

## **Dear fellow Rotarians**,

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Changes in life is inevitable, the Covid-19 Pandemic has changed everything in our day to day life. In Rotary the way we have our Rotary meetings, project implementation and fellowship activities have changed.

All of us Rotarians believe that the Rotary Foundation is the backbone for much of the good work in Rotary. It is our investment for future. Rotarians give to the Foundation because we know that our money is used wisely and well by our fellow Rotarians, and that together through TRF we can do much more than we could ever do alone. It is the means the instrument to work towards good will, understanding and peace. Global grants allow us to do large – scale, impactful projects across the world. The importance of fund is felt during this Covid-19 pandemic. Supporting the Annual Fund is critical and it depends on contributions from every Rotarians every year.

We all know that for the 11th consecutive year, TRF has received the highest rating – four stars- from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in US, for demonstrating strong financial health, accountability and transparency.

So, let us all help rebuild, reshape and restore our communities. And a good way to do that is through TRF. As we connect with one another and as new opportunities open up before us, let us continue to support our Foundation. Together we can and will change the world.



Yours in Rotary P Raghavendra, President

We celebrate the birthdays of ...

Rtn. Ananda Rao. M on 7th, Ann Poornima Shridhar on 8th, Annets. Sanjana Ravindra Rao on 5th and Ananya Girish on 9th of December and the wedding Anniversary of ... Anjana - Chandrakanth Marathe on 6th of December

E SUHRITH 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..



On **25th** Nov. we started cleaning the trash thrown on the sides of the road in front of the Bharat Bank, as part of the 2nd phase of Swaccha Su-

rathkal Campaign, with our regular partners.

We managed to remove the garbage and a Garden has been started.

(The very next

two legged animal had thrown its garbage over the garden. A complaint had been given to the proper authorities and hopefully they will teach the man a fitting lesson).



left On the İS the Honnekatte Kana Road which our team has planned to clean on **2nd Dec**. as our next programme.

**Dr. Aravind Bhat** Secretary



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**Rotary in the News** Pranav Sadanand, S/o our RCC

President Satish Sadanand, along with his team, has secured second place in the National Level Aeromodelling competition held at Manipal



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## AN ANALYSIS OF THE VOTING ON ROTARY 2020 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS (COR) By Rtn.PDG.K.S.Pillai, COL Representative, RI District 3201

1. The COR 2020 considered one enactment and thirty resolutions for voting. The enactment proposed by RI Board was adopted by 65.5% voting in favour (296/156)

2.While 452 representatives participated in the voting for Enactment the participation in voting for individual Resolutions varied from 442 to 455.

3. Of the thirty resolutions, only eleven were adopted giving a hit rate of only 36.7% ! The rejection of nearly two thirds of resolutions is perhaps quite indicative of the frivolous nature of the resolutions in many cases. Probably the democracy in Rotary has become more alert, assertive and vibrant !

4. Among the thirty resolutions there was not even a single resolution from India ! This is quite surprising because we belong to a very noisy, yet vibrant democracy !

### 5. The significance of adoption of 20 E-1 Enactment :

COL 19-112 amended the RI Byelaws so that only President, President elect and one other member of the Board could speak at future councils. The pressent Enactment adopted will bring back the earlier system where all Board members can participate (as nonvoting members) in council and speak on resolutions. The burden of proposing 10-28 Board resolutions at the council will now be shared by all Board members. There is minimum additional cost for this because, anyway the Board members will be there already. However one may wonder how the change was approved in COL 19-112 ?

#### Adopted resolutions:

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Of the eleven adopted resolutions three were from Japan, three from Switzerland and one each from Taiwan, South Africa, France, England and USA 1. The resolutions adopted from Japan were the following :

i.20 R-02 : RI Dist 2790 This resolution required the RI to emphasize importance of actions based on Rotary's ideal of service in the object of Rotary. This was adopted by 277 votes and against 175. The 'enterprise' wording should be replaced . This of course is a principle based approach which is quite laudable. There should no difficulty in implementing it.

ii. 20.R-12 : RI Dist : 2580 :The powers of the RI Board should not exceed those of clubs and Districts . Adopted by 308 votes against 144. This is quite a tricky point to be put into effect and we have to see how RI is implementing it . Anyway the District has to be appreciated for boldly stating what it wanted.

iii. 20R-16 : RI Dist 2840 : Limiting the term of RI General Secretary to a maximum of ten years. Adopted with 268 votes against 180. Long term unchanging concentration of power is certainly not in tune with an organization like Rotary. The District should be congratulated for putting up a resolution like that. There should be no difficulty for RI to implement this

2. The adopted resolutions from Switzerland were the following:

i. 20R-11 RI Dist 1980 To consider reviewing the status of Rotaract from every angle. This resolution was adopted with 393 votes against 61. This is a very important requirement in view of the changed outlook on Rotaract by Rotary. This can be implemented by RI without any difficulty

ii.20R-14 : Dist 1980 : Requests the RI board to reintroduce the Vocational committee at the District level . This resolution was adopted by 252 votes against 202. Many Districts do have the vocational committee already at the district level. Implementing this will have no difficulty at all

iii.20R-25 : Dist 1980 : To request the Rotary foundation to include measures to prevent and eliminate plastic waste and residues. This was adopted with 255 votes against 200. Many of us from India felt that this subject is covered under the area of focus "Environment' of TRF.As such, this could be an additional emphasis which will have to be suitably delineated.

3. The adopted resolution from France (Dist 1660) was 20R-2 : This resolution requires RI to reintroduce 'professional development' of its members as a value of rotary. The resolution was adopted by 315 votes against 136. It is a very essential requirement of our times especially to attract younger generation. Hopefully RI will do the needful early in this regard

4. The adopted resolution from England (Dist 1220) was 20R-13 : This resolution requires RI to improve its websites and e mail communications to be accessible to the visually impaired persons. This again is an urgent requirement of our times and RI should be able to implement it without much difficulty. Of Course some financial commitment will be needed.

5. The adopted resolution from Taiwan (Dist 3510) was 20R-10 : The resolution wants to make it mandatory for independent youth organizations affiliated with the Rotary Youth Exchange program to submit their annual financial reports to RI and the concerned Rotary Districts. This resolution was adopted by 309 votes against 143. This is an essential and overdue requirement and RI should implement it without delay.

6. The adopted resolution from South Africa (Dist 9370) was 20R-15: The resolution requires that the Districts should have a 'say' in the selection of Rotarians to the regional leadership positions. This was adopted by majority of 295 votes against 155. There will be quite a lot of practical difficulty in implementing this resolution because it will lead to more politics at the District level especially in a country like India.

7. The resolution from USA (Dist 7570) which was adopted was 20R-31: The resolution requires the RI to allow the Districts to evolve their own scholarship criteria to select candidates if there is no world fund matching. The resolution was adopted with 229 votes against 220. Such a close voting figure itself reflects the difficulty of evolving a criteria in every District. Some broad guidelines will have to be provided by RI to implement this smoothly. **Rejected Resolutions** :

The 19 resolutions rejected by COR included some proposals to amend the four way test, Reducing the minimum membership of sponsoring club to 10,officially recognizing clubs of children between 6 to 12 years, including senior citizens and dependants in the fourth area of TRF focus, flexibility in defining 'Political', inviting corona aid beneficiaries to the clubs etc. Since many of these items were covered under some Rotary subjects rejection of these resolutions will not be of much consequence,

One resolution which was rejected by 240 votes against 206 was 20R-17 of District 1820 Germany. This was on requiring RI Board to publish an annual sustainability report. This rejection was quite unfortunate.

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# On 13th January 2014 India was officially declared as Poliofree.



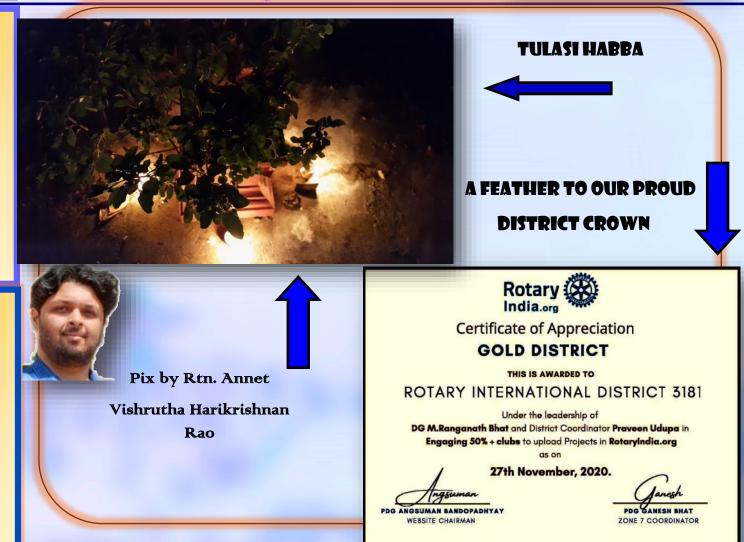


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