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MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT



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July 2020

This does not seem like a time for great optimism, but it has to be. Long before Rotary was founded, the world dealt with great crises that tested humankind's ability to progress and endure. In the age of Rotary, the world has faced many more catastrophes; however, we have survived, and every step of the way, Rotary has helped the world heal. Every great challenge is an opportunity for renewal and growth. I revealed the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities at the International Assembly in San Diego just as the COVID-19 crisis was beginning, but these are words that I have believed for many years.Rotary is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, generate opportunities for people who need our help, and that Rotary opens opportunities for us to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.Governments and institutions are gaining a greater appreciation for the types of public health partnerships that are critical to our work. People stuck at home, eager for greater connections and hungry to help their communities, are now embracing the values we have promoted since our beginning.All of this is positive news, but just because there are greater opportunities than ever for Rotary to thrive does not guarantee that we will succeed. The world is changing rapidly – and was doing so even before this crisis. People were starting to move away from regular lunch meetings and toward online gatherings. Friendships were being cultivated and revived in social media relationships even before most of our meetings moved to Zoom and Skype. Younger generations have a strong desire to serve - but have questioned whether they could play a meaningful role in organizations like Rotary or whether they might make a bigger impact forming different types of connections. Now is the time to put everything on the table, test new approaches, and prepare Rotary for the future. The COVID-19 crisis has forced all of us to adapt. This is good, and our new Action Plan specifically calls on us to improve our ability to adapt. But adaptation is not enough. We need to change, and change dramatically, if we are to face the challenges of this new age and provide the Rotary the world so desperately needs.This is our great challenge, not just in the next year but into the foreseeable future. It is up to us to remake Rotary for these new times – to wholeheartedly embrace the ideas, energy, and commitment of young people eager to find an outlet for idealism. We must become an organization fully enmeshed in the digital age, not one that simply looks for online ways to keep doing what we have always done. The world needs Rotary now more than ever. It is up to us to make sure that Rotary Opens Opportunities for generations to come.



D.G ADDRESSES RCCS



DISTRICT GOVERNOR RTN. N.V.HANMANTH REDDY

Greetings and Best Wishes to Trailblazers President Vemuri Ramakrishna and Club Secretary Lavanya Dyapa for taking up the leadership positions during the Rotary year 2020-21.

Your club has been very active in all areas - Club meetings, Fellowship, Public Image, Service Projects etc. I am confident this year, RCCS will continue its outstanding legacy of doing great work. I take this opportunity to recognize all the club leaders who have played a crucial role in making your club dynamic and also appreciate all the contributions made to the District.

As Rotarians we change lives and we make a difference in our Communities and Globally. Our Rotary Theme given by Rotary International President Holger Knaack for the year 2020-21 is Rotary Opens Opportunities. As RI President Knaack tells us, Rotary isn't just a club for people to join, but rather "an invitation to endless opportunities".

We have never been prouder to be part of an organization that does so much to protect and strengthen our communities, at home and across the globe.

Best wishes to your club and I am sure you would be able to achieve most and more for a great year 2020-21.

NV Hanmanth Reddy



A.G. SPEAKS TO RCCS



ASST. GOVERNOR RTN. MALLIK PONDURI

Dear Friends in Rotary,

Warm welcome to the New Rotary year 20-21.

I am really honoured to be the Assistant Governor of such a vibrant club. Happy to be a part of the team for this year. Though we have a challenge in meeting physically, technology gave us an opportunity to meet virtually, more frequent than earlier.

Let us all utilise this time and brainstorm on how better we can extend our support to the underprivileged and needy people in our community. I am sure we will come out the current situation very soon.

I am pretty sure you will all put your sincere efforts in strengthening your club by working on membership development, execute meaningful and purposeful Service Projects, last but not the least contributing to Rotary Foundation, as whatever we give to Foundation will be spent to change some one's life somewhere in the world.

I wish the entire team of Cantonment Secunderabad, an eventful Rotary year filled with friendship and fellowship.

"Never Stop Doing your Best just Because some one doesn't give you credit"

Always with Friends Mallik.





PRESIDENT'S DESK

PRESIDENT RCCS RTN. RAMAKRISHNA VEMURI

Dear Friends, Rotarians and Cantons,

Greetings to you!!!

At the outset, I thank my club members for giving me the opportunity to serve as President.

I thank Secretaty, Lavanya Dyapa, all the Directors and members on Board for reposing faith in me to steer the activities of the club for the year 2020 - 21.

July month is very special for all Rotarians. It marks a new beginning in leadership at every level. With it comes - new Aspirations, new Enthusiasm and new Ideas in the teams to work for a better society. The society that is more inclusive in sharing the economic benefits. A society in which all members can participate in the growth and share the prospects of development

Towards accomplishing the above objective, we the new team have set new goals and will strive to achieve the same with cooperation and support of all members.

We are all conscious of the extraordinary situation that we have been going through. Only innovative methods help to do worthwhile jobs in these testing times.

Let's together work in achieving the Rotary goals of Fellowship and Service.

Lot of Opportunities are opened by Rotary to have happiness for ourselves and create smiles in people around us.

I wish each one of you a great year ahead and promise you to give my best, building on the wonderful works done by all the previous teams.

In your service and with Best wishes to Rotarians, Anns and Annets,

Ramakrishna Vemuri.





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online installation program, conducted through a zero contact platform.

The occasion saw D.G Rtn. N.V Hanmanth Reddy, A.G Mallik Ponduri, PDGs Sivanarayana, Sam Patibandla, Suresh

and many distinguished Club Presidents and Office Bearers of RID 3150 in

attendance. The occasion saw the induction of Rtn. Ramakrishna Vemuri as President, Rtn. Lavanya Dyapa as Secretary, Rtn. Subbaraj Gowra as Treasurer, and introduction to the Board of Directors for 2020 - 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LOOKING BACK..



RTN. FARZANA ALI

It is that time of the year in Rotary when one team ends its tenure and another team takes up the reigns full of enthusiasm and plans. That's how I started year 2019-20 full of enthusiasm, plans and wanting to do something for the society in my own small way.

I'm so full of good memories that they will last me a lifetime. 'Life will move on but at least these memories are forever'. The whole year was crammed with events, projects,meetings and whatnot. I cannot put my finger on one project and say, this defined the year. Each and everyone of them were important.Hence I would like to focus on my take away.

Whatever you do in life it all boils down to your interaction with your fellow human beings. How you interact ,communicate and empathise with them. This year it reaffirmed to me personally that you cannot do or achieve anything without the whole hearted participation , cooperation and good will of people. It was such a joy to see the smiles on the faces after completing a project successfully. I realised from the children I came across through the year that no matter what their background they all have the same aspirations,hopes and dreams. If it was in my power I would see to it that none of them were broken. Your enthusiasm,positive outlook definitely rubs off on other people. Sometimes your enthusiasm, blind faith might be misplaced but then you have people to stop you from committing mistakes. That taught me to keep my mind open to different opinions, new thoughts and and new ideas.

Being disappointed, when things don't work the way you planned is but human . This taught me to get up and go about your work by putting your disappointments behind you. This also reiterated the fact that, your best laid plans can't withstand God's will. ' Hard to forget such strong memories surrounded by the best people in your life ' Family and Friends.

Thank you RCCS for giving me this opportunity and the wonderful memories. Thank you friends for being with me through the year. Best wishes to the new team.





GIVING RTN. RAAJ SREE RAAM



"No one has ever become poor by giving."

This, I have experienced many a time. In fact, every time I had an opportunity to help and I didn't, even though I could have, made me feel guilty. I was not as happy as when I did. Happiness doesn't result from what we get, but from what we give.Being a Rotarian has helped me to understand this better. Though we read and hear about the magnanimity of people who have been giving to the needy, it did not impact me as much as seeing it being done by someone known to me. For, I could see and understand the nature of help rendered and the thought behind it. Whenever a need arose I could see most of our members rise to the occasion and contribute to the cause. It never crossed my mind about the amount being giving, but rather the intention behind it. We have contributed to various causes which include literacy, health, hygiene, slum development, natural calamities like flood relief, Covid 19, etc. The list is endless. The point I am making here is that all this was voluntary and was done with a smile for the benefit of people whom they do not know and also many a time those that have received the support do not know who has helped them. It was not done out of expectation of any sort of a return. Not for name, money, service or honour. Mostly it was done as and when it was needed and the act was forgotten by the giver. That is the purity of giving. There is enormous power in giving to others with no expectation of receiving anything in return. Giving instinctively of time, talent and treasure.Some people believe that they are not in a position to help due to their present condition. I would like to dispel their thoughts with this picture where the poor lady/mother shares their food with a bird.No one would have thought that that person could be in a position to help someone while she herself is impoverished. I bow down to her and her likes who don't even consider their problems while sharing. It just shows her generosity. We should thank God for giving us an opportunity to help others and for giving us the ability to do it.

"If you get, give. If you learn, teach."



INTEGRITY



RTN. MOHAN NISHTALA

Integrity is a fundamental value based on the edifice of which a character of a person is built. It is said that any person with integrity is one in whose behaviour mirrors his values and in who his thoughts, words and actions are in complete sync.

Much can be written to elaborate but the following true stories will best illustrate.

King Christian of Denmark noticed a Nazi Flag flying on Danish official building during the Second World War. He requested the German Officer to have it lowered. The nonchalant German Officer refused on the plea that the Nazi flag was hoisted upon instructions from Berlin Office.

The King declared "The flag must be lowered before 12 Noon, otherwise I will send a soldier to do it"

"In that case the soldier will be shot dead" warned the Nazi officer.

At five minutes to twelve the King walked up towards the flag.

"I am sure the King heard me right" was stern warning from the German" Who so ever dares shall be shot dead "

"I am the soldier" thundered the King.

The Nazi flag was lowered.

Living up to his ideals the King set an exemplary behaviour worthy of emulation.

It was in 1982 at a tennis tournament in New York Maddison Square, a top ranked Vitas Gerulaitis was battling out a Semi Final duel with Eliot Teltscher. The game was evenly poised with two sets each and the final set was being played.

The stage was set for match point. The entire tournament for which both had struggled reached a pinnacle. Not only was the place in Final at stake but also huge prize money to be earned.

After one of the fiercest rallies Gerulaitis hit a winner but

miraculously Teltscher managed to stave off and ball sailed over Gerulaitis and Teltscher was declared winner of rally and thus saved a match point.

There was tremendous cheer from crowd and just as Gerulaitis was

garnering the ball for the next serve, Teltscher indicated that he touched the net-a violation which the umpire or the opponent had not picked up. He lost the match

and everything else along with

it.

For Teltscher he simply walked off the court shaking hands with Gerulaitis and waiving to the crowds. He was a REAL WINNER in DEFEAT. We, in real life look up to such stars. Hats Off! Future generations will remember his integrity may not be the match.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE MONTH

The month of July sees us celebrating the Birthdays' and Wedding Anniversaries of the following members:

08th July - Rtn. Indira Gummalla's Birthday 09th July Rtn. Geeta Magesh's Birthday 11th July - Magesh's Birthday (Geeta's Spouse) 15th July - Ramakrishna Vemuri's Birthday 25th July - Malathi Raaj's Birthday 27th July - Pierre D'Silva's Birthday 29th July - Geeta & Magesh's Wedding Anniversary



ROOT FOR TREES





THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND THE BOARD OF RCCS

The month of July saw a platitude of events.

CLUB ASSEMBLY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRAINING & MEETING

SPEAKER MEET WITH ROTARACT CLUB OF FALCON

TREE PLANTATION BY ROTARIANS

INSTALLATION OF THE INTERACT CLUB OF ST. MICHEAL'S

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A few more programs have been conducted which saw the members of RCCS participating in large numbers.

Th enthusiasm and fervour with which the club members have stood up, even during trying times like this draws a huge round of respectful applause.

The plethora of activities that the club has conducted and participated shows the undying spirit and grace with which it conducts itself. Here's to July and many more to come....

FUN MEET