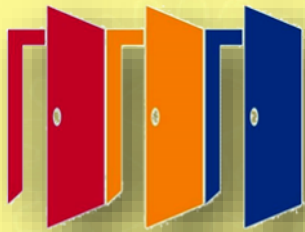


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Dear fellow Rotarians,

Every year Rotary launches new Action Plan, and each club is putting that plan to use. This Rotary year we have actions in respect of engaging families, providing leadership opportunities for all ages, celebrating our history with the United Nations in its 75th year, and, most significantly, growing Rotary.

We have witnessed our members act to care for humanity amid the coronavirus pandemic; we have seen many of our Rotarians in action to overcome the prevailing pandemic. We are indeed people of action. Every day, but particularly during this pandemic, the Rotary community has demonstrated its spirit of serving above self. It is a gift to be shared, and we are each had a chance to show of this gift of Rotary. We have amazed, inspired, and humbled, all because of the gift within the family of Rotary.

This Rotary year is transformational. We found new ways to make the lives of others better, new ways to move forward together. And, together, we will continue to grow Rotary so that we may increase our gift of Rotary to our local and global communities.

This month i.e. September being Literacy month we are planning to conduct various program in spreading Literacy awareness among our fellow citizens by distributing books, literary materials creating awareness in respect of health, cleanliness, leadership etc. including adopting ourselves to the new technology due to the change in system in economy and culture.



Yours in Rotary
P Raghavendra, President

We celebrate the Birthdays of....

Ann Dr Shashikala Bhat I on 10th, Bhramara Achar on 15th and Annet Chethan Umesh Bhat on 12th of September.



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Conveys our Special Greetings to them on these special occasions.

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the truth ?
2. Is it fair to all concerned ?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships ?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?

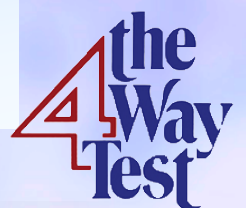


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The week that was..



As part of celebration of **Teachers' Day** we had the chance of honoring the Principal of Govindadasa College Rtn. **Kridhnamoorthy** on 5th of September 2020 at the library Premises of GDC. Rtn Raghavendra addressed the gathering.

As part of the celebration of the **Literacy month**, rare books very much in demand worth Rs. 3500 was donated by the club. Rtn. **Dr. Harikrishnan**, who sponsored the donation form his private collection

handed over the books to the Principal **Rtn. Krishnamoorthy** and the Librarian **Ms. Savithri**.

Also as part of the celebra-



tion, Ms **Savithri** was honored by Rtn. **Krishnamoorthy** on behalf of the club. .

Dr Aravind Bhat,
Secretary



Sadly our programs and report get stunted because of the Corona Pandemic

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WE'LL EMERGE STRONGER FROM THIS PANDEMIC

There is a world of difference between a problem and a challenge. If a honeybee faces a giant hornet alone, the bee has a problem. But if the honeybee faces the hornet with a swarm of other bees, then it is the hornet that has a problem. This is true in nature. But it is also the human predicament. So when the situation I confront is greater than the resources I have, then it can be termed as a problem. However, if the resources I have are greater than the situation, I am faced with, then it is just a challenge. Sometimes we overestimate our problems and underestimate our ability to overcome them.



The Covid-19 pandemic seemed like a situation that might overwhelm The Rotary foundation. But as things have progressed, we have not allowed it to do so. As of June 4, we have funded 208 disaster response grants for \$5.2 million and 169 new global grants at \$13.8 million -- all in three months. We have leveraged individual Rotarians' generosity with Foundation funds and in many cases other corporate funds to make projects larger and more impactful.

We never allowed the pandemic to overpower us. Indeed, history shows that Rotarians are a curious breed. We are visionaries; an idealistic lot that dreams big dreams of a better world. At the same time, we are resilient and able to withstand challenges that others might succumb to.

We were not idle during the pandemic lockdowns. We raised funds and did projects just as we would have if there had been no lockdown. We remembered that it's the same business that we always do — reaching out to people in distress — except the methodology by which we did it changed. Our process of preparing and delivering the projects changed. The way we communicated what we did changed.

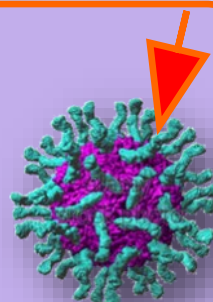
The Rotary Foundation is more than 100 years old and has already weathered many storms — some of them mild and others devastating to the world. Thanks to the strength, sacrifice, and compassion of Rotarians and the level to which they have extended themselves, I believe the Foundation will continue to face the future with renewed hope and inspiration.

Our Foundation will emerge from this pandemic much stronger and more resilient as long as you continue to have trust and faith in it.

K R Ravindran
Foundation Trustee Chair
Rotary News August 2020



On **13th January 2014**
India was officially
declared as **Poliofree**.
**NOW IS THE TIME
FOR MORE VIGIL**



Rotary Information



Thanks President and Editor,

Your bulletin is a befitting release during this Teachers Day., when Rotary is celebrating September month as "Basic education and Literacy month"

Balakrishna Gundalpet (DG, Dist 3180 1991-92)

Thank you very much Sir. Ed.

A letter from a grieving Annet

It is with utmost grief that I find myself typing this out, that my father passed away on 26th August from the terrible virus that has turned our worlds upside down. The medical team in Fr. Mullers, Mangalore did what they could for which I am forever grateful. His stay in the hospital was very short due to the poor condition he was in when he got himself admitted to the hospital.

Due to the vicious nature of the virus we were unable to see him, speak to him or comfort him at his time of needing. My father is such a social person who really loved being around people and good times, life of the party and such a bright light with so much to give, that's why it is especially heartbreaking that he had to endure his last days in complete solitude without anyone to even hold his hand or sit next to him for comfort. We as family aren't even able to complete his final rites as we should. We haven't even been able to see him for the last time. No spouse or child should ever experience this lack of closure.

Can you imagine dying alone with no one around you or your loved ones as you are hooked up to machines? If no, I want to remind people of the grim existence of this virus that WILL spread if YOU allow it, with unnecessary social events and gatherings, improper social distancing and not using masks and gloves properly. IT IS NOT WORTH IT. It is NOT JUST A VIRUS/FLU/COLD, it is much more serious than that. Please STOP unnecessary events. We have learnt the hard way that while the fatality from the virus is very low, my father became the statistic for the "low".

Facing this hard reality is been very difficult and painful, each one of us has to be RESPONSIBLE ADULTS and set our ego and fear of getting tested and please listen to only professional medical advice. Each one of us must follow strict protocols by doing so we are not only protecting ourselves but also protecting our loved ones from facing such a tragic situation.

Please don't advise others on their care requirements, you might not know their underlying health problems. Encourage people to get the help they need WITHOUT the stigma. My father was a strong proponent of social work and helping the less fortunate but REMEMBER you can only do anything if you are THERE to do it. Today my mother remains without a husband, we children remain without their father and grandchildren who are unable to comprehend the loss of their beloved Ajja.

Rashmi Amin, D/o Late Rtn. Divaker Amin



WARNING

Universal Wisdom

Places are opening because of the economy. Not because it is safe. Keep that in mind. Wash your hands. Wear a mask. Keep social distance. Avoid crowds - Stay safe. Your Family needs you