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"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other." – Burton Hillis



CLUB DIARY - 11 DECEMBER, 2025

"SUMMER ESCAPE: THE FLORAL INFUSION – FROM FERMENTATION MASTERY TO THE ICONIC COFFEE BLOSSOM GIN COCKTAIL."

- MS. LYNN MASCARENHAS

The Weekly Tea Meeting of the Rotary Club of Mangalore was a truly enriching and well-attended session. The meeting began with an invocation by Rtn. Vispi Katpitia, followed by announcements from Rtn. Jayaprakash Rao on the upcoming "Ride for Rotary" and Rtn. Deepali Nayak regarding the Christmas Fellowship.

The highlight of the evening was the guest talk by Ms. Lynn Mascarenhas of St. Margaret's Estate, Magundi, graciously introduced by Ann Veera Katpitia. A wildlife researcher turned coffee enthusiast, Ms. Lynn offered a fascinating insight into plantation ecology, sustainability, and specialty coffee innovation.

She spoke about the delicate balance between biodiversity and coffee cultivation, emphasizing the role of birds, dead trees, and natural vegetation in maintaining healthy estates. She explained why Robusta coffee suits Indian conditions, while specialty coffee globally focuses largely on Arabica, and introduced members to innovative fermentation techniques such as Koji, Kölsch, Frozen Cherry, and Cin-Cin processes. A particularly captivating segment focused on coffee blossoms, their early flowering challenges, and how they are curated into a high-end product with jasmine-like aroma, subtle vanilla notes, and flavours reminiscent of oolong tea.

The session concluded with a delightful tasting of "Coffee Blossom Tea" and the signature "Coffee Blossom Gin Cocktail", both of which were enthusiastically appreciated by all present.

Owing to the uniqueness of the topic and the engaging presentation, the meeting recorded one of the best attendances since the Children's Day Celebration, nearly a month ago, reflecting the members' keen interest and appreciation.

PROGRAM TODAY
18 DECEMBER, 2025
Christmas Celebration

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Dinner Meeting

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK
25 DECEMBER, 2025
2nd Quarterly Business Meeting

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Tea Meeting

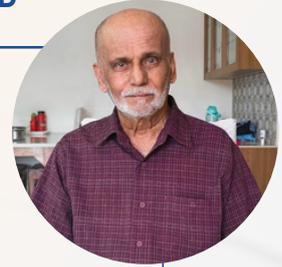


A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP WITH A DISTINGUISHED ROTARIAN FRIEND

The Rotary Club of Mangalore has the privilege of welcoming **Rotarian Dr. Vasanth Prabhu**, Arch Klumph Society Member, of the Rotary Club of Central Chester County, Lionville, USA, as a special guest on the joyous occasion of our Christmas celebration.

A committed Rotarian and a generous benefactor, Dr. Vasanth Prabhu has been a steadfast supporter of several Rotary initiatives over the years. More recently, his valued contribution to our Rotary Foundation Global Grant project – the Obstetric Critical Care Unit at Government Lady Goschen Hospital, Mangalore, has significantly strengthened critical maternal healthcare services for the community. His support beautifully exemplifies the true spirit of Service Above Self and the power of Rotary's global fellowship.

His visit during the season of Christmas adds a special warmth to the celebration, reminding us that Rotary friendships transcend borders, cultures, and geographies. We look forward to sharing fellowship, gratitude, and festive cheer as we celebrate both the joy of Christmas and the enduring spirit of Rotary with a cherished friend and well-wisher of our club.



THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE OUR CLUB



Vistasp Katpitia

Rtn. Vistasp Katpitia is a retired senior banker from Corporation Bank, where he served for nearly 25 years and retired as Assistant General Manager. With extensive experience in vigilance, anti-fraud, and regulatory functions, he is widely respected for his integrity, professionalism, and sound understanding of governance and risk management.

Veera Katpitia

Rotary Ann Veera Katpitia is an NLP coach and leadership trainer associated with personal and professional development initiatives. An active member of Toastmasters International, she is known for her calm, insightful, and mentoring approach. She is also a past Charter President of the Rotary Club of Mangalore Sunrise.

Together, Vistasp and Veera Katpitia represent the only Parsi family that has been residing in Mangalore for over 40 years, contributing quietly yet meaningfully to the city's professional and Rotary life.

Devdas Kamath

Rtn Devdas Kamath is a distinguished civil and structural engineer with a strong academic foundation. He holds a Master's degree in Structural Engineering from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (1984–1986) and a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal (1980–1984), where he graduated as a Gold Medalist. His academic excellence and technical grounding reflect a deep commitment to engineering rigor and professional integrity.



Puran Chand Attavar

Rtn Puran Chand Attavar is the Partner in Kitchenwise Interiors, having branches in Mangalore and Puttur specializing in modular kitchens and interior solutions for homes and apartments, located at Chilimbi, Urwa. With over 15 years of experience in interior design, he brings strong expertise across both consulting and execution. An adventure and biking enthusiast, Puran enjoys exploring the outdoors and embraces an active lifestyle beyond his professional pursuits.



CLUB IN NEWS

ANNS TEAM WINS 1ST PRIZE AT 4-WHEELER TREASURE HUNT

13 Dec: It was a truly memorable Sunday for the Rotary Club of Mangalore as an all-ladies Anns Team comprising Ann Parvathi M. G. Kunal, Ann Lakshmi Shetty, Ann Vani Kalbavi, and Ann Maria Vas brought home first prize in the exciting 4-wheeler Treasure Hunt organised by the Rotary Club of Mangalore City.

Adding to the spirit of fellowship, the gentlemen from our club participated with equal zest. Three teams represented RCM — one led by Rtn. PHF PP Sudhir Jalan along with his family, second lead by Rtn PHF Mithun Bhatt Kakunje along with Ann Supriya Bhatt and the other comprising Secretary Rtn. Dr Kunal with Rtn. Bunty Raj. All participants were awarded certificates, making the event a wonderful celebration of camaraderie, fun, and Rotary spirit.

Hearty congratulations to all the teams, and a special salute to our formidable Anns Team for their stellar performance and spirited participation!



RTN. DR. KUNAL INSPIRES RCM SEASIDE WITH TALK ON YOGA & HEALTH

16 Dec: **Rtn. Dr Kunal** inspired members of RCM Seaside with an engaging and enlightening talk on “Yoga and health.” Our much-admired yoga guru continues to enrich the lives of Rotarians and the wider community, spreading wellness, balance, and positive energy across the city.



RTN. PP MADHAV SUVARNA ENTERS GOLDEN BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

Rtn. PP Madhav Suvarna brought immense pride to the Rotary fraternity by earning a place in the Golden Book of World Records for an astounding feat — 40 hours of continuous singing of Kishore Kumar songs. This marathon performance, showcasing extraordinary passion, stamina, and musical devotion, was fittingly recognised with the award of an official certificate.



RTN. FAKRUDDIN KUNIL PAYS TRIBUTE AT 1971 INDO-PAK WAR MEMORIAL



16 Dec: **Rtn. Fakruddin Kunil** laid a wreath at the war memorial during a deeply moving commemorative ceremony honouring the heroes of the 1971 Indo-Pak War—a defining chapter in history that marked India’s decisive victory and the liberation of Bangladesh.

RTN. PP M. VENKATESH PAI SPEAKS ON GREEN BUILDINGS AT CREDAI EVENT

11 Dec: **Rtn. PP M. Venkatesh Pai** captivated the audience with a highly engaging and insightful talk on Green Buildings at CREDAI’s event held at the Wrkwrk space, Yeyyadi. His thought-provoking presentation was warmly applauded and greatly appreciated by the Youth Wing and the Ladies Wing of CREDAI. At the same event, **Rtn. Vinod Aranha** was present as the guest of honor.

RTN. PP RAJENDRA KALBAVI’S PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS IN DECEMBER

On 15 December, Rtn. PP Rajendra Kalbavi, Secretary General and National President-Elect of ACCE (I), presided over the UltraTech Awards at Milagres Hall, lending distinction to the prestigious event celebrating excellence in engineering.

From 17-19 December, he was an invited speaker at the International Symposium on Collaborative Informatics at U.B.D.T. Engineering College, Davangere, participating in his role as Director, Dakshina Kannada Nirmithi Kendra, and sharing his expertise in water management and sustainable infrastructure.



MEMBERS IN NEWS



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“TIS THE SEASON”



Comic by Scott Nickel

Answer to last weeks Riddle

Q: Why is Santa so good at karate?

Because he already comes with a black belt.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Rtn. Maroor Shashidhar Pai and Ann. Vani

19th December

Rtn. M.N.Kamath and Ann. Geetha

21st December

Rtn. Dr. Siddarth Shetty and Ann. Lakshmi Shetty

24th December

Rtn. Satish Kamath N and Ann.Prabha

25th December

Rtn. Yathish Baikampady and Ann. Vanitha

25th December

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

FIRST > Is it the **TRUTH**?

SECOND > Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

THIRD > Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

FOURTH > Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

CLUB PULSE

11.12.2025

Total members : 91
 Members present : 44
 Exempt : 6
 Makeup : -
 Percentage : 55%

WEEKLY MEETING

Thursday, 7.00 P.M.

Ocean Pearl

Navabharath Circle,
 Kodialbail, Mangalore

<https://www.rotarymangalore.com>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please **register** for the **Rotary District Conference – Sneha Sourabha**, to be held in the beautiful city of Mysore for three eventful days on **30th & 31st January and 1st February 2026**, at Silent Shores Resort & Spa.

Let's turn this conference into a refreshing escape from the daily grind, a time to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and celebrate the true spirit of Rotary. We warmly encourage families to join, so that the conference becomes not just a professional gathering, but yet another joyful Rotary picnic filled with fellowship, learning, and memorable moments.

Looking forward to sharing this wonderful experience together.

The Rotaract Club of SDM MBA, Mangalore, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mangalore, is organising a **Workshop and Felicitation for Ms. M. R. Poovamma (Shruti Poovamma)**—three-time Olympian, Arjuna Awardee, and alumna of SDM College—on **19 December, from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon, at SDM MBA, Mangalore**. The programme aims to inspire students through an interaction with the accomplished middle-distance runner, celebrated for her achievements in the 400 m and 4x400 m relay, including Asian Games gold and Commonwealth Games silver. **Rotary Club of Mangalore members are invited to join the Rotaract Club in felicitating Ms. Shruti Poovamma and supporting this inspiring youth-focused initiative.**

Ride in Rotary (RIR) to Mercara - An Invitation & Reminder

Join us for Ride in Rotary (RIR) — a spectacular two-day motorcycle ride from Mangalore to Mercara, departing on **Saturday, 20 December, and returning on Sunday, 21 December 2025**.

This ride promises a beautiful end-of-the-year feeling in your ears as you soak in the cool breeze, winding roads, and breathtaking landscapes of the Western Ghats.

Curated with care and enthusiasm by **Rtn. Jayaprakash Rao**, the ride will feature interesting adventures along the way, moments of true Rotary fellowship, and a few delightful surprises that will make the journey as memorable as the destination.

Ride Details & Reminder

Dates: 20–21 December 2025

Destination: Mercara

Eligibility: Motorcycles above 100 cc

Riding Gear: Helmet mandatory; riding jacket/full-sleeve thick T-shirt, denim pants, and ankle-length shoes strongly recommended

Safety:

A pre-ride safety session will be conducted a few days prior

Roadside assistance, including a recovery truck, will be available throughout the journey

Members who wish to join—or encourage fellow Rotarians to participate—are requested to confirm their participation at the earliest.

📞 **For details and confirmation, please contact Rtn. Jayaprakash Rao.**

Let's ride together, celebrate fellowship, and welcome the new year with stories worth retelling.



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