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Dear Rotarians,

We are focusing on Environment related projects this month, in line with Rotary Theme for the month. As you all know, Pushkarini Project that our club is part of, is an ambitious one and collective effort is needed to complete the same before the onset of Monsoon. Let us all work in this regard.

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Sandeep Rao I.

President

## We celebrate the Birthday of ....

Rtn. Sandeep Rao I. on 19th

Ann Pushpalatha Shetty, W/o Rtn. M. B. Shetty on 28th,

Ann Sindhu, W/o Rtn. Sathish Sadananda on 30th,

Annet Urvi, D/o Rtn. Pruthviraj U. on 16th,

Annet Sreepoorna, S/o Rtn. Sridhar T. N. on 23 and

Annet Eshan, S/o Rtn. Ravilochan Achar on 24th of April.

## And the Wedding anniversary of

Ann Kasturi and Rtn. P. Srinivas Rao on 16th, Ann Dr. Swapna and Rtn. Pradeep Kumar on 19th Ann Dr. Shruthi and Rtn. Sandeep Rao I. on 24th, Ann Malathi and Rtn. Sachidananda on 30th of April









**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?

#### the fortnight that was ....

03/04/2025-A mini picnic cum educational visit to Miyawaki Forest was arranged for 55 students of Scouts and Guides with their teachers from Narayana Guru English medium



School. They visited Miyawaki Urban Forest at PHC Katipalla. This Forest was developed and Maintained by Nagarika Salaha Samithi Surathkal, Sponsored by Rotary Club of Surathkal and MRPL. . They had a wonderful time with nature under the shade of trees.



04 to 06/04/2005-Rotaract District 3181 had their 9th Annual Rotaract District Confer-

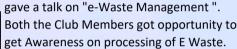


ence - "Rotarize" on 4th, 5th and 6th April. Our Past president Rtn. Yashomathi, Current DRCC attended the program.

08/04/2025-President Elect Rtn PHF Ramachandra B Kundar attended the event Samudaayadatta Shaale representing our club, and received felicitation for the support provided by the club to the school.

same evening a Joint Weekly Meeting with Rotary Club of Mangalore Hillside was or-

ganised. Speaker for this meeting was our own President Rtn Sandeep Rao Iddya. He







#### Rotarians in the lime light....

10/04/2025 - Rtn PHF Sathish Rao Iddya, our charter member was Felicitated by Sri Mahalingeshwara Educational Society on his Seventieth birth day. Our member, Past President Rtn. Dr. Aravind Bhat was one of the chief guests on the occasion. Many of our members attended the program and wished Rtn. Sathish Rao.





Rtn. Nitheshkumar.

Secretary

#### **Environment Initiatives taken by Rotary International**

Rotary International is actively involved in environmental initiatives, focusing on protecting and restoring ecosystems, improving water quality, and promoting sustainable practices. They work with local communities and partners to implement projects that address climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

Key Areas of Rotary's Environmental Efforts:

#### **Habitat Restoration:**

Rotary members plant native vegetation, remove invasive species, and restore degraded habitats to support biodiversity.

#### **Water Conservation and Management:**

Initiatives focus on improving aquifer recharge, promoting water conservation, ensuring water quality, and managing watersheds.

#### **Combating Climate Change:**

Rotary members work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote clean energy, and support adaptation strategies.

#### **Community Engagement:**

Rotary clubs engage communities in environmental projects through education, awareness campaigns, and participatory action.

#### **Sustainable Agriculture and Fisheries:**

Rotary supports eco-friendly agriculture and sustainable fishing practices to protect marine ecosystems and food security.

#### Waste Reduction and Recycling:

Rotary promotes recycling and repurposing of materials to reduce landfill waste and conserve resources.

#### Partnerships:

Rotary collaborates with organizations like the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to amplify its environmental impact.

#### **WASH Initiatives:**

Rotary is committed to providing access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services, while also protecting water resources.

#### **DEFINITION OF ROTARY**

How do you describe the organization called "Rotary"? There are so many characteristics of a Rotary club as well as the activities of a million Rotarians. There are the features of service, internationality, fellowship, classifications of each vocation, development of goodwill and world understanding, the emphasis of high ethical standards, concern for other people and many more descriptive qualities.

In 1976 the Rotary International Board of Directors was interested in creating a concise definition of the fundamental aspects of Rotary. They turned to the three men who were then serving on Rotary's Public Relations Committee and requested that a one-sentence definition of Rotary be prepared. After numerous drafts, the committee presented this definition, which has been used ever since in various Rotary publications:

"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world."

Those 31 words are worth remembering when someone asks, "What is a Rotary club?"





#### Rotaract District Conference 'ROTARIZE' - A report

ROTARIZE the 9th Annual Rotaract District Conference of 3181 was held on the 4th 5th and 6th April 2025 at Hotel Zentora, Mysore.

It was a resounding success, bringing together Rotaractors from diverse backgrounds to share experiences, learn, and grow.

The conference provided a platform for networking, skill-building, and community service among the delegates from 4 zones comprising Chamundi, Cauvery, Kanara and karavali

Inauguration was done by Junior Rebel Star Actor Abhishek Ambareesh and also Ms. Priyanka Achar winner of Mahanati who added the much needed glamour.



#### **Main Takeaways**

1. Inspiring Speakers: The conference featured renowned speakers like renowned actor director activist member from Blore Lalbaugh club Rtn Prakash Belwadi sharing insights on leadership, community service, and personal growth.

The next speaker Mr. Suresh an Advocate also a lecturer at JSS Law College Mysore explained in depth the power that lies in the RTI act that makes a citizen involved in the main stream of the functioning of the

government. Also makes a citizen fight injustice and question anything that seems going wrong. Every youth and especially an ignited mind of an Rotaractor can seek explanation of issues that comes within the purview of the rights of a citizen.



- 2. Networking Opportunities Delegates connected with fellow Rotaractors, fostering new friendships and potential collaborations during the breaks.
- 3. Community Service Initiatives The conference highlighted various community service projects, inspiring delegates to make a positive impact. This happened when each club were given 5 minutes to present the years achievements in a nutshell. It was like a brainstorming session.

#### **Impact**

The conference had a significant impact on attendees, providing:

**1. Leadership Development:** Opportunities for growth and development as leaders. As new leader for RI 3181 Rtr Prajwal presented his team for the next term 25-26 and also Rtn Elizabeth Shakuntala was announced as the next DRCC



**2.Inspiration and Motivation:** The Zero hour Renewed passion for the need of total involvement of every Rotaract as the session which takes questions from the clubs for issues that weren't solved at club level. This



which takes questions from the clubs for issues that weren't solved at club level . This session is headed by the DRR and DRCC who assure the team of solving the issue at the earliest and also appreciate the club for bringing to light such unresolved pending issues and gathering attention of the district and rotarians thereby asking for the complete involvement of the district machinery in such matters.

**3.Recognitions.** Good and impactful work done won district awards and many other

carried back home a feeling of deja vu.

#### Conclusion:

The Rotaract conference was a valuable experience, offering insights, skills, and connections. The event's success will likely inspire continued growth and community service within the Rotaract community.

The delegates enjoyed a well arranged stay and food at the venue which was owned by a rotaractor. The other events like a rock band and Mr and Miss rotaractor brought their latent talents out into the open and showcased to the district the future leaders of our district.

Still a long way to go for these youngsters to really adhere to time management. Hopefully they shall.



Rtn. Yashomathi Ravindranath

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Friends.

Here are the answers for the guizzes:

Rotry quiz 14— c. October 24th.

Logical Puzzle 14: Of course it is a coin

Whenever you toss a coin, you look for head or tail, but never for a body.

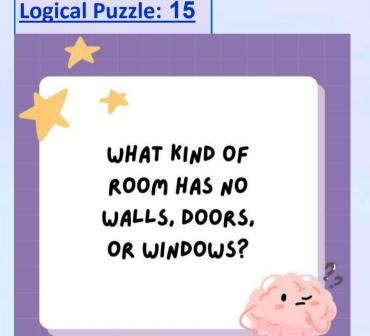
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Sudoku

Rotary Quiz 15: Who was the first Indian president of Rotary International?

- A) Kalyan Banergy.
- B) Nitish Chandra Laharry. C) Shekhar Mehtha.

D) Rajendra Kumar Saboo



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## Take it lightly

A wife asks her husband,

"Honey, if I died, would you remarry?"

"After a considerable period of grieving, I guess I would. We all need companionship."

"If I died and you remarried," the wife asks, "would she live in this house?"

"We've spent a lot of money getting this house just the way we want it. I'm not going to get rid of my house. I guess she would."

"If I died and you remarried, and she lived in this house," the wife asks,

"Would she sleep in our bed?"

"Well, the bed is brand new, and it cost us \$2,000. It's going to last a long time, so I guess she would."

"If I died and you remarried, and she lived in this house and slept in our bed, would she use my golf clubs?"

"Oh, no," the husband replies.

"She's left-handed!"

### An Interesting Anecdote

Remember the story of the engineer who asked for a payment of \$10,000 and justified it as \$1 to turn the screw and \$9,999 to know which screw to turn?

Well, that famous engineer did exist, his name is Charles Proteus Steinmetz (1865-1923)

Once, their paths crossed with those of Henry Ford.

At Ford's River Rouge plant, there was a technical problem with a large generator, and the plant's electrical engineers couldn't figure out where the problem was.

Ford himself turned to Steinmetz for help.

When the "little giant" arrived at the factory, he refused any help and demanded a notebook, a pen, and a cot.

He spent two days and two nights in the factory, listening to the noise of the generator, while performing countless strange and complicated calculations.

Then, abruptly, he demanded that they bring him a ladder, a tape measure, and some blackboard chalk.

With considerable effort (given the hump and shoulder dysplasia he suffered from), he climbed the ladder until he reached the top of the generator.



Then, using the tape measure, he calculated a precise point on the surface of the enormous machine, where he made a mark with chalk.

He then climbed down the ladder and told the skeptical engineers surrounding him that they would have to remove the side plate, disassemble the generator coil, and remove 16 turns of wire, starting from the exact spot where he had made his chalk mark.

When the corrections were made, to the engineers' amazement, the generator was back to working perfectly.

Ford subsequently received a bill for ten thousand dollars, signed by Steinmetz of General Electric.

The famous American businessman returned it, acknowledging the excellent work done by the brilliant engineer of European origin, but respectfully asking for a more detailed invoice (ten thousand dollars was an astronomical sum at that time!).

Steinmetz complied with the request, returning the invoice, to which he added the following detail:

- Chalk mark on the generator: \$1
- Know where to dial: \$9,999

Total to pay: \$10,000

The bill was paid. Silently, without protest, and without further delay.

The anecdote appears in a letter from Jack B. Scott to the editor of "Life" magazine, published on May 14, 1965. His father, Burt Scott, had been an employee of Henry Ford for many years.

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