

Beehives BUZZ

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2026

A New Dawn of Service



Warm New Year Wishes to
All Rotarians, Anns & Annettes

New Year Message from Editor's Desk

May the New Year usher in
greater harmony and
connection among us than ever
before.

Let us embrace a refined code
of conduct and carry ourselves
with exemplary behavior.

"Happy New Year to
Beehivians!

Our motto is 'Together We
Can'.

Let us work like the bees we
represent—dedicated, unified,
and tireless in our mission to
create a lasting impact.

May our exemplary behavior
and refined code of conduct
light the way for others."



Republic Day 2025 Wishes

May the colours of Patriotism and respect for our Country get
deeper and deeper, Happy 77th Republic Day Wishes to all

Project -Hearing Aid Distribution Hear Better - Live Better / An Echo of Hope



Gratitude to Our Donor Rotarians

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the donor Rotarians for their generous
support and contributions towards the execution of the "Hearing Aid Project"
by the Club.

A Humanitarian Initiative

As part of a humanitarian effort to assist individuals with hearing
impairments, a fully digitalized Hearing Aid Wave 675 from Hansaton was
presented to Mr. K. Ramesh, a delivery person with Professional Couriers.

The hearing aid was officially handed over by our Club President, Rtn. Murali
Achuthan, with Club Officers and Trustees of The Rotary Club of Chennai
Beehives Trust in attendance.

This initiative reflects the ongoing commitment of the Rotary Club of Chennai
Beehives to community welfare and inclusive support.

"A new year. A fresh, clean start!

It's like having a big white sheet of paper to draw on!"

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Welcoming the New Year with Purpose

Warmest greetings and best wishes to all our readers and fellow Rotarians. May this year be filled with opportunities for growth, connection, and, most importantly, service to our community and the world. We send heartfelt wishes for peace, prosperity, and fulfillment to all our members, partners, and communities.

This January, as we welcome the fresh start of a new year, we also celebrate Vocational Service Month within Rotary. This month offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the core values that define us as Rotarians and to recommit to upholding the highest ethical standards in our professions and vocations.

Vocational Service is not just a pillar of Rotary; it is the very essence of our organization. It calls upon each of us to:

- Adhere to and promote the highest ethical standards in our occupations.
- Recognize the worthiness of all meaningful occupations.
- Contribute our vocational talents to address societal problems and needs.

Rotary encourages members to serve others through their professions, fostering integrity and high ethical standards in their workplaces. As a cornerstone of Rotary's philosophy, Vocational Service challenges us to utilize our unique skills and expertise for the betterment of our communities.

Through Vocational Service, we turn our daily work into an opportunity for positive impact. We become role models, mentors, and change agents within our communities. Reflect on the skills and resources you possess. How can you use them to uplift others? This Vocational Service Month, let us not only reflect but actively engage.

Consider these avenues for putting your vocational skills into practice:

- Share your expertise and guide young professionals or students in your field.
- Offer your professional services to nonprofits or community organizations in need.
- Promote integrity and ethical practices within your workplace and industry.
- Organize or participate in workshops or training programs to enhance vocational skills in your community.
- Apply your vocational skills to support local community projects, such as construction, healthcare, or education initiatives.

Every Rotarian possesses unique talents and skills to contribute. Let us harness the power of Vocational Service to create lasting positive change in our communities and beyond. Together, we can make this new year a year of impactful service! Let's strive to make this year one of meaningful service, guided by our vocational calling. Strengthen your community and contribute to a better world. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to Rotary's ideals.

Together, let's make this New Year a time of impactful service and positive change. Happy New Year!

"Let this New Year not just be a change in the calendar, but a commitment to change lives through meaningful service."



RI President’s Message

More than Job Training



More than job training In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill — they are reclaiming their futures. This training programme provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience and hope.

This is what Rotary’s Vocational Service Month celebrates each January — the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn’t just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do. The California automotive programme has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn’t assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognised that technical skills alone wouldn’t be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counselling and support services alongside vocational training.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world’s Francesco Arezzo President, Rotary International children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus. Keeping this promise is the very definition of integrity. The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn’t mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves. You have knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with Rotary’s values creates lasting change. The question isn’t whether you have something to offer, it’s how you’ll use your skills to serve.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone’s life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. And let the young people in California and the multitudes worldwide who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters.

Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do.

PRID Rtn A.S. Venkatesh

New Trustee for the Rotary Foundation



PRID.Rtn.A.S.Venkatesh

PRID (Past International Rotary Director) Rtn A.S. Venkatesh, affectionately known as Venky, is a distinguished Rotary leader from India. He has recently been appointed as a Trustee for the Rotary Foundation (TRF) for the term spanning 2026 to 2030, commencing on July 1, 2026, representing Zones 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Leadership Experience

Venky previously served as Rotary International Director from 2021 to 2023 and held the position of Treasurer from 2022 to 2023. He brings an extensive background in leadership, training, and service to his new role, with a strong emphasis on philanthropy and enhancing Rotary’s global influence.

Notable Contributions

His upcoming four-year term as TRF Trustee highlights his substantial contributions to Rotary’s mission. Venky made history as the first Indian to moderate the Rotary International Assembly in 2025.

Community Involvement

Rtn. Venky was the District Governor for Rotary District 3230 during the 2007-2008 term, with Rtn. S.V. Ramani serving as President of RCN and Rtn R Venkataraman as Treasurer. Venky is a seasoned trainer and has engaged in various Rotary Action Groups, focusing on family health and community development.

In summary, Venkatesh is a highly respected and committed figure within Rotary, known for his strategic vision and steadfast dedication to service. He is now stepping into a crucial role in guiding the Rotary Foundation on a global scale. **The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives wishes him great success in his new assignment**



A legacy defined not by wealth held, but by humanity uplifted.

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With remarkable courage and conviction, he pledged between USD 50–60 million (₹415–₹500 crore) to The Rotary Foundation—a donation that constitutes nearly 85% of his personal wealth.

However, it was not just the sheer size of the contribution that resonated; it was the humility, clarity of purpose, and moral strength evident in his message that profoundly touched District Governor Elects from around the world.

While speaking at the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, on January 13, Dakoju stated: “When we had enough to live with dignity, we pledged to return 85% of our wealth back to society. My friends, that day has come.”

As a member of the Rotary Club of Bangalore and Arch Klumph Society Ambassador for Asia, he stressed that philanthropy is not a choice but a personal obligation.

“What we retain may only benefit our family. What we donate to The Rotary Foundation will benefit all of humanity.” Alongside Paola, his partner in purpose, Dakoju has set a compelling example of service above self, reminding the world of Rotary’s true essence.

“A little more persistence, a little more effort, and what seemed hopeless failure may turn to glorious success.”

District Governor's message

Building Strength, sustaining Growth



Rtn D Devendran



District Governor

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On the membership front, our growth has been steady and encouraging. But consistency must now become our strength. Every club with fewer than 40 members must rise to become a strong 40- member club, and equally important, no club should slip into negative growth. Growth is not just about numbers; it is about vibrancy, relevance, and sustained fellowship.

I urge all clubs to ensure Rotary dues are paid on time. Timely compliance is not a formality — it is what enables your club to qualify for citations and recognition that reflect your hard work through the year.

Our commitment to Polio must continue with the same resolve that has brought us this far. Through our district initiative, One Drop – ₹100, every club is requested to achieve the target assigned to them. When many drops come together, they create an ocean of impact. Let us finish what Rotary began — a polio-free world.

January brings with it moments of pride and participation. We are honoured to host Rtn. Holger Knaack, Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, for our International Night on 27th January in Chennai. I look forward to welcoming him with a strong district presence.

And as we prepare for our District Conference Indra Vizha, let us come together in great numbers to showcase the strength, unity, and spirit of RID 3233.

We are vibrant. We are aligned. We are on the right path. Let us keep moving forward — together. Let’s Unite for Good.

Rtn Murali Achuthan



Club President

Select a Project to Resonate with Rotary Theme



Club President's message

Heartfelt New Year Wishes and Reflections

I send my warmest wishes for a joyful, healthy, and prosperous New Year to everyone. As we welcome 2026, we do so with immense enthusiasm, having successfully completed two remarkable projects as a club, rather than solely under my leadership. This excites me, as it aligns perfectly with the vision I previously shared.

We proudly accomplished the “Thirukural Board” project and distributed 100 “Blankets” to the homeless—one initiative aimed at raising awareness, while the other sought to support those in need during the cold season. My sincere gratitude goes to all contributors and volunteers whose hard work made these projects successful. A special thanks to Dr. VT and RV Sir for their brilliant conceptualization of these initiatives.

Vocational Month in Rotary

January is recognized as vocational month for Rotary, emphasizing essential aspects such as:

- 1. Promoting ethical standards
- 2. Acknowledging the importance of diverse occupations
- 3. Serving through vocation
- 4. Engaging in activities like awards, career guidance, seminars, and job placements for those facing challenges.

This month, let us choose a project that resonates with the Rotary theme. Additionally, January marks our club's Founders' Day. I want to express my gratitude to all members who participated in our Charter Day celebration, which mirrored last year's festivities with engaging activities, awards, and delicious food.

January also coincides with a significant Tamil festival. I wish all members a joyous Pongal and hope everyone celebrated with great joy!

"Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service."

Embrace Leadership with Accountability

Accepting a leadership position requires an immediate commitment to transparency and accountability. The integrity of leadership is demonstrated through the alignment of stated organizational values with everyday practices. Once in your role, lead effectively from the start by adhering to these core principles:

- Clarify Goals and Expectations:** Remove ambiguity by clearly articulating your goals, expectations, and the current status of the organization. Avoid using jargon.
- Own Your Team's Performance:** Take full responsibility for your team's results. When faced with setbacks, accept the outcomes instead of attributing blame to previous leaders or external circumstances.
- Foster Trust Through Accessibility:** Build trust by being approachable. Engage with your team directly through town halls or open forums, ensuring they consistently see and hear from you.
- Make Informed Decisions Promptly:** Steer clear of a "hide and seek" leadership style that often leads to procrastination or indecision. Instead, commit to a clear direction and ensure your actions reflect your words.

The Importance of Professional Integrity for Organizational Well-Being

This viewpoint aligns with the principle of professional integrity, which asserts that once an individual commits to an organization, fulfilling responsibilities should take precedence over personal preferences. Here's why maintaining this balance—or failing to do so—is vital for organizational health:

- The Ethics of Consent:** Accepting a role or responsibility creates a psychological, and often legal, contract. This consent signifies that the individual has evaluated the demands against their personal preferences. Once committed, showing indifference towards tasks due to personal dislikes breaches professional ethics.
- The Dangers of Indifference:** Indifference can be more detrimental than outright opposition. Unlike vocal critics who engage in discussions, an indifferent leader or team member can cause:
 - Operational Friction:** Missed deadlines and reduced quality occur when someone feels "uninspired."
 - Erosion of Trust:** Co-leaders struggle with reliability, resulting in micromanagement and increased stress.
 - Cultural Decay:** Indifference is contagious, signaling to others that personal feelings can excuse neglecting organizational goals.

The Dilemma of Stagnation

It is often better to resign than to remain half-heartedly engaged. Holding a position of authority while being mentally detached poses a dilemma for co-leaders, as they cannot replace the individual since the role is technically filled, yet progress stalls due to disengagement.

Paving the Path to Success

Leaving an organization because personal values or interests no longer align with its mission is not a failure; it reflects professional maturity. This decision allows the organization to:

- Recruit Aligned Talent:** Find someone whose passions correspond with current needs.
- Maintain Team Momentum:** Avoid the burden of indifference and keep the team energized.
- Preserve Reputation:** Allow individuals to exit with their integrity intact rather than being phased out due to under performance.

In any high-functioning environment, loyalty should center on the mission rather than personal feelings. If an individual can no longer set aside personal dislikes for the collective goal, the most loyal action they can take is to step aside.

Patrolling woes

(Courtesy: Rotary News January 2026 issue)



About 80 to 90 per cent of the bulk activity on the glacier is patrolling. The patrolling soldiers were attached to one another by a rope and to safeguard against huge crevasses which could swallow up the whole group, but which were covered with ice and hence not visible, the first soldier poked the path before him with a stick to test the firmness of the terrain.



Every soldier in the patrol is tied to the next one with a stick in the front, and the scout or the vanguard soldier, pokes the ground in the front to look for crevasses or deep holes inside the glacier... "sometimes they are so deep that if you take a chunk of rock and chuck it inside, you will hear it going but you won't hear it hitting the bottom!" Because of heavy snowfall, the crevasses are covered with an ice bridge, which can sometimes hold the weight of dozens of men, but give way at other times. "The drill, in case a soldier goes down, is that the remaining soldiers are immediately supposed to hit the crampons and use their ice axes to arrest his fall and pull him out. But this drill works like most drills do... in theory. In practice, every soldier is exhausted beyond belief and barely has any energy. In that exhausted state, if a heavy load goes down, it jerks everyone off their feet and before they can get a grip in that powdery snow, the entire set of men starts getting dragged inside the crevasse."

What do you do then, the captain asked the audience and got the response: 'Cut the rope.' What Capt Raman said next made many in the hall tear up. He said, "Yes, sitting inside this AC hall, it's very easy to say cut the rope.



But let me put this in context for you. The soldier who is dangling at the other end of the rope is the man who kept food hot and warm for you when you were out on a patrol. He is the man who nursed you back to health when you had 105 deg temperature in some godforsaken post. He is the man who lent you money when you had to marry your sister. And he is the man who went and met your aging parents when you did not get leave that year. That's the man dangling at the other end of the rope... it takes a lot of courage to give the order to cut that rope."

But the first rule of combat leadership is that the mission comes first. "Even if it is your own brother dangling at the other end of the rope, you are accountable to the mission. The mission comes first, always and every time."

"Leaders inspire accountability through their ability to accept responsibility before they place blame"

“Margazhiyl Manudam” “மார்கழியில் மானுடம்”



A Compassionate Initiative for the Homeless, street sleepers
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As winter sets in with its icy temperatures, countless homeless individuals face the harsh truth of ****Winter Exposure****. Their vulnerability increases due to insufficient protection while they sleep on the unforgiving streets.

A Compassionate Initiative

Motivated by the belief that everyone deserves basic comfort and respect—particularly during difficult times—the Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives has launched “MARGAZHIYIL MAANUDAM” (Humanity in Margazhi).

This project represents a heartfelt effort to provide warmth and dignity to those enduring the frigid conditions. The aim is to gently wrap ****ONE HUNDRED**** street sleepers in warm blankets, ensuring they can enjoy a safer and more comfortable night while acknowledging their inherent worth.

The blanket distribution took place on January 2nd and 3rd, 2026, covering areas such as Annanagar, Velachery, Adambakkam, Palavanthangal, and Nanganallur, successfully reaching one hundred street sleepers.

Our Dedicated Team

The initiative was supported by a dedicated team. The following volunteered to comply with the project unmindful of the biting cold.

Community Service Director Rtn R Seralathan
Treasurer Rtn G S Suresh
Secretary Rtn M V Mukundhan
Secretary Elect Rtn M Raghupathy
Club Service Director Elect Rtn E Selvamurugan
Sergeant-at-Arms Elect Rtn M Harikrishnan
Volunteer Annette Vikas Karthick

Braving the biting cold, this team began their humanitarian service at 10:00 PM on both nights, identifying and reaching out to vulnerable individuals in the targeted areas.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire volunteer team, especially Annette Vikas Karthick, for his unwavering support, cooperation, and coordination in executing this project. The members of the RC Chennai Beehives Club deeply appreciate the Volunteer Team for their selfless service. During the Charter Day celebration on January 11, 2026, Rtn Dr V Thiagarajan, the Managing Trustee of The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives Trust, honored these volunteers and presented them with memento gifts in recognition of their dedicated service.

The Power of Compassion

While draping a blanket may seem like a small gesture, its impact is profound. It not only provides physical warmth but also instills a sense of dignity and care in individuals who often feel overlooked by society. Each blanket symbolizes a moment of compassion and solidarity, serving as a powerful reminder of our shared humanity.

The success of this initiative was made possible through the individual contributions of eighteen Beehivians who promptly responded to the club mentor's call.

We acknowledge and thank the Beehivians for their generous support.



“We didn't just distribute blankets - we shared warmth, dignity, and a reminder that humanity shines brightest in the coldest places.”



First But Not First



Was Paul Harris the First President of a Rotary Club ---- NO
Was Paul Harris the First President of Rotary International --- YES
Why the above apparent contradiction?

Paul Harris, although was the founder and organiser of the First Rotary Club at Chicago in 1905, was not the First President of the Club. The Co-Founder of the First Rotary Club at Chicago Silvester Schiele was the President of the First Rotary Club.

By 1910, sixteen(16) Rotary Clubs were formed and an Organisation Called "National Association of Rotary Clubs" was formed

By 1912, with the addition of clubs in Canada, England, Ireland & Scotland the name was changed to "International Association of Rotary Clubs"

In 1922, the name was shortened to "Rotary International"

When the First Organisation was formed in 1910, Paul Harris was elected as First President. He served the position for Two Years 1910-1912. Thus the Founder of Rotary who declined to be the President of the First Club became the First President of the World wide Organisation "Rotary International"

Rotary International - Classification Principle Ensuring Diversity in Club Membership

What is Classification Principle?

The Classification Principle is a foundational element of Rotary International's membership structure. It ensures a diverse and representative membership within each Rotary club by defining a member's primary vocation or professional activity. This classification is based on the specific and distinct service a Rotarian provides to society, rather than the general field or industry in which they work.

Purpose within Rotary International

The Classification Principle serves several key purposes:

- Ensuring Vocational Diversity: It prevents an over-representation of any single profession or industry within a club. This encourages a broad range of perspectives and expertise.
- Promoting Ethical Standards: By representing various vocations, clubs can foster a greater understanding of ethical practices across different fields. Each member is expected to uphold the highest ethical standards in their classification.
- Enhancing Service Opportunities: A diverse membership provides a wider range of skills and resources, enabling the club to undertake a broader array of service projects that benefit the community.
- Encouraging Personal and Professional Growth: Exposure to different vocations broadens members' understanding of the world and can lead to personal and professional development.
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Maintaining Diversity in Club Membership.

The Classification Principle directly contributes to maintaining diversity within Rotary clubs. Each classification should represent a distinct and recognized business, profession, or community service. Clubs actively seek to fill classifications that are not already represented in their membership. This ensures that the club reflects the composition of the community it serves and benefits from a variety of viewpoints when planning and executing projects.

When a classification is already filled, clubs consider potential members whose vocations fall into unfilled classifications. This deliberate approach to membership helps to broaden the club's knowledge base, expands its network, and strengthens its capacity to serve.

Examples of Classification

- **Specific Examples:**
 - Instead of "Healthcare," a classification might be "Cardiologist" or "Physical Therapist."
 - Instead of "Education," a classification might be "Elementary School Principal" or "University Professor of Engineering."
 - Instead of "Law," a classification might be "Environmental Lawyer" or "Criminal Defense Attorney."
 - Instead of "Construction," a classification might be "Residential Architect" or "Commercial General Contractor."
- **Community Service:**
 - Classifications can also represent significant community service roles, such as "Director of a Local Food Bank" or "Executive Director of a Women's Shelter."
- **Retirees:**
 - Retired individuals may retain their previous classification or be classified under a new vocation if they are actively engaged in a new professional or service activity.
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The Rotary International Classification Principle is a fundamental aspect of Rotary's commitment to diversity, ethical conduct, and effective service. By ensuring a broad representation of vocations within its clubs, Rotary fosters an environment of collaboration, innovation, and meaningful community impact. Understanding and adhering to the Classification Principle is crucial for maintaining the strength and relevance of Rotary International in the 21st century.

"Ethics is the activity of man directed to secure the inner perfection of
his own personality,"



Transforming Plastic Waste into Functional Furniture



The Interact Club of Abraham Valdelomar collaborates with the Rotary Club of Lima, which provides mentorship and logistical support for the Interactors. Together, they work with local students to collect plastic waste—primarily wrappers and scraps—and compress it tightly into recycled plastic bottles, creating eco-bricks. These dense eco-bricks are assembled using packing tape and other materials to construct sturdy school furniture, such as tables, chairs, and benches.

This Interact Club of Abraham Valdelomar is gaining recognition for its innovative approach to combating plastic pollution by converting waste into functional furniture, such as desks and chairs, for local schools. By creating “eco-bricks” from collected plastic, they exemplify community-driven action against pollution while empowering youth to make a tangible environmental impact. This creative initiative involves collecting plastic waste, compressing it into durable building blocks, and assembling these blocks into furniture, providing a low-tech recycling solution.

How They Do It (General Process): Students gather plastic waste from their community. The plastic is tightly packed into plastic bottles, forming dense “eco-bricks.” These eco-bricks are utilized as building materials, similar to traditional bricks, to construct furniture, such as tables and benches, for schools.

Why It's Significant:

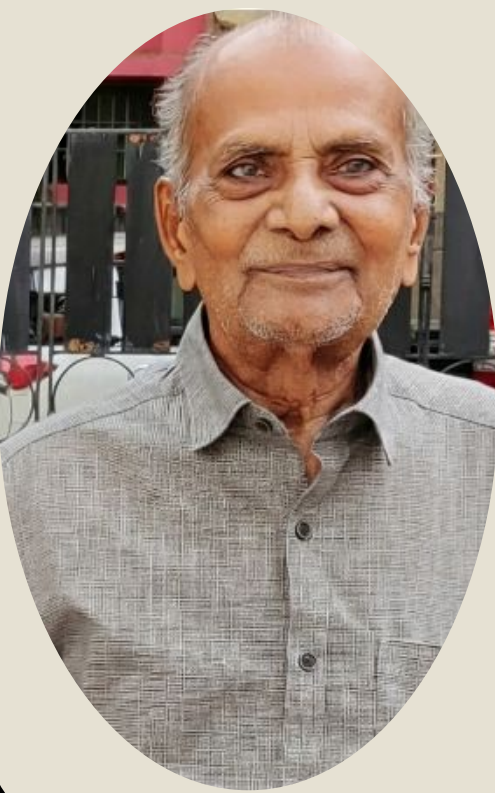
- Tackles Plastic Pollution: Addresses the significant issue of plastic waste in Peru, where formal recycling rates are low.
- Youth-Led Impact: Demonstrates how young people (Interactors) can drive meaningful environmental change.
- Community Education: Raises awareness about waste reduction and recycling within their schools and communities.
- Practical Solutions: Provides usable furniture for educational institutions, fostering a circular economy model.

This project is particularly active at Bellavista School in Independencia, a municipality located north of Lima's city center. Raquel Lozano Fernández, a member of the Rotary Club of Lima and advisor to the Interact Club, provides mentorship for the initiative. In 2025, this project was highlighted during World Environment Day as a model for community-driven action to BeatPlasticPollution, emphasizing that less than 10% of global plastic is recycled.

Project Participants:

- Interact Club of Abraham Valdelomar: The student-led team responsible for collecting materials and constructing the furniture.
 - Bellavista School Students: The children at the school actively participate in creating the eco-bricks that will ultimately serve as their classroom furniture.
- With over 400 million tons of plastic produced globally each year and less than 10% recycled, the Interact Club in Lima, Peru, is striving to make a difference. By using packing tape to join the eco-bricks, these Interactors are actively reducing plastic waste. These efforts not only address the urgent issue of plastic pollution but also promote creativity and sustainability within the community

Obituary



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. E. Ganghadharan, cherished father of the First Lady of the Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives and father-in-law to our Club President, Rtn. Murali Achuthan. He departed for his heavenly abode at 8:30 a.m. on January 5, 2026.

Ganghadharan, aged 97 (DOB: 06/10/1928, DOD: 5/01/2026), was a self-made individual who lost both parents at a young age and was raised by relatives. He moved to Chennai for employment and eventually retired as the Manager of Nedungadi Bank. He leaves behind two daughters and three grandchildren. Known for his discipline and meticulous nature, he maintained good health and continued to be active until the end. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

The Beehivians and their families extend their heartfelt condolences to Madam Vanaja , Rtn Murali Achuthan and all members of the grieving family.

Courtesy begets Courtesy...



Few individuals choose not to respond to incoming mobile calls, even after multiple attempts. Likewise, they often exhibit the same behavior towards SMS and WhatsApp messages. It's important for them to realize that the caller is not simply passing the time; they are reaching out with a specific purpose. Remember, **courtesy begets courtesy**.

"He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."

Rotary Vocational Service Month

Honoring work and values in January

January is Rotary's Vocational Service Month—a time to honor how our work and our values come together. Vocational Service encourages integrity, celebrates every profession, and uses our skills to help our communities. Vocational Service grew from early business networking into a global approach to ethical leadership and service. Key milestones include the development of the Four-Way Test in 1932 and updates to the Rotarian Code of Conduct, reflecting Rotary's commitment to integrity and community impact.

The Evolution of Vocational Service

Vocational Service has evolved from its early roots in business networking to become a global approach to ethical leadership and community impact.

Key milestones include:

- 1932: Development of The Four-Way Test, a guiding principle for ethical decision-making.
- Ongoing Updates: Refinements to the Rotarian Code of Conduct, reflecting Rotary's enduring commitment to integrity and positive community impact.

Core Principles

Vocational Service is built on three core principles, namely, High Ethical Standards, Worthiness of all Occupations and Service Through Work. Acting with honest and integrity in all professional settings demonstrate high ethical standards, appreciating the value that each profession brings stand for worthiness of all occupations and using our talents and skills to support community needs and improve lives is service through work.

2025–2026 Focus: Unite for Good

Aligned with the 2025–2026 theme, "Unite for Good," Vocational Service emphasizes the power of teamwork and shared expertise in addressing community challenges and the key tools include FOUR WAY TEST, a trusted guide for ethical decisions: Is it truth? Is it fair to all concerned?, Will it build goodwill and better friendships? & will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Rotarian Code of Conduct is the standards for professional and personal behaviour that promote integrity and service Standards for professional and personal behavior that promote integrity and service.

Club Activities : Here are some ways clubs can engage in Vocational Service:

- Classification Talks: Members share insights about their professions.
- Vocational Awards: Honoring individuals who demonstrate strong ethical values in their work.
- Mentorship: Providing guidance and support to students and young adults exploring career paths.
- Workplace Tours: Visiting members' businesses to learn about different fields.
- Vocational Training Teams (VTT): Groups that teach or learn technical skills abroad to support communities.

Project Ideas for 2025-26

Consider these project ideas to make a difference in your community:

- Student Job Shadowing: Partner with schools to offer students real-world experience in various professions.
- Inclusive Training: Provide learning opportunities for youth with cognitive disabilities to enhance their vocational skills.
- Veteran Support: Offer vocational scholarships or training programs to assist veterans in career transitions.
- Technician Training: Supply equipment and resources to support training programs for electric vehicle repair technicians.
- Ethical Gaming Tools: Develop digital resources that promote critical thinking and ethical decision-making using The Four-Way Test.
- Professional Networking: Organize events to bring professionals together to share expertise and build connections.
- Medical VTT: Support specialized training programs to improve healthcare in underserved communities.
- Maternal Health Training: Strengthen prenatal care skills using a "train-the-trainer" model.

Get Involved

Use January as an opportunity to celebrate and elevate your club's vocational service projects. By integrating our values into our work, we can create a more ethical and impactful world, one profession at a time.



Don't Just Learn, Experience It

Don't Just Read, Absorb.

Don't Just Change, Transform

Don't Just Relate, Advocate.

Don't Just Promise, Prove.

Don't Just Criticize, Encourage.

Don't Just Think, Ponder.

Don't Just Take, Give.

Don't Just See, Feel.

Don't Just Dream, Do.

Don't Just Hear, Listen

Don't Just Talk, Act.

Don't Just Tell, Show

Don't Just Exist, L



Where your talents and the needs of the world cross
there lies your vocation

HAPPY
CHARTER
DAY



An Unforgettable Event at Beehives Club



Charter Day Message from Rtn. R. Venkataraman, Founder & Mentor Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives

Dear President, Past Presidents, Board Members and Fellow Rotarians, Good morning! I extend warm greetings to each of you.

As we gather to celebrate the 6th Charter Day of our Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives, this occasion holds profound significance for us all.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our charter members, particularly the senior Rotarians who supported me unwaveringly during the establishment of this club. Together, we have journeyed far since those initial days.

It is a source of immense pride and honor, as the Founder of this Club and a Past President of the Rotary movement, to reflect on six years of impactful service and to celebrate the accomplishments of our Past Presidents and Members.

Some of us laid the groundwork, while others built upon it —each playing a vital role in the robust legacy we enjoy today. Our Club has made a significant impact within Rotary Districts 3232 and 3233. This milestone presents a perfect opportunity for every Beehivian to reflect with pride, document our journey, and ensure that future members can appreciate and draw inspiration from our story.

I salute all our Past Presidents for their invaluable contributions that have shaped the growth of our Club. It is heartwarming to see each of them remain active, enhancing membership, engaging in projects, and participating in various club initiatives. Our six-year journey has been thoughtfully chronicled in our monthly e-bulletin, Beehives BUZZ, and through our dedicated Club and Trust websites, which collectively highlight the richness of our activities.

Building on the solid foundation established, we have also formed The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives Trust. With the backing of our members and supporters, the Trust is now in a robust financial position to undertake significant projects that will further our mission of service. I genuinely thank my fellow Past Presidents for their steadfast commitment and leadership in advancing the Club to this point.

I also wish to acknowledge all Directors, Officers, and Members for upholding the spirit of Rotary and for keeping the Beehives banner proudly raised.

To every Beehivian, I express my heartfelt gratitude for your fellowship, dedication, and affection towards our Club. Let us continue to reinforce our bonds and serve humanity with renewed enthusiasm.

Thank you all for celebrating our Charter Day with pride and joy.



The 6th Charter Day of the club was joyfully commemorated on January 11, 2026, led by Rtn Murali Achuthan. This festive event unfolded at FUN DEN in Lakshminagar, a venue celebrated for its delightful ambiance, which fostered a lively and enjoyable atmosphere.

The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives proudly observed their 6th Founders Day, surrounded by family and friends. The day began with beautiful weather in Chennai, as members arrived filled with their usual enthusiasm and energy, many accompanied by their loved ones.

The celebration commenced with the lighting of the *K'KUTHTHU VILAKKU*, and Rtn Sabitha kicking off the celebration with the Tamil Thai Vazhthu. The club president warmly welcomed all attendees and, in his brief speech, recognized the founding members for their invaluable contributions to the club's growth and development throughout the years.

Rtn R. Venkataraman, the Founder of this Club, sent a heartfelt message that was shared with the members, expressing his regret for not being able to attend the function.

The founding members took the opportunity to share some intriguing anecdotes from the past. It was also a moment to honor the club's past presidents.

In his usual witty manner, Rtn Dr. V Thiagarajan acknowledged the members who took the time to distribute warm blankets to those in need on the streets, and all members applauded this commendable midnight effort.

Next came the fun and entertainment segment. Ezhichur Thiru Aravindhan delivered a comedic speech that kept everyone engaged, followed by our FMLR singers who performed a selection of movie songs. Rtn. Vaishnavi Deepak Shankar organized a lively game of bingo and awarded prizes to the winners.

The event concluded with a delicious lunch and a group photo. It was a well-coordinated gathering where members actively participated and celebrated each other's contributions to serving the community through our club, Beehives.



"We are not put on this earth for ourselves, but are placed here for each other. If you are there always for others, then in time of need, someone will be there for you."



Photos from the Charter Day Celebration

Honoring Past Presidents of the Club & Rtn Dr. VT Expressing Gratitude



**"Margazhiyil Manudam Project" - Distributing Blankets to Homeless Individuals
Acknowledgment and Appreciation of Volunteers**



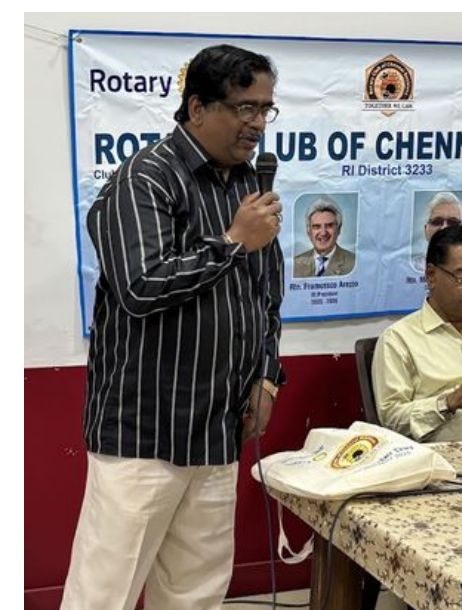
Distribution of Charter Day Mementos to Beehivians



Music Entertainment

Beehivians Family

Stand up Comedy



We are committed to upholding our Mission and Vision.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."



The Kidney and its system

By Rtn Dr V Thiagarajan



Anatomy of the Kidney The kidneys are vital, bean-shaped organs that filter blood to remove waste and excess fluid, producing urine, while also balancing electrolytes, controlling blood pressure, and producing hormones for red blood cell production and bone health, working as the body's essential filtration and regulatory system. **Kidneys are crucial; their failure leads to toxic waste buildup, high blood pressure, and fluid retention, requiring dialysis or transplant to sustain life.**

Key Functions

Filtration & Waste Removal: Filter blood to remove urea, creatinine, and excess acids, forming urine.

Fluid & Electrolyte Balance: Regulate water, sodium, potassium, and calcium levels.

Blood Pressure Control: Release hormones like renin to manage blood pressure.

Red Blood Cell Production: Produce erythropoietin, stimulating red blood cell creation.

Bone Health: Convert Vitamin D to its active form, aiding calcium absorption.

Location & Structure

Location: Under the lower ribs, on either side of the spine, in the back of the abdomen.

Size: About the size of a clenched fist.

Internal Structure: Composed of millions of tiny filters called nephrons, each with a glomerulus (filter) and tubule.

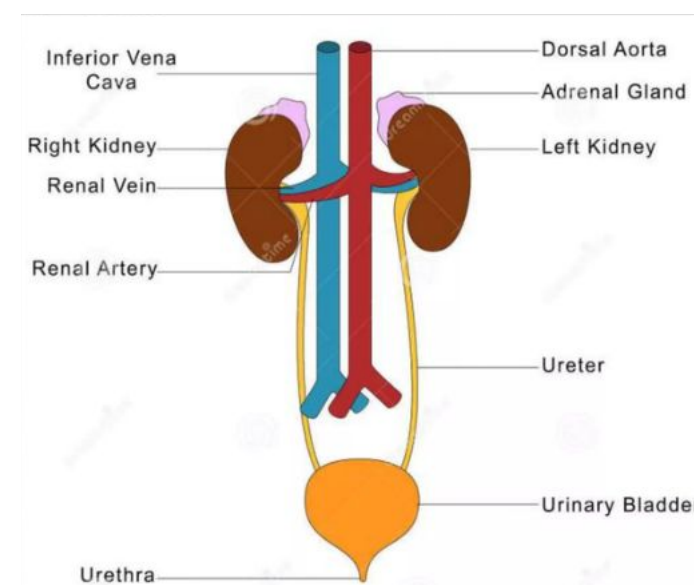
The Filtration Process

Blood enters the kidney through the renal artery.

Blood is filtered in the nephrons, separating waste and extra fluid from vital substances.

Filtered blood returns to the body via the renal vein.

Waste and fluid become urine, traveling through ureters to the bladder for storage and eventual excretion through the urethra.



[Here is an overview of the most common kidney diseases in the human body.](#)

1. Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

CKD is a long-term condition characterized by a gradual, irreversible loss of kidney function over three months or more. It is a leading cause of death worldwide.

Causes: The primary causes are uncontrolled diabetes (diabetic nephropathy) and high blood pressure (hypertension).

Symptoms: Generally asymptomatic in early stages. Advanced stages may show fatigue, weakness, swelling in ankles/feet, foamy urine, and itchy skin.

Treatment: While not curable, it is managed through diet, lifestyle changes (smoking cessation, exercise), and medication to manage blood pressure/sugar.

2. Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)

Formerly known as acute renal failure, AKI is a sudden, often temporary, decline in kidney function that occurs within hours or days.

Causes: Severe dehydration, blood loss, sepsis, or blockage in the urinary tract.

Symptoms: Decreased urination, swelling, shortness of breath, and confusion.

Treatment: Prompt medical intervention is required to treat the underlying cause and prevent permanent damage.

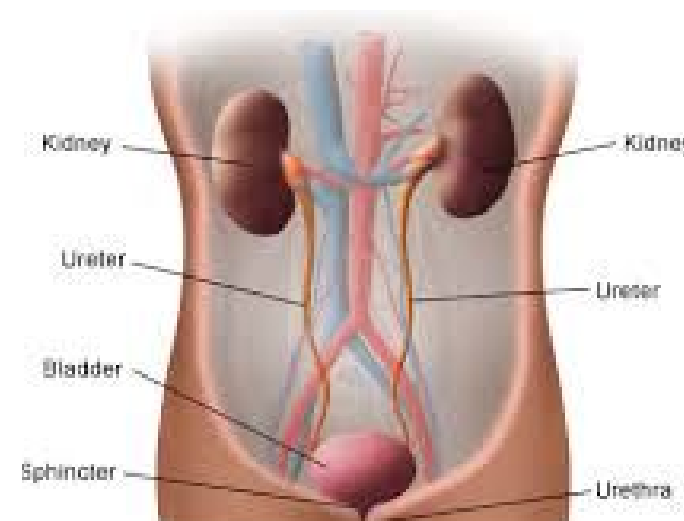
3. Kidney Stones (Nephrolithiasis)

These are solid, crystalline masses formed from minerals and salts (such as calcium or uric acid) in the kidneys.

Causes: Dehydration, diet (high in sodium or oxalates), and family history.

Symptoms: Severe pain in the back, side, or groin, blood in the urine, and frequent urination.

Treatment: Often requires increasing fluid intake, pain medication, or, for large stones, medical procedures to remove them.



4. Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD)

A genetic disorder where numerous fluid-filled cysts grow in the kidneys, gradually enlarging them and reducing their ability to function.

Types: Autosomal Dominant PKD (common in adults) and Autosomal Recessive PKD (rare, usually appears in childhood).

Symptoms: Back/side pain, high blood pressure, and kidney infections.

Treatment: No cure, but medication can manage symptoms and slow cyst growth.

5. Glomerulonephritis

This is a group of conditions that cause inflammation of the glomeruli, the tiny filters in the kidneys that remove waste.

Causes: Infections (like strep throat), autoimmune diseases (like lupus), or vasculitis.

Symptoms: Pink or brown urine (hematuria), foamy urine (proteinuria), and hypertension.

Treatment: Depends on the cause, but often involves reducing blood pressure and using immunosuppressant drugs.

6. Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)

While infections usually start in the bladder, they can travel to the kidneys, leading to a serious condition called pyelonephritis.

Symptoms: Burning during urination, frequent urination, fever, and back pain.

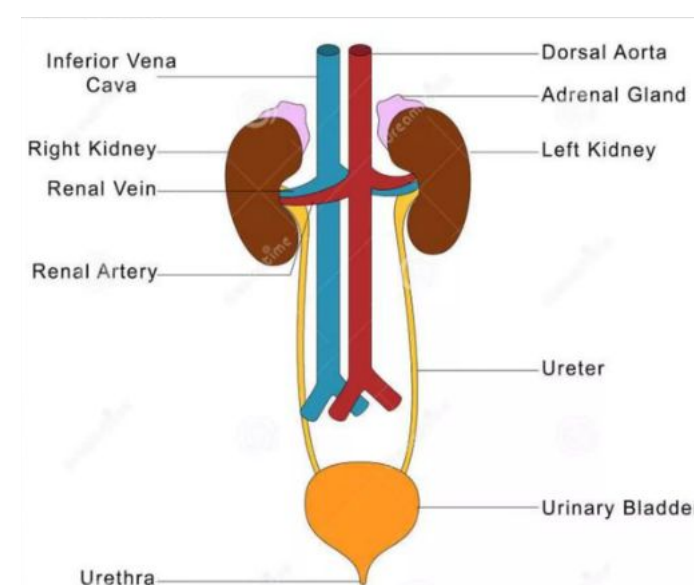
Treatment: Antibiotics are necessary to prevent scarring and long-term kidney damage.

7. Other Kidney Disorders

Lupus Nephritis: An autoimmune disease where the immune system attacks the kidneys.

Nephrotic Syndrome: A collection of symptoms indicating damage to the kidneys' filters, causing significant protein to leak into the urine.

Renal Artery Stenosis: Narrowing of the arteries that supply blood to the kidneys.



Prevention and Management

Maintaining kidney health involves managing underlying conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, adopting a balanced diet (low sodium), staying hydrated, and avoiding smoking and the excessive use of certain painkillers (NSAIDs).

"Kidney Health for Everyone, Everywhere", "Healthy Kidneys, Healthy You",
"Keep Your Kidneys Active," "Small Steps for Kidney Health," and "Don't Ignore Your Kidneys."



திராட்சை பழங்களும் தித்திக்கும் தகவல்களும்!

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பார்த்ததுமே எடுத்து சாப்பிடத் தூண்டும் பழங்களில் ஒன்று திராட்சை. கருப்பு, பச்சை, சிவப்பு என அதன் நிறங்களிலும், கொத்து கொத்தாக, உருண்டையாக உள்ள அதன் வடிவத்திலும் எல்லோரையும் கவரும் பழம்.

உடலில் சக்தி குறைந்துள்ளது போலத் தோன்றும் போது, திராட்சை பழங்களைச் சாப்பிட்டால் உடனடியாகத் தெம்பு கிடைக்கும்.

கிரேக்கர்களும், ரோமானியர்களும் பெரிய அளவில் விளைவித்த திராட்சையை நம் நாட்டிற்குக் கொண்டு வந்தவர்கள் முகலாய அரசர்கள்தான்.

இந்திய நாட்டின் தட்பவெப்ப நிலை இப்பழங்களை ஏராளமாக வளர வழி வகுத்தது. சாதாரண கறுப்பு நிற திராட்சையாக முதலில் வளர்க்கப்பட்ட இப்பழம், நாளடைவில் பல்வேறு நிறங்களில், அதற்கேற்ப வித்தியாசமான சுவைகளுடன் இனிப்பாக, புளிப்பாக, கொட்டை உள்ளதாக, கொட்டை இல்லாத வகையாக தோட்டங்களில் வளர்க்கப்படுகிறது.

திராட்சையில் என்ன உள்ளது?

திராட்சைப் பழங்களில் நிறைந்திருப்பது 'க்ளுக்கோஸ்' என்ற மாவுச் சத்து. அதுதான் இதற்கு இனிப்பு சுவையைத் தருகிறது.

இதில் நிறைய 'டார்டாரிக்' அமிலமும், 'பெக்டின்' அமிலமும் இருப்பதால் இப்பழத்தை பழரசங்கள், 'ஜாம்' செய்யப் பயன்படுத்துகின்றனர்.

திராட்சைப் பழத்தில் உள்ள புளிப்புச் சுவையால் இதில் 'வைட்டமின் சி' இருப்பதாகப் பலர் கருதுகின்றனர். ஆனால் இதில் நிறைந்திருப்பது கால்சியம் மற்றும் பாஸ்பரஸ் என்ற தாதுப் பொருட்களே.

க்ளுக்கோஸினால் இதன் கலோரி அளவு அதிகமாக உள்ளது. உடல் எடை குறைவாக உள்ளவர்கள், உடல் பலவீனமடைந்தவர்கள் இதைச் சாப்பிடுவதால் உடல் தேர்ச்சியடையும். உடலில் சக்தி குறைந்துள்ளது போலத் தோன்றும் போது, திராட்சை பழங்களைச் சாப்பிட்டால் உடனடியாகத் தெம்பு கிடைக்கும். திராட்சையை பழரசமாக சாப்பிட்டால் உடனடி சக்தி கிடைக்கும்.

பழுத்த திராட்சை பழங்கள் மிக எளிதாக ஜீரணமாகிவிடும்.

சுவைக்க இனிப்பாக உள்ள பழம், தாகத்தைத் தணிக்க வல்லது.

திராட்சைப் பழம் ஒரு சிறந்த மலமிளக்கி. கடுமையான மலச்சிக்கலால் சிரமப்படுபவர்கள் உலர்ந்த திராட்சை பழங்களை இரவு நீரில் ஊற வைத்து, காலையில் உட்கொண்டால் குணம் தெரியும். மலமிளக்கியாக மட்டுமில்லாமல் வயிறு, குடல் ஆகியவற்றை ஆரோக்கியமாக வைக்கவும் இது உதவும்.

கறுப்பு மற்றும் சிவப்பு நிற திராட்சைகளில் 'பையோஃப்ளாவனாய்ட்ஸ்' நிறைந்துள்ளது. இவை உடலில் உள்ள நச்சுப் பொருட்களை வெளியேற்ற உதவுகின்றன. அதோடு நம் உடலை புற்றுநோயிலிருந்து பாதுகாக்கிறது. சிவப்பு நிற திராட்சைப் பழரசம் இருதயத்திற்கு மிகவும் நல்லது.

திராட்சைப் பழத்தை அளவாக சாப்பிட வேண்டும். அதிக அளவில் சாப்பிட்டால் அதிலுள்ள அமிலங்கள் வயிற்றைப் பாதிக்கும். சிவப்பு நிற திராட்சையிலுள்ள 'பாலிஃபீனால்', மைக்ரேன் தலைவலியைத் தூண்டக்கூடும். அந்த பாதிப்பு உள்ளவர்கள் இப்பழத்தைத் தவிர்க்க வேண்டும்.

திராட்சைப் பழம் நன்கு வளர, அதன் மீது பூச்சிக் கொல்லி மருந்துகள் தெளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும். எனவே திராட்சைப் பழத்தை நன்கு கழுவிய பிறகே சாப்பிட வேண்டும்.

ஒரு கொத்து திராட்சைப் பழங்களைச் சாப்பிடுவதால்...

உயர் ரத்த அழுத்தத்தைக் குறைக்கலாம்.

புற்றுநோய் வராமல் தடுக்கலாம்.

உடலின் உட்புறத்தை, சுத்தப்படுத்தி, நச்சுப் பொருட்களை வெளியேற்றலாம்.

இரத்த ஓட்டத்தை உடலில் அதிகரிக்கலாம்.

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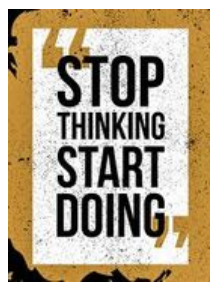
தலைமுடியை நன்கு வளர்த்துக் கொள்ளலாம்.

தோல் சுருக்கம் அடையாமல், இளமையாக, அழகாகத் திகழலாம்.



அண்ணாசி பழத்தை அதிகமாக்க சாப்பிடாதே

Grapes are Sweet, Grapes are Sour, all depends on what is your soul's cravings are!



Increase Youth Induction & Enhance Youth Engagement in Rotary Club

By Rtn R Venkataraman, Mentor, RC Chennai Beehives

Start Recruiting Youth & Teen

Rotary International is a worldwide network of community volunteers, with club membership encompassing a diverse age range from 25 to over 80 years. Understanding the current age profile of its members is vital for the organization's long-term vitality and relevance.

Current Age Demographics

Our Club data reveals a substantial concentration of members aged 40 to 70, while younger individuals are underrepresented. This demographic distribution offers both opportunities and challenges for Rotary Clubs globally. It's important to acknowledge that these figures are estimates and may vary across in the days to come. It is the high time for the club to evolve strategy for increased percentage of membership from the age group of 25 to 40.

Importance of Involving Young People

Engaging more young individuals in Rotary's service initiatives is crucial for adaptation to changing World, Ensuring continued community support, Leadership Pipeline, & diversity and inclusion

Younger generations contribute fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and technological skills, aiding Rotary in meeting the evolving needs of communities. Involving younger members helps keep service projects relevant and appealing to a wider audience, securing ongoing community backing. Actively engaging the youth fosters the development of future leaders for Rotary, ensuring the organization's sustainability and long-term success. Younger members often represent a more diverse segment of the community, enriching Rotary's service projects with varied perspectives and experiences.

Strategies to Address Age Imbalance

To tackle the age imbalance and secure a vibrant future, Rotary Clubs must proactively attract and enroll young prospective members through various strategies including targeted outreach, flexible membership options, mentorship programmes, online engagement & showcasing impact. How to implement these strategies:

Implement outreach activities aimed specifically at young professionals and students.

Provide flexible membership options that accommodate the busy schedules of younger individuals.

Create mentorship initiatives that connect experienced Rotarians with younger members for guidance and support.

Leverage social media and other digital platforms to connect with and engage young people

Highlight the positive effects of Rotary's service projects to illustrate the value of membership to potential young recruits.

Embracing the Future

The age profile of Rotary Club membership underscores the necessity for increased youth involvement. By actively recruiting and involving young members, Rotary Clubs can adapt to a rapidly changing world, ensure continued community support, and develop a robust leadership pipeline for the future. The vitality of Rotary hinges on embracing the energy, ideas, and perspectives of younger generations.

The growth and vibrancy of Rotary Clubs are strategically linked to a synergistic relationship between younger generations and senior mentors. This dynamic allows the organization to maintain its traditional values while adapting to contemporary social and technological changes.

The Role of the Younger Generation

Younger members provide vital energy and innovation needed for organizational sustainability. They bring fresh creativity and technological expertise, enabling clubs to implement modern solutions for community projects and enhance visibility through social media.

Engaging individuals as young as 25 is a long-term strategy for ensuring membership continuity and leadership development. Young members can be empowered to lead projects, assume roles such as sergeants-at-arms during club meetings, and chair youth service activities, transitioning from mere participation to active governance.

Senior members offer foundational stability and a professional network that attracts and retains younger talent. Experienced Rotarians serve as mentors, helping younger members grasp the "Four-Way Test" and the ethos of "Service Above Self." They also provide access to community leaders and CEOs, creating a support network that aids in personal and career growth.

Under the Club's Action Plan, senior leaders focus on enhancing participant engagement by shaping club cultures to be more flexible and inclusive, which is essential for attracting younger cohorts.

To bridge the generational divide, clubs can,

Focus on leadership initiatives for those aged 20 and above, alongside forming Rotaract Clubs with younger generations.

Encourage the establishment of Interact Clubs and support intensive training events through RYLA, cultivating confidence and problem-solving skills.

Introduce the Rotary Youth Exchange program, which promotes international peace by allowing students to experience different cultures.

Form a Youth Advisory Council to give young people a direct voice in advising the Rotary International Board of Directors.

"Youth are not just the leaders of tomorrow; they are the catalysts for change today."



Happy Birthday



Annette Cheryl d/o Rtn Lambert celebrated on 2.1.2026

Rtn K K Panigrahi celebrated on 5.1.2026

Rtn B Shakar celebrated on 16.1.2026

Rtn M Raghupathy celebrated on 17.1.2026

Ann Maheswari spouse of Rtn Harikrishnan celebrated on 20.1.2026

Beehivians



Wishing you a day filled with joy, laughter, and all the things that make you smile.



Celebrated on 19.1.2026



Happy Anniversary



Rtn Murali Achuthan & Ann Vanaja

Congratulations

on another year together as a
healthy and happy couple.



"True prosperity is the result of well-placed confidence in ourselves and our fellow man."



Festive Greetings & A Heartfelt Thank You from The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives Trust



Dear Donors,

As we celebrate the vibrant festivities of Lohri and Pongal, we are reminded that the true spirit of harvest is rooted in gratitude and the joy of community.

During this festive time, we are filled with appreciation as we reflect on the incredible impact your support has made over the past year. Thanks to your unwavering commitment, our Trust has successfully undertaken several transformative initiatives:

Empowering Futures: Your generous contributions have offered essential financial aid for education, allowing deserving students to pursue their dreams without the burden of financial stress.

Healing Lives: We have enabled life-saving surgeries for individuals who would otherwise lack access to medical care, giving them a second chance at a healthy life.

Nourishing Souls: Through our Annadhan initiatives, we have provided thousands of nutritious meals, ensuring that no one in our community goes to bed hungry.

Caring for Our Elders: We have delivered crucial material support to old age homes, enhancing the comfort and dignity of our senior citizens in their golden years.

Lighting the Way: The introduction of solar lights has brought safety and sustainability to remote areas, illuminating homes and pathways.

Spreading Warmth: During the coldest winter nights, your kindness enabled us to distribute blankets to the homeless, offering them warmth and protection.

Your generosity serves as the "overflowing pot" of our Trust, symbolizing security and hope for those in need. We are honored to have you as partners in this journey of service.

As the sun begins its northward journey, we celebrate the harvest season with festivals like Lohri and Pongal. These occasions signify abundance and renewal, making them the ideal time to express our heartfelt gratitude to the donors whose generosity has fueled our Trust's mission.

May these festivals bring you and your family as much joy and prosperity as you have generously shared with others.

We extend our warm festival greetings to you all and seek your continued support to sustain our charitable endeavors.

With deepest gratitude,
The Trustees

The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives We look forward to your ongoing support and patronage.

Contributions can be sent via UPI or through online NEFT, IMPS, or RTGS transfers to:

The Rotary Club of Chennai Beehives Trust**

IDBI Bank, Nanganallur Branch**

SB Account No: 0735104000052137

IFSC Code: IBKL0000735

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"Happiness can be the result, not of spending more money on oneself, but rather of
giving money away to others".

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2026**

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Rtn. D. Devendran
District Governor

DATE
28th Feb &
1st Mar, 2026

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Rotary International District 3233 cordially invites all Rotarians, Anns, Annettes, and Friends of Rotary to its grand District Conference 2026 — a celebration of unity, fellowship, inspiration, and Rotary pride.

Registration Charges:**Dates: 28th February & 1st March 2026***** Rotarians: ₹ 4,000/-, Anns: ₹ 3,000/-****📍 Venue: Chennai Trade Center***** Annettes: ₹ 2,500/-***** Friends of Rotary: ₹ 4,000/-****Register Online:****🔗 <https://rid3233.com/iv-register/new> , 🔗 <https://indravizha.com>****For Registration Support:***** Rtn. M. Palani – +91 98848 16682*, Rtn. V. Vidhya Gopal – +91 99401 64471**