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**31.12.2020**

**BUSINESS  
MEETING**

## Planting seeds of motivation to support the environment

*By Dominik Huhndorf, vice president of the Rotaract Club of Nürtingen, Germany*



My Rotaract club established a project, Treaty of Generations, to motivate clubs around the world to plant trees in cleared areas. In doing so, we show the power of working with Rotary.

We began by finding two partner clubs on different continents who were as passionate about the environment as we were: The Rotaract Club Cumbayá, Ecuador, and Club MOP Vaishnav, India. With this strong alliance, we launched a pilot project. Then we assembled a larger team of volunteers, including members in each of the time zones, who possessed a solid base of knowledge and could promote the project on social media. We met virtually weekly and progressed well.

  
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Our next task was convincing as many Rotaract clubs as possible from all over the world to join. We made weekly appeals using our tagline, “Think globally, plant locally.” We called upon members of Rotaract to help us advance Rotary’s newest cause, protecting the environment.

Even with the pandemic, we were able to motivate volunteers to plant over 1,500 trees. We had two planting seasons spring and autumn this year. After our spring pilot project, we were able to have friends in other countries join us by the end of the year. Not everyone was able to take part in their country due to COVID-19 restrictions. But clubs like the Rotaract Club of Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, and Interact Club of Annie Walsch Memorial School, Sierra Leone, have planted trees and we have a lot more in the works. A district leader in Africa was so inspired by our initiative, he organized a fundraiser where people donated 30 coconut trees. That’s the Rotaract spirit.

We shared everything we were doing on WhatsApp and a LinkedIn page. We published the results of our weekly calls and town hall meetings. On Instagram, we posted pictures and gained 500 followers in three weeks.

We plan on nominating our project for various awards within the Rotary and Rotaract world, which we hope will bring even more exposure, allowing us to expand our number of volunteers and financial support.



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You can learn about our initiative on LinkedIn and Instagram. On behalf of my entire club, I would also like to thank the staff at Rotary International's world headquarters, including Molly Friend and her team, Erika Emerick and Zuhail Sharp, who advised us on how to build our platforms. Thank you for the support in sharing our message. We are eager for our next steps.

*(Source: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))*

## CLUB DIARY – 24.12.2020

### ROTARY NAVACHETHANA SCHOOL - OUR DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS

*By Rtn. Kalbavi Prakash Rao*

President Rtn. Archibald called the meeting to order with an invocation by Rtn. Dr. Siddarth Shetty. He then extended a warm welcome to all the members and guests present for the online meeting. He also wished a very Happy Christmas to all the members of our club and their families. He then wished members celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries during the week.

The chief guest of the evening was our very own members Rtn. Kalbavi Prakash Rao. He spoke on Rotary Navachethana School - Our Dreams and Aspirations. He began his talk by giving a brief history of the school and also about our clubs involvement. He spoke on the progress the school has made from the initial days



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and how Rotary along with Rotarian and Anns played a key role in development of the school. 5 of our members are trustees of the school and take active part in the managing the school. From a humble beginning of just 2 students the school has grown into a full- fledged Government recognized school with over 600 students on its rolls. Today, it is providing education from kindergarten to class X and is benefitting all the nearby villages like Bondanthila, Mallur, Merlapadau, Adyarpadau, Vamnjoor, Kudupu and Kulshekar. Since then, many philanthropists have come forward to donate generously to this cause and the school has been able to add on many classrooms and develop other facilities. President Rtn. Archibald thanked Rtn. Kalbavi Prakash Rao for a very informative talk on Rotary Navachethana School and adjourned the meeting.

## Know Rotary

### ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

An interesting Rotary program of fellowship is the Rotary Friendship Exchange. This activity, originally recommended by the New Horizons Committee in 1981, is intended to encourage Rotarians and spouses to visit with Rotarian families in other parts of the world. It may be conducted on a club-to-club or district-to-district basis.

The idea is for several Rotarian couples to travel to another

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country on the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Later the hospitality is reversed when the visit is exchanged. After a successful pilot experiment, the Rotary Friendship Exchange has become a permanent program of Rotary.

The Rotary Friendship Exchange is frequently compared to the Group Study Exchange program of The Rotary Foundation, except that it involves Rotarian couples who personally pay for all expenses of their inter-country experience. Doors of friendship are opened in a way which could not be duplicated except in Rotary.

Rotarians seeking an unusual vacation and fellowship experience should learn more about the Rotary Friendship Exchange. Some unusual Rotary adventures are awaiting you!

*(Source: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org))*

## **BUILDING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN ROTARIANS, ROTARACTORS**

*By RC Jamil Mouawad, Rotary Coordinator from Lebanon and a member of the Rotary Club of Zgharta-Zawié*



The spark started when I joined Rotary at 24 years-old, and it ignited at 27 when I became president of the Rotary Club of San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic. Joining Rotary at a young age gave me a passionate drive. After serving as an early example of



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a young Rotary leader, I feel a responsibility to ensure today’s young people can have a similar experience. Their creativity, problem solving, and capabilities are outstanding – all they need is an opportunity to thrive within Rotary.

Our team in Lebanon held joint workshops to build connections between Rotaractors and Rotarians. The events were designed for us to exchange perspectives, increase Rotary’s support for Rotaract clubs, and enhance both groups’ ability to serve. These meetings created dialogue and paved the way into Rotary for our future leaders. Now Rotaractors feel more encouraged to be Rotarians, and Rotarians involve young leaders more in their efforts.

As we all know, 2020 hasn’t been an easy year. To build on our partnership during these times, Rotarians and Rotaractors have worked together on a global grant to supply respirators and personal protective equipment to Lebanese governmental hospitals fighting COVID-19. We organized our work so we could learn from one another in a constructive atmosphere and cooperative spirit. Rotaractors completed the community assessments; Rotarians approached suppliers and purchased materials, together with the Rotaractors. Everything was accomplished in partnership. Now Rotarians and Rotaractors are working together to distribute ventilators.

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*Birthday Greetings*



**Rtn. Dr. Akhtar Husain**  
28<sup>th</sup> December



**Rtn. Dr. Dattatray Prabhu**  
29<sup>th</sup> December

*Anniversary Greetings*

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| <b>Rtn. Satish N. Kamath &amp; Ann Prabha Kamath</b>         | - 25 <sup>th</sup> December |
| <b>Rtn. Yathish Baikampady &amp; Ann Vanitha</b>             | - 25 <sup>th</sup> December |
| <b>Rtn. Dr. Jeedhu Radhakrishnan &amp; Ann Freeda Jeedhu</b> | - 26 <sup>th</sup> December |
| <b>Rtn. Dr. Akhtar Husain &amp; Ann Haseena Husain</b>       | - 28 <sup>th</sup> December |
| <b>Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Shahri &amp; Ann Mona Shahri</b>          | - 29 <sup>th</sup> December |
| <b>Rtn. Devraj Fernandes &amp; Ann Reshma Fernandes</b>      | - 29 <sup>th</sup> December |

**Club Pulse**

**24.12.2020**

Club Strength	98
Present	44
Absent	54
Percentage	45%
% After Make-up	
17.12.2020	57%
10.12.2020	55%

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**Thursday**  
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