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THE R. I. PRESIDENT, RTN. STEPHANIE A. URCHICK'S

MESSAGE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

To adapt, as laid out in Rotary's Action Plan, we must occasionally step out of our comfort zone and try something new. Here are two examples of clubs that adapted — one with heart and one through critical thinking and strategy.

The Rotary Club of Chandigarh Mid Town, India, led with heart earlier this year. To engage members and grow membership, Club President Nitin Kapur personally called every former member of the club and invited them to a gathering billed as an alumni meetup.

Eight former members attended, and the results were stupendous. The visitors had a chance to connect once more — not only with current members but with the sense of camaraderie and belonging that membership gave them. By the end of the evening, the club welcomed six of the former members back into the Rotary family.

Club President Kapur showed courage when he reached out to the alumni. Not only did he adapt and try something new but he had the strength of character to show the club's alumni how much they still meant to the family of Rotary. That bravery paid off.

People want to feel needed and appreciated. People want to feel that they belong. And they might never feel that way if we don't have the courage to tell them.

Meanwhile, the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hansoo, Korea, has been experimenting with different club models to great effect. Over the past four years, Seoul-Hansoo has created and maintained four satellite clubs — a service

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THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Rtn. SHARAD PAI

A Visionary Leader Committed to Service and Empowerment".



Rtn. Raghavendra Prabhu
Asst. Governor, RC Karwar



It is with great pride and immense pleasure that we welcome Rtn. Sharad Pai, District Governor of Rotary International District 3170, to the Rotary Club of Honavar on his official visit scheduled for December 27, 2024. This visit holds special significance, as we recall his gracious presence earlier this year, on November 19th, 2024, during the inauguration of the National Level Junior Chess Championship for Eye-Impaired Boys, an extraordinary event organized by our very own club.

Rtn. Sharad Pai's visit in November was an inspiring moment for all of us at the Rotary Club of Honavar. His enthusiastic support and encouragement for the chess championship, which provided a platform for talented young boys with visual impairments, perfectly exemplified the essence of Rotary's commitment to inclusivity, empowerment, and community service. This event highlighted our club's dedication to providing opportunities for differently-abled children, helping them achieve their potential in fields like sports, education, and beyond. Rtn. Sharad Pai's presence at the event not only underscored the importance of such noble initiatives but also demonstrated his unwavering support for causes that uplift marginalized communities.

As the Managing Director of M/S. Aqua Control Valves Pvt. Ltd. and M/s. Aqua Bio Tech Pvt. Ltd., Rtn. Sharad Pai has long been a leader in business and

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club, an interest-based club for musicians, a cause-based club that mentors professionals, and a club for college students.

These satellite clubs are part of a five-year plan the Seoul-Hansoo club implemented to increase membership through innovation.

What's the secret to founding and maintaining so many satellite clubs? Membership between Seoul-Hansoo and its satellite clubs is fluid and synergistic. Many members of the satellite clubs attend the sponsor club's meetings. And many of the sponsor club's members participate in the satellite clubs.

Additionally, the focus of each satellite club is no accident. Each one appeals to different interests of people in the sponsor club and in the community, attracting existing and potential members. This is an excellent strategy to both retain and attract members because it offers flexibility. If someone is interested in joining but they can't make it to the sponsor club's meetings, they have plenty of options to choose from.

These are just two examples of how we can adapt with our hearts and minds. Every club is different, so I encourage you to reach out to members of your club and of the community around you. Ask them about the club experience and what you can do to improve.

Talk to enough people and you might find ways that you can adapt and spark The Magic of Rotary in your club.

Subhashita

पठतो नास्ति मूर्खत्वं जपतो नास्ति पातकम् ।
मौनिनः कलहो नास्ति न भयं चास्ति जाग्रतः ॥

Meaning :

This verse beautifully conveys that studying removes ignorance, chanting removes sins, silence avoids quarrels and wakefulness (vigilant person) eliminates fear.

- Compiled by Rtn. Pratibha Balkur

We are excited to welcome Rtn. Sharad Pai back to our club, where we will continue to draw inspiration from his leadership, his vision, and his unwavering commitment to Rotary's values. His visit will undoubtedly provide an opportunity for further collaboration and the sharing of ideas, as we work together to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

In conclusion, Rtn. Sharad Pai's official visit to our club is a momentous occasion for us all. We look forward to his insights and guidance, as we continue our journey of service, particularly inspired by his visit during the chess championship event. Let us carry forward his legacy of service and continue to support initiatives that create lasting, positive change in the community.

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innovation. His professional expertise is matched by his exemplary service to Rotary and his remarkable record of humanitarian work. A member of the Rotary Club of Belgaum, Rtn. Pai brings decades of experience to his role as District Governor, and his leadership has inspired countless projects and initiatives that directly benefit communities. As the seventh District Governor from his club, his track record of success includes numerous awards such as the Rotary Foundation Outstanding Service Award and the Citation for Meritorious Service, all reflecting his dedication to Rotary's ideals.

Rtn. Sharad Pai's vision for Rotary aligns deeply with the mission of service to humanity. His contributions to the district, particularly in securing global grants, have been groundbreaking. From funding life-saving ventilators during the COVID-19 pandemic to facilitating global grants for educational initiatives such as Happy Schools, Rtn. Sharad Pai's efforts have impacted the lives of thousands. His work as the District Grants Chairman has led to the successful implementation of several impactful projects, underscoring his commitment to Rotary's mission of improving lives through service.

It is through his tireless dedication to humanitarian causes that Rtn. Sharad Pai has earned the respect and admiration of Rotarians across RID 3170. His leadership has been instrumental in guiding our district towards achieving significant milestones, and his unwavering support for projects that promote education, health, and social welfare is truly commendable.

At the Rotary Club of Honavar, we are deeply inspired by Rtn. Sharad Pai's example of leadership and service. His efforts to secure global grants and his mentorship in bringing about positive change resonate with our own mission to serve humanity. As we prepare for his official visit in December, we are reminded of the lasting impact his previous visit in November has had on our members and the community. The National Level Junior Chess Championship for Eye-Impaired Boys was a testament to what can be achieved when we work together to break barriers and support those in need.

President's Pen ..✍️

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we come together to celebrate and observe the month of December as Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the collective efforts and dedication of our members.



Rotary Club of Honavar has always been at the forefront of community service, and this year, our initiatives during this significant month have truly exemplified the spirit of Rotary—dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of society.

Health is one of the cornerstones of human dignity, and disease prevention and treatment are vital to ensuring a better quality of life for all. In this light, we have taken great strides to address the pressing health issues in our community. Our primary focus during this month has been on spreading awareness and providing support for cancer care and dental health, two of the most prevalent health concerns affecting people worldwide. Through these efforts, we have not only empowered individuals with crucial knowledge but also taken tangible steps to improve the health infrastructure in our community.

On December 18, 2024, we had the distinct honor of hosting Mrs. Krishni Shirur, a courageous cancer survivor, esteemed journalist, and counselor, as our keynote speaker. Mrs. Shirur's story is one of immense strength, resilience, and hope. Having fought and overcome cancer herself, she is a living testament to the power of the human spirit to triumph over adversity. Her words were not just inspiring but also deeply insightful, as she shared her personal experiences and highlighted the importance of early detection, treatment, and emotional support for cancer patients. Her role as a counselor and journalist has allowed her to touch the lives of countless individuals, and we are fortunate to have had her with us.

The health camp organized by the Rotary Club of Honavar has been a resounding success, thanks to the active participation of our dedicated members and volunteers. The cancer care camp, with its focus on early detection and treatment options, was a crucial step in educating the community about this life-threatening disease. We were able to offer free consultations, provide informative pamphlets, and direct individuals to resources that can help in their cancer journey. Alongside this, the dental health camp was a much-needed initiative, offering dental check-ups, advice on oral hygiene, and preventive treatments. Both camps were designed not just to treat but to educate the public on the importance of maintaining good health and seeking timely medical help.

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Editorial :

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month – Prevention is Better Than Cure



As we observe December as Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, Rotary International reaffirms its commitment to one of the most vital aspects of healthcare: prevention. The theme "Prevention is Better Than Cure" is more than just a slogan; it is a call to action for individuals, communities, and organizations to take proactive steps in addressing the root causes of disease, promoting healthier lifestyles, and minimizing the burden on healthcare systems worldwide.

Disease prevention is a cornerstone of Rotary's humanitarian work. By emphasizing preventive measures, we can reduce the incidence of many common diseases that continue to impact global health. The truth of the adage "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" has never been clearer, as countless studies have shown that preventing diseases is far more cost-effective than treating them after they occur. From the early detection of health conditions to promoting hygiene, vaccination, and access to nutritious food, prevention saves lives, reduces suffering, and strengthens communities.

Rotary's initiatives during this month remind us of the power of education and community outreach in preventing illness. In many parts of the world, especially in underserved communities, access to basic healthcare and information is limited. Rotary clubs, through various projects, play an instrumental role in bridging these gaps. Whether it's conducting immunization drives, raising awareness about waterborne diseases, or offering health camps, Rotary's focus is on prevention—creating awareness and providing resources that allow people to avoid the onset of illness in the first place.

One of the key aspects of disease prevention is ensuring that people have access to timely and accurate information. Educating communities about hygiene practices, healthy eating habits, and the importance of vaccination can prevent the spread of diseases like malaria, polio, and tuberculosis. Furthermore, programs that focus on maternal and child health can break the cycle of disease in families and communities, providing a foundation for healthier future generations.

Rotary's efforts extend to various health initiatives, including the fight against polio. Through the PolioPlus program, Rotary has been at the forefront of global efforts to eradicate polio, a preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children

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None of these endeavors would have been possible without the combined efforts of our club members, volunteers, and the support of local healthcare professionals. Every member of our Rotary family has played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of these health camps. From organizing logistics to reaching out to medical professionals, from raising awareness in the community to offering their time and resources, our members have worked tirelessly to ensure that this month's activities have a lasting impact.

Rotary's mission to eradicate disease and improve health is not just about providing immediate relief, but also about instilling a long-term change in people's lives. The support we have received from our fellow Rotarians, medical experts, and the wider community is a testament to the power of collective action. It is heartening to see so many of our club members volunteering their time and expertise to give back to the community. As a result of these efforts, we have not only helped individuals in need but also spread awareness about the importance of early diagnosis and preventive healthcare.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of the Rotary Club of Honavar. Your unwavering commitment to our cause and your selfless service have made a significant difference in the lives of many. It is through your dedication that we continue to make a positive impact in our community and beyond. Let us carry forward the lessons we've learned this month—about the importance of health, the power of compassion, and the strength of collective action—into the coming year.

Together, we are making a difference.

Thanking you,

Yours in Rotary

Rtn. Suryakanth Sarang

President

ROTARY EXCHANGE RATES December - 2024



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annually. Thanks to relentless advocacy, fundraising, and vaccination efforts, the world is closer than ever to being free of polio.

In addition to these long-term global initiatives, local Rotary clubs engage in projects tailored to the unique health needs of their communities. Health camps for vision, dental care, and cancer screening are just a few examples of how Rotary clubs are working at the grassroots level to offer preventive care that can make a huge difference in people's lives. Early detection of diseases, such as cancer, increases the chances of successful treatment and recovery, underscoring the importance of preventive health checks.

As we reflect on the importance of disease prevention this month, we are reminded that the fight against disease is not just about curing illness; it is about fostering a culture of wellness. A world where people are informed, empowered, and equipped to take control of their health is a world where disease burden can be significantly reduced.

In conclusion, this Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, let us reaffirm our commitment to the Rotary mission of service. By focusing on prevention and treatment, we have the power to create healthier, more resilient communities. Together, we can make "Prevention is Better Than Cure" not just a theme, but a global reality.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Narayan Yaji

Editor

The Rotary Kitchen

- Rtn. Pratibha Balkur

UTTAPPA



1 measure urad dal
4 measures Rice
Soak separately for 2 to 3 hours.

Grind to a fine paste both separately. Collect both dough in a vessel and leave it overnight for fermentation.

In the morning add salt and bring the batter to dosa consistency.

Heat the griddle (Tawa) Smear ghee or oil on it. Take a ladleful dough and spread to make a thick dosa, coriander leaves, green chillies and tiny bits of cashew nuts, cover the tawa and cook on a small flame, Flip it when done and cook on the other side too. Both the sides should be cooked well.

Eat it hot with coconut chutney. This is also a very tasty breakfast recipe.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY

ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2024



Rtn. Manjunath M. Hegde
Secretary 2024-25

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It is my privilege to provide an overview of our club's dynamic activities and initiatives held during the month of November & December 2024.

Our club being the part of Rotary International, dedicated to service and community improvement. Our activities encompass a wide range of initiatives aimed at fostering peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, supporting education, and growing local economies. Recent efforts include launching vocational training programs for women, organizing health clinics, and funding educational scholarships. We engage in numerous projects worldwide, driven by the commitment of our members to create positive, lasting change. Our work reflects Rotary's core values of service, leadership, and community, as we strive to address pressing issues and make a meaningful impact in the lives of individuals and communities globally.

Here are the glimpses of the Activities:



Children's day celebration at Govt Higher Primary School, Bazar, Honavar on 14-11-2024



**Free Health check up and Cancer detection camp in Association with Rotary club of Hubli on 16-11-2024
Total of 122 persons benefited by this camp...**



The opening ceremony of National Junior Chess Championship for the Visually Challenged by Rtn. Sharad Pai, DG at Mayuri Eco Beach Resort, Honavar



Prize Distribution Ceremony of National Junior Chess Championship

ಅಂಧ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಚೆಸ್ ಪಂದ್ಯಾವಳಿ



ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ: ಚೆಸ್ ಪಂದ್ಯಾವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಶರದ್ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು.

■ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನಾ ಸಮಾಚಾರ

ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ: ರೋಟರಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ಮತ್ತು ಎಸಿಸಿಎಫ್‌ಬಿ ಸಹಯೋಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯಿಲ ಭಾರತ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಅಂಧ ಮಕ್ಕಳ 19 ವರ್ಷದೊಳಗಿನ ಚೆಸ್ ಪಂದ್ಯಾವಳಿ ಕಾಸರಗೋಡಿನ ಮಯೂರಿ ಬೀಚ್ ರೆಸಾರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ರೋಟರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಗವರ್ನರ್ ಶರದ್ ಪೈ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿ, ರೋಟರಿ ಕ್ಲಬ್ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಅಯಿಲ ಪಂದ್ಯಾವಳಿ ನಡೆಸುವುದು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ ವಿಷಯ ಎಂದರು.

ರೋಟರಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಸೂರ್ಯಕಾಂತ್ ಸಾರಂಗ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆ ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಮಿಲಾಗ್ರಿಸ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಜಾರ್ಜ್ ಫರ್ನಾಂಡಿಸ್, ರೋಟರಿ ಸಹಾಯಕ ಗವರ್ನರ್ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಪ್ರಭು, ಸ್ಪಿಂಫನ್ ರೋಡ್‌ಗಿಸ್, ಜೋನಲ್ ಕೋ ಆರ್ಡಿನೇಟರ್ ಜಯಶ್ರೀ ಕಾಮತ್, ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಕಿಶನ್ ಗಂಗೋಳಿ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು. ಸೂರ್ಯಕಾಂತ್ ಸಾರಂಗ ಪ್ರಾಸ್ತಾವಿಕ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿದರು. ಇವೆಂಟು ಬೇರೆಮನ್ ಶ್ರೀಕಾಂತ್ ನಾಯ್ಕ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಚಯಿಸಿದರು. ಎಂ.ಎಂ. ಹೆಗಡೆ ವಂದಿಸಿದರು. ಇದೊಂದು ಅಂತರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗುವ ಚೆಸ್ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಅಯಿಲ ಆದವರು ಮುರೋಷಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಪಂದ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದರು. ದಿನೇಶ ಕಾಮತ್, ಮಹೇಶ್ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಪುರ ನಿರೂಪಿಸಿದರು.



Felicitation of Mr. Samarth Rao during our valedictory ceremony of the National Junior Chess Championship for the Visually Challenged, in recognition of his exceptional performance (Silver Medal) at the 2nd Asian Chess Championship for Players with Disabilities, held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on 17th November 2024."



Free Health check up and Cancer detection camp in Association with Rotary club of Hubli on 16-11-2024
Total of 122 persons benefited by this camp...



The Nation Builder Award was presented to five dedicated teachers from Honavar Taluk.



Taluka-level online speech competition for primary school teachers. Cash prizes and certificates were given to the winning teachers.



conducted a Cancer Awareness Workshop on 18th December 2024 by Smt. Krishni Shiroor, Hubli,
More than 135 people benefited from this workshop .



Releasing the Rotavir for the month of November 2024 by Rtn. Sharad Pai, DG



Annual General Meeting held on 23-12-2024



Megha Dental Camp for students of SDM College Honavar in collaboration with Kasturabha Dental College Manipal Aand MPE Society Honavar on 20-12-2024.



The Designated month for the December 2024 Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

By Rtn. G. P. Hegde



Rotary International designates December as Disease Prevention and Treatment Month, a time to focus on one of its six areas of focus—improving health and well-being worldwide.

This initiative highlights the critical need to address health disparities, provide access to quality healthcare and promote sustainable solutions to prevent and treat diseases globally. Through education, funding and partnerships, Rotary clubs around the world work toward healthier communities.

The Importance of Disease Prevention and Treatment

Diseases, both infectious and non-infectious, significantly impact communities worldwide. Many diseases are preventable, yet millions face barriers such as lack of healthcare access, poor sanitation, limited health education and inadequate infrastructure.

Communicable diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS continue to affect millions, particularly in low-income regions.

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases and cancer are rising globally due to lifestyle changes, urbanization and aging populations.

The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that over 60% of all deaths globally are caused by NCDs, while infectious diseases still pose a significant threat in developing nations.

Rotary's Approach to Disease Prevention and Treatment

Rotary International addresses health challenges by implementing sustainable projects, raising awareness and partnering with organizations like the WHO, UNICEF and local governments. Their work encompasses various strategies:

Healthcare Access

Rotary helps build clinics, hospitals and community health centers to provide affordable or free care. For example, many clubs support mobile clinics in rural areas. We, at RC Honavar have conducted two dental camps during the year benefiting 300+ patients and provided dentures to the needy.

Health Education

Disease prevention begins with education. Rotary clubs organize workshops and campaigns to promote healthy lifestyles, hygiene practices and immunization awareness. R C Honavar regularly conducts these awareness programs in schools and colleges.

Medical Equipment and Supplies

Rotary often provides essential medical equipment and supplies to underserved healthcare facilities, enabling them to improve their services. In the year 2001, R C Honavar has donated equipment's to conduct cataract operations to St. Ignatius Hospital, Honavar.

Combatting Specific Diseases

Rotary has long been involved in eradicating polio through its PolioPlus program. Building on this success, the organization also targets diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS and cervical cancer.

Promoting Mental Health

Recognizing the growing need for mental health services, Rotary clubs support initiatives to reduce stigma and improve access to counseling and psychiatric care.

Notable Projects by Rotary Clubs

Polio Eradication: Since 1988, Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) have vaccinated billions of children, reducing polio cases by over 99%. The effort has expanded health services in regions previously untouched by healthcare systems.

Malaria Prevention in Africa: Rotary clubs distribute mosquito nets and educate communities on malaria prevention methods, reducing the disease burden in high-risk areas.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Programs: By ensuring clean water and proper sanitation, Rotary addresses diseases such as cholera and typhoid. Few years back we have built a public toilet block at Manki under Global Grant, a STP at Government hospital, Honavar under CSR Project and hand-wash points at various schools of Honavar taluka. This year also we are planning to donate two STPs to SDM College, Honavar under CSR initiative. So the efforts are continuing.

Cancer Screening Camps: Many Rotary clubs partner with hospitals to organize cancer screening and awareness programs, especially for cervical and breast cancer. R C Honavar has recently conducted a cancer detection camp, wherein nearly 140 participants got themselves checked for cancer.

Rotary Action Groups: Groups like the Rotary Action Group for Health Education and Wellness focus on specific health challenges, offering expertise and resources to clubs worldwide.

Ways to Get Involved

Rotary encourages everyone—Rotarians and non-members alike—to participate in Disease Prevention and Treatment Month by:

- Ø Volunteering: Support local health initiatives or Rotary projects in your area.
- Ø Donating: Contribute to Rotary International's health programs or specific club projects.
- Ø Raising Awareness: Share information about health challenges and prevention strategies.
- Ø Partnering: Collaborate with Rotary clubs to expand the reach of healthcare programs.

Conclusion

December serves as a reminder of the urgent need to focus on global health. Rotary International's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month aligns with its mission of service and global betterment. Through collaborative efforts, Rotary envisions a healthier, more equitable world where everyone has access to the care they need. This December, join Rotary in advancing this noble cause, whether through advocacy, action or support.

By tackling diseases at their roots and empowering communities to take charge of their health, Rotary continues to exemplify its motto: "Service Above Self."

Outstanding Achievements by the Rotary Parivar



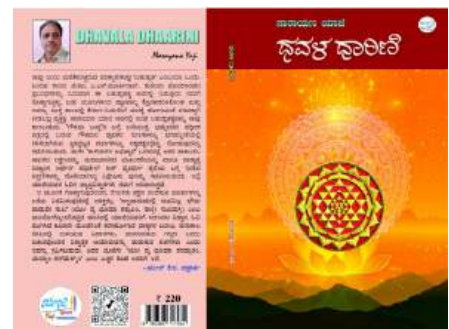
Rtn. Dr. Goutham Balkur has unanimously elected as the director of the prestigious Honavar Urban Cooperative Bank.



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History of the Council on Legislation in Rotary International

By Rtn. Ganesh T. Hebbar



The Council on Legislation (COL) is a key governing body within **Rotary International (RI)** that plays a vital role in shaping the structure and policies of Rotary around the world. Its history dates back to the early 20th century when Rotary was growing and developing into a global organization. Here's a brief overview of its history:

- 1. Formation and Purpose:** The idea for a legislative council within Rotary International was first introduced in the early 20th century, as Rotary clubs began to expand across different countries. In 1911, the need for a more systematic and formal way of addressing issues affecting the entire organization became apparent. Up to that point, Rotary was governed by decisions made at conventions, but as Rotary grew larger, it was clear that a more structured approach was needed.
- 2. First Council on Legislation (1934) :** The first Council on Legislation was convened in 1934, but the concept of such a body began developing earlier. Its primary role was to review and amend the constitution and bylaws of Rotary International. This was to ensure that decisions made in Rotary's annual conventions could be more thoroughly examined and properly implemented on a global scale.
- 3. Evolution and Role:** The Council on Legislation evolved over time into the body responsible for making laws and policies that govern Rotary, including membership rules, organizational structures, and operational matters. Its role has expanded as Rotary has grown, with increasing numbers of clubs and members worldwide. The Council is the only body within Rotary International that can amend the RI Constitution and Bylaws, ensuring that the organization remains adaptable to change and responsive to global needs.

Role of the Council on Legislation in Rotary International

The Council on Legislation plays several crucial roles within Rotary International. These include:

- 1. Legislative Power:** The primary function of the COL is to make changes to the Rotary International Constitution and Bylaws. This power is granted to the Council by Rotary's governing structure, and it meets every three years to discuss, review, and approve or reject proposed amendments. This ensures that Rotary's governing framework remains relevant and efficient as the organization evolves.
- 2. Review of Resolutions:** The Council considers proposals and resolutions submitted by Rotary clubs, districts, and the Rotary International Board. These resolutions can cover a wide range of issues, from membership and organizational structures to matters related to public image, ethics, and international projects. Delegates from various districts and regions gather to discuss these issues and vote on them, providing a democratic way for Rotary clubs to influence the future direction of the organization.
- 3. Representation and Inclusivity:** The COL serves as a representative body for all Rotarians worldwide. It includes delegates selected from each of the world's Rotary districts. The size of the delegation from each district depends on the number of clubs within the district. These delegates are responsible for representing the interests and opinions of their respective regions, ensuring that a broad range of voices is heard in decisions that affect the global organization.
- 4. Approval of Resolutions:** One of the key responsibilities of the Council on Legislation is to approve or reject amendments to the Rotary International Constitution and Bylaws, which could include changes to membership rules, administrative processes, or even the fundamental structure of the organization. These decisions are made based on the collective feedback and discussions that take place during the Council's meetings.
- 5. Decision-Making Process:** The Council on Legislation is organized around a convention-style process, with delegates voting on proposed changes and resolutions. While the Rotary International Board sets the agenda and

presents recommendations, it is the delegates who have the final say on whether those proposals will be adopted.

6. Enhancing Rotary's Global Presence : By allowing Rotarians to have a direct say in the governing structure of their organization, the Council on Legislation ensures that Rotary remains dynamic and flexible. As a result, it allows Rotary to continue its work effectively, responding to changes in the global community, evolving membership needs, and emerging opportunities for service.

7. International Cooperation and Governance: The Council on Legislation emphasizes the cooperative nature of Rotary. The fact that delegates from diverse regions and cultures come together to shape the future of Rotary International highlights the organization's international nature and commitment to collaboration.

The Rotary Knowledge Corner



Rotary's two official mottoes

By Rtn. Dr. Ashik Hegde

Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, Rotary's official mottoes, can be traced back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon, USA, approved He Profits Most Who Serves Best as the Rotary motto. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."



The Portland gathering also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During an outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Rotary founder Paul Harris, who also was on the trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 Rotary International Convention in Detroit, Michigan, USA, two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified to They Profit Most Who Serve Best in 2004 and to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best, in 2010.

A name badge from the 1928 Rotary International Convention features Rotary's mottoes.

Rotary International Themes

- 1954 - Glean from the past and act; share with others; build with Rotary's 4-Way Test; serving youth; international good will; good Rotarians are good citizens
- 1955 - Develop Our Resources
- 1956 - Unknown
- 1957 - Enlist-Extend-Explore-Service
- 1958 - Help Shape the Future
- 1959 - Vitalize! Personalize! Build Bridges of Friendship!
- 1960 - You Are Rotary – Live It! Express It! Expand It!
- 1961 - ACT – Aim for Action; Communicate for Understanding; Test for Leadership
- 1962 - Kindle the Spark Within
- 1963 - Meeting Rotary's Challenge in the Space Age
- 1964 - Live Rotary



Know your Rotary

.....Will Continue



Support the Rotary Foundation. Why?

By Rtn. Dr. Kiran Balkur



When we look back through the years to 1917, when Europe was aflame and nations were pre-occupied with home or make better weapons, deadlier artillery and nations bigger ships - there was one organization that thought of peace. For it was against the backdrop of a war that killed more than 10 million people, that Rotary Internationalist the the Rotary Foundation.

The idea for foundation was proposed in 1987 by R.I. President Arch Klumph at Atlanta (Georgia U.S.A.) convention. The year after the foundation received its first contribution, a check for \$26.50 from Rotary club of Kansas city, Missouri, U.S.A. from surplus funds from 1918 Kansas City Convention. From that first act of support, Rotarians over the years have invested many million dollars in the foundation.

Why is it so important for every Rotarian to support the Rotary Foundation? Because very early in the life of our international movement we decided the foundation is going to be a major tool for promoting peace. By contributing to the foundation we are helping to promote peace through education, made possible by scholarship programmes, peace through material assistance and service seen in many projects of Health, Hunger and thoughty and special grants programs and peace through fellowship fostered by Group Study Exchange.

The contributions Rotarians make to try and bring peace closer to reality do not represent charity but an investment. Being business and professional men we know the difference between charitable donation and an investment. Charity is an impersonal act that might never be repeated. But our investment in Rotary Foundation yields mankind many dividends. A 3H Volunteer for example spends 4-6 weeks in a developing country using his skills as doctor, dentist or technical expert to make life better for the people in the area he serves. Yet when volunteer returns home the benefits of his visit do not end. They are perpetuated by others to whom he passed on his knowledge and skills during his stay.

Today, although its programs have grown tremendously the Rotary Foundation needs the strong support of Rotarians more than ever just as it did in 1917. The talent and treasure of humanity is still being devoted to amassing means of destruction when majority of mankind seeks to live a life free of hunger, fear and despair.

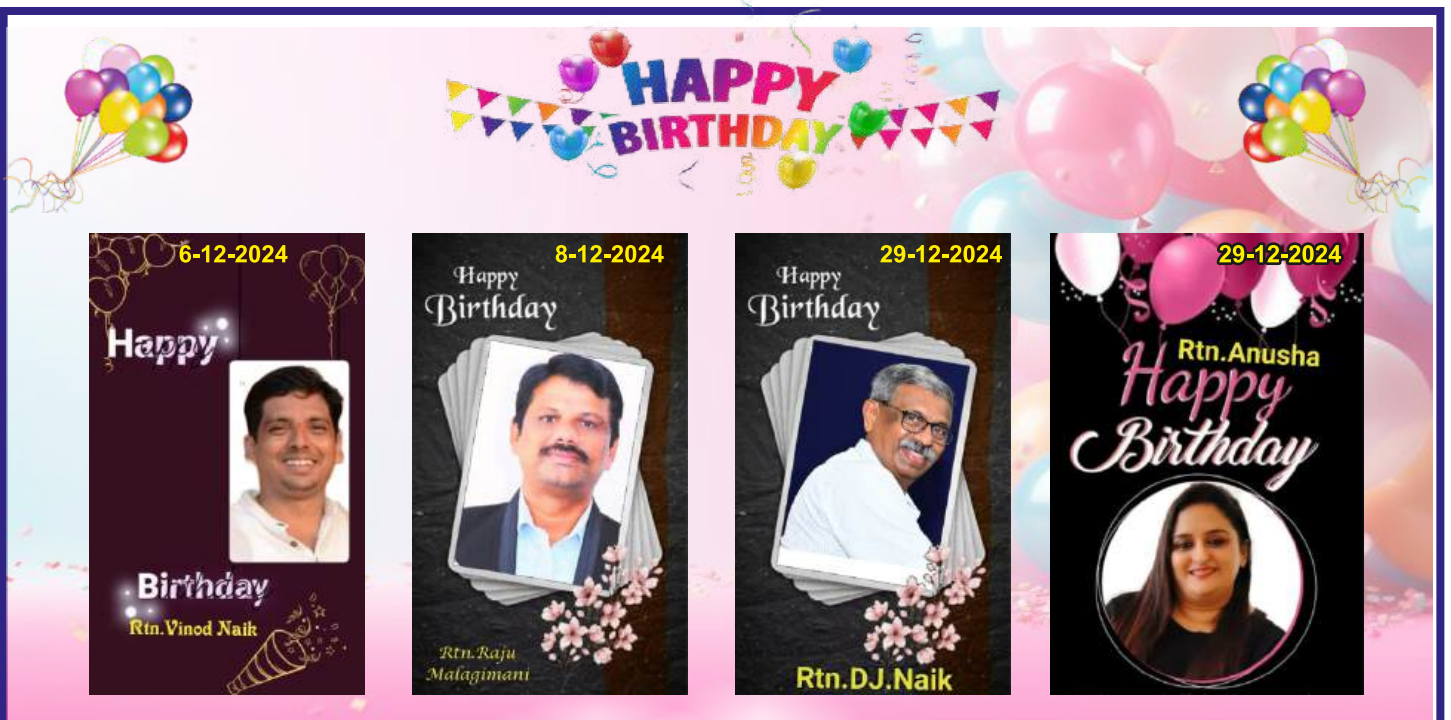
Every Rotarian in the world should be an investor in Rotary Foundation to make our pledge to bring mankind closer to peace.



The Mission of the Rotary International



Our mission. We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.



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