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Dear fellow Rotarians,

We thought that the world has successfully fought COVID-19 pandemic and when we were returning to our normal social life, it has re-appeared in the form of 2nd wave. Relentlessly the Rotary members worldwide are helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and vaccination, combatting misinformation, supporting fair and equal access to vaccines, and curbing the spread of the virus by donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain. But we must take every precaution to ensure that polio eradication activities do not contribute to COVID-19 transmission. For that reason, to observe global guidance related to physical distancing and hygiene practices. While responding to COVID-19, Rotary and our partners will work to continue protecting children to avoid a resurgence of polio and will maintain essential polio eradication work, including surveillance. In fact, polio surveillance workers are now searching for both polio and COVID-19 symptoms – and are increasing the chances of early detection. We Rotarians shall continue working to strengthen immunization in certain at-risk areas and will maintain our vaccine supply so that campaigns can begin without delay as soon as it is safe.

We Rotarians shall stay focused on our work eradicating polio even as we face the pandemic of a virus for which there is not yet a vaccine, a situation similar to what the world faced with the poliovirus not so long ago.

It is sad that we are NOT able to conduct Rotary district conference due to Covid-19 pandemic. The conference was scheduled on 30th April 1st and 2nd May 21 at Adyar, Mangalore. Our District Rotary Governor **Rtn. Ranganath Bhat** is hopeful that it will be conducted in the near future. Let us all pray that the COVID -19 pandemic shall subside and normal social life returns back soon.



Yours in Rotary
P Raghavendra, President

We Celebrate the Birthdays of ...

Rtn. Praveen Fernandez on 10th, **Vidyalakshmi Aravind Bhat** on 11th,

Gentleman Raivranath Marla on 8th, and

Annet Rahul Marla on 5th of May.

And the Wedding Anniversary of ...

Yashomathi-Ravindranath on 9th, **Roopa-Kiran Bhat** on 11th, and **Poornima-Prof Krishnamurthy** on 11th of May.

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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 ?

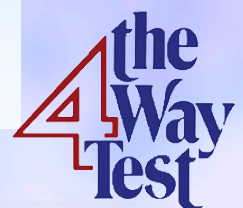


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The Header

...Editor's Eyrie...

Dear View Mirror



The week that was...

Members of our RCC participated in the RCC Conference Samudaaya Sammilana on 18th of April, hosted by RC Belthangadi and RCC Neria.

On 23rd April there was a Waste Resource Management Interaction with Ramakrishna Mission Mangalore with Swamiji Ekagamyana Maharaj,



Sri Ranjan Bellarpady, Executive Director Mangala Resource Management, Bala Panchayath President, Members, Secretary, Panchayath Development Officer, along with the members of VIRAT and RC Surathkal.

On 23rd April books worth Rs 7000/- was donated to the library of Govinda Dasa College. The donation was sponsored by Rtn. Dr. Rajmohan Rao.



Dr. Aravind Bhat, Secretary

Rotary in the News:

Our campaign at Surathkal to Kulai o 15 April was highlighted in Udayavani Dated 16th April.

Vijayavani and Udayavani highlighted our SSCampaign of 18th April in their 19 April & 20th April issues resp.. Vijayavani also highlighted the RCC Conference on 19th April.

Newspaper clipping from Vijayavani dated 19th April 2021, titled 'ಸಸ್ತಕ ಸುರತ್ಕಲ್ ಅಭಿಯಾನ-2: ಶುಭಾರಂಭ ಕಾಲಿನ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಕೆಲಸಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆಗೂ ಆದ್ಯತೆ ಸಿಗಲಿ'.

Vijayavani covered the Swachha Surathkal Campaign on its 20th April Issue.

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Newspaper clipping from Vijayavani dated 20th April 2021, titled 'ನಮ್ಮ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರೋಟರಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್‌ಗಳು ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾದರಿ ಸಮುದಾಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿ ಎಂ.ರಂಗನಾಥ ಭಟ್ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ'.

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Gallery Link: https://sites.google.com/site/rotarysurathkalgallery/



WORLD EARTH DAY - 22ND APRIL

RI President's Message - April 2021

This year, we celebrate Earth Day on April 22 with a new sense of purpose. The environment is now an area of focus for Rotary. Solutions for all great tasks always start with you and me, and there is much we as individuals can do simply by changing our behaviour: Cutting down on our use of plastic and using energy wisely are just two examples. But now we have the opportunity to do more together.

Supporting the environment is not new to Rotary; clubs have long worked on environmental issues based on local needs. Now climate change — a problem that affects us all, rich and poor — requires us to work together more closely than ever. Alberto Palombo, a Venezuelan engineer living in Brazil and a member of TRF Cadre of Technical Advisers, shares his view.

For 30 years, my work has been to connect with communities and policy officials to take care of the environment. Today, I am excited about -Rotary's opportunities to help reduce environmental -degradation and make communities more environmentally sustainable.

In every community where we have a Rotary, Rotaract, or Interact club or a Rotary Community Corps, there are environmental challenges. As Rotary members, we can become stewards of environmental sustainability and adopt the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in our daily lives at home and in our clubs. Then we can incorporate them into our Rotary projects.

My club has been involved with water and environment projects since day one. We seek opportunities to empower Rotarians and foster partnerships in our region and beyond, working with groups such as the Inter-American Water Resources -Network and the World Water Council. Local clubs worked with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group (wasrag.org) to help Rotary get a seat at the table during the 2018 World Water Forum in Brasilia, where we discussed how communities can recover from environmental disasters like the one caused by the failure of a mining dam on Brazil's Rio Doce in 2015.

Taking care of the earth is an effort that never stops. To make an impact, we must align our knowledge, abilities and enthusiasm — and Rotary is already great at doing this. As a volunteer with the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (esrag.org), I have seen how our work for the environment dovetails with much of what we are already doing in water and in our other areas of focus. Rotary members are not passive spectators; we take action. Let's work together and make a positive impact.

Support from The Rotary Foundation will define this new chapter in our service. Through district and global grant projects, we will build upon our previous projects that help the environment. We will look for ways to collaborate more closely and make a greater impact on global environmental issues. And we will incorporate environmental concerns into all of our programmes, projects and events.

Rotaractors and participants in our youth programmes expect Rotary to take a clear position and provide leadership with vision. We will work with them, seeking intelligent solutions to the problems they will inherit. Our incredible members, networks, and Foundation give us the capacity to make an important and lasting contribution. Now, we will discover together how Rotary Opens

Opportunities to help us expand our service to preserve the home we all share.

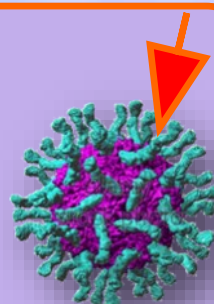


Holger Knaack
President, Rotary International

Source: <https://rotarynewsonline.org/lets-expand-our-services-to-preserve-earth/>
Courtesy: eFlashOnline



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



A WISDOM TO SHARE

UGANDA PRESIDENT KAGUTA MUSEVENI'S ADDRESS TO HIS NATION.:

Uganda President KAGUTA MUSEVENI warns against people misbehaving during this COVID-19 period, "God has a lot of work, He has the whole world to look after. He cannot just be here in Uganda looking after idiots...".

Below is his reported statement.

"In a war situation, nobody asks anyone to stay indoors. You stay indoors by choice. In fact, if you have a basement, you hide there for as long as hostilities persist.

During a war, you don't insist on your freedom. You willingly give it up in exchange for survival.

During a war, you don't complain of hunger. You bear hunger and pray that you live to eat again

During a war, you don't argue about opening your business. You close your shop (if you have the time), and run for your life. You pray to outlive the war so that you can return to your business (that's if it has not been looted or destroyed by mortar fire).

During a war, you are thankful to God for seeing another day in the land of the living.

During a war, you don't worry about your children not going to school. You pray that the government does not forcefully enlist them as soldiers to be trained in the school premises now turned military depot.

The world is currently in a state of war. A war without guns and bullets. A war without human soldiers. A war without borders. A war without cease-fire agreements. A war without a war room. A war without sacred zones.

The army in this war is without mercy. It is without any milk of human kindness. It is indiscriminate - it has no respect for children, women, or places of worship. This army is not interested in spoils of war. It has no intention of regime change. It is not concerned about the rich mineral resources underneath the earth. It is not even interested in religious, ethnic or ideological hegemony. Its ambition has nothing to do with racial superiority. *It is an invisible, fleetfooted, and ruthlessly effective army.

Its only agenda is a harvest of death. It is only satiated after turning the world into one big death field. Its capacity to achieve its aim is not in doubt. Without ground, amphibious and aerial machines, it has bases in almost every country of the world. Its movement is not governed by any war convention or protocol. In short, it is a law unto itself. It is Corona-virus. Also known as COVID-19 (because it announced its destructive presence and intention in the year of our Lord 2019)

Thankfully, this army has a weakness and it can be defeated. It only requires our collective action, discipline and forbearance. COVID-19 cannot survive social and physical distancing. It only thrives when you confront it. It loves to be confronted. It capitulates in the face of collective social and physical distancing. It bows before good personal hygiene. It is helpless when you take your destiny in your own hands by keeping them sanitized as often as possible.

This is not a time to cry about bread and butter like spoiled children. After all, the Holy book tells us that man shall not live by bread alone. Let's obey and follow the instructions of the authorities. Let's flatten the COVID-19 curve. Let's exercise patience. Let's be our brothers' keeper. In no time, we shall regain our freedom, enterprise and socializing.**

In the midst of EMERGENCY, we practice urgency of service and the urgency of love for others. God bless us all.

the best and most intelligent public speech ever made during Covid-19. Hats off to him.

SALUTE a great leader



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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