director General (Youth Development)

Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia

Ms. Asnida Abd Hamid

Senior Research Executive,

Institute for Youth Research Malaysia (IYRES),

Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia

National Directors from:

Sports Development Division

Rakan Muda Development Division.

Session 3 – Dialogue & Dinner

With the Royal Commonwealth Society, Malaysia

RCS Youth Affairs – MY Commonwealth Chat Series

“Empowering the Next Generation: Rotary’s Role in Shaping the World”

Distinguished Speakers:

Madam Bernice, Chairperson
Royal Commonwealth Society, Malaysia

Mr. Dhanesh Basil, Advisor
RCS Youth Affairs &
Vice Chairperson, Malaysian Youth

Council

Rtn. Muhiniswari Govindasamy
Community Service Director,
Rotary Club of Klang Valley

Rtn. PDRR. Sunil Hasmukaray
Rotary Club of Klang Valley

Rtn. Sesha Sai
Mentor – Youth Service
Rotary Club of Madras



Day 3 – 5 Nov 25

The RYLA delegates began the day with an educational visit to Regent International School, where they interacted with the Regent Interact Club. The students proudly presented their leadership initiatives and community service projects, creating a meaningful cultural and youth exchange experience.

In the afternoon, the RCM-RYLARIANS visited the Kuala Lumpur Science Center, where participants explored a variety of scientific displays and interactive exhibits.

Later, the delegates proceeded to ReSkills Global Technologies Sdn Bhd, a prominent EdTech organization in the ASEAN region. Guided by Ms. Yen Lee, Mr. Chidozie Cosmas and Mr. CD Lee, participants toured the facility and gained insights into technological trends, corporate communication, global markets, entrepreneurship, creative content, and career planning. The visit provided deep learning on education, innovation and

future-ready skills.

In the evening, delegates enjoyed a shopping trip to Chinatown. They spent time exploring the vibrant marketplace and were free to dine at a restaurant of their choice.

World Interact Week – 5 Nov 25 celebrates the founding of Interact Clubs and the impact of youth leadership in Rotary. The first Interact Club was formed at Melbourne High School, Florida, USA in 1962, and today there are more than 20,000 Interact Clubs across 159 countries, inspiring service, friendship, and global citizenship.

To mark this special day, RCM-RYLARIANS visited Regent International School in Malaysia. The Interactors showcased their projects, discipline, and commitment to social change. Our delegates engaged in meaningful discussions, exchanged ideas, and built friendships beyond borders. The visit strengthened international goodwill and marked a perfect celebration of learning, connection, and collaborative service.

Day 4 – 6 Nov 25

Heritage, Fun & a Touch of Spirituality

Day 4 of our RCM-RYLA journey was a refreshing blend of culture, spirituality, and leisure — a perfect breather after days filled with intense learning and activities.

We began the day with a heritage visit to the iconic Batu Caves, home to the majestic Murugan Temple. For many, it was a deeply spiritual experience — climbing the colourful steps, witnessing the grandeur of the statue, and soaking in centuries of heritage and devotion.

After a relaxed lunch, the group continued to the peaceful Chin Swee Temple, surrounded by lush mountains and misty landscapes. The

serene atmosphere offered a quiet moment of reflection and calmness.

From spirituality, the day smoothly transitioned into excitement as we moved to Genting Highlands. Delegates enjoyed indoor and outdoor activities, from rides to games and stunning views of the highlands. Laughter, fun moments, and team bonding filled the rest of the afternoon.

We ended the day with a lovely dinner, followed by our return to the hotel.

Overall, it was a light, enjoyable, and memorable day — more about experiences than sessions, more fun and spiritual than formal learning.



Rotary Club of Madras
YOUTH SERVICE TEAM +
International RYLA – Malaysia



Day 5 – Finale

Day 5 of the International RCMRYLA was enriching, inspiring, and filled with learning. The morning began at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre for the Festival of Ideas (FOI) 2025, a flagship event held from November 4–8. Expanded to the ASEAN level, FOI 2025 aligns with Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship under the theme "Inclusivity and Sustainability" and "MADANI: Shaping the Future, Turning Ideas into Reality." The festival serves as a premier platform where intellectual exchange is transformed into practical and innovative solutions for regional development. It strengthens Malaysia's position as a regional knowledge hub by fostering collaboration among academics, policymakers, youth, and industry leaders. For the RCMRylarians, it was a powerful exposure to future career paths, internships, and real-world innovation.

Later, the delegates visited the Royal Selangor Factory, witnessing the craftsmanship behind world-famous pewter.

Lunch followed at Little India, with a special stop at A2B for vegetarian students.

The team then visited the Cenotaph, Malaysia's original national war memorial, before exploring Bukit Bintang, enjoying free time for shopping and dinner of their choice. A photo session at the KL Twin Towers added to the excitement. Returning to the hotel, certificates were collected, and the team headed to the airport, concluding the trip with unforgettable learning and memories.

-Rtn Sesha Sai
Mentor, Youth Services
District Rotaract Committee Chairman
Rotary District 3234



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Hotel stay with breakfast, internal travel, most lunches and guided sightseeing.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 09 AT 08:00 PM

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31 Jan 2026 – 1 Feb 2026
14 Feb 2026 – 15 Feb 2026
28 Feb 2026 – 1 Mar 2026

• The first 250 registrations will enter the auction format.
• Registrations beyond 250 will be placed on a reserve list.

Only Rotarians who have been members of their Rotary clubs on or before July 1, 2024, are eligible to register.

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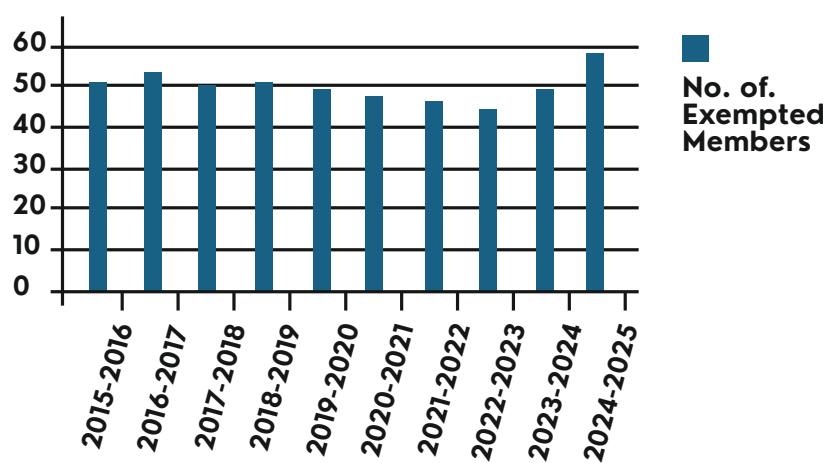
The Quiet Backbone: Tracing the Trend of Exempted Members (2015–2025)

YEARS	No. of Exempted Members
2015-2016	11
2016-2017	3
2017-2018	9
2018-2019	11
2019-2020	16
2020-2021	5
2021-2022	14
2022-2023	10
2023-2024	19
2024-2025	14

Every organization has its silent contributors, those who may step back from the spotlight but remain closely tied to its heartbeat. In Rotary, Exempted Members represent this quiet strength. Though no longer obligated to attend every meeting, their presence, whether physical or symbolic, remains deeply valued.

A Gradual Decline: 2015–2023

In 2015–16, there were 50 exempted members, a number that remained stable over the next few years with minor fluctuations. By 2017–18, the number dipped slightly to 49, and then to 48 in 2019–20. This downward slope continued more noticeably post-2020.



The numbers fell to 46, then to 45, and reached the lowest at 43 in 2022–23. This gradual decline could be interpreted as a combination of factors, perhaps more members becoming actively involved again, changes in membership structure, or even demographic shifts within the club.

A Surprising Rebound: 2023–2025

Just when the trend seemed irreversible, a surprising uptick appeared. In 2023–24, the number jumped to 48, and in 2024–25, it surged to 57, the highest in the decade.

What triggered this reversal? It could suggest a renewed recognition of long-standing members, a more inclusive membership policy, or perhaps, in a post-pandemic world, a flexible approach that allows members to stay connected without regular attendance.

What This Tells Us

Exempted members are more than just statistics, they're the club's memory keepers, its legacy holders. The data shows a cycle of transition: a dip as new blood enters, and a rebound as the organization matures and circles back to embrace those who paved the way.

Recognizing and engaging this group isn't just respectful, it's strategic. They carry stories, connections, and wisdom that fuel the future.

They may not walk through every door,
Nor mark their names on charts once more.
Yet still they stand, in spirit near,
The ones we hold so close, so dear.
They built the roads we journey now,
With quiet grit and furrowed brow.
Their hands once raised, their voices strong,
They sang our anthem, righted wrong.
The years have passed, the roles have shifted,
But not a single bond has drifted.
Though "exempt" may grace the page,
They hold a place not touched by age.
They are the roots beneath our tree,
The calm behind activity.
When numbers fade, their echoes stay—
A guiding light, a Rotary way.
So let us not forget their part,
For they are still the beating heart.
The ones who led and now inspire—
Still tending to our Rotary fire.



WE HAVE SPENT 5 GENERATION BUILDING A 5 LETTER WORD **TRUST**

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