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"Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems."— Brian Tracy



CLUB DIARY - 12 FEBRUARY, 2026 ROTARY COUPLES NIGHT BLACK & RED THEME

Last Thursday, Rotary Club of Mangalore hosted a vibrant Couples Night with the theme Black & Red, in collaboration with the Ann's Club. The décor and ambience were beautifully done, perfectly matching the theme and setting the tone for a memorable evening.

In the absence of the President Vinod Aranha, the meeting was conducted by Vice President Rtn. Bharat Ramani, Secretary Rtn. Dr. Kunal, and President Elect Rtn. Daiden Dsilva, who exchanged pleasantries and carried the meeting forward smoothly. From the Ann's Club, Ann Preeti Mallya and Ann Parvati conducted the proceedings and also organised a lucky draw for the Ann hamper, which was won by Ann Maria Vas.

The meeting was then handed over to Fellowship Chairperson Rtn. Deepali Nayak, who welcomed members and their families and introduced the hosts for the evening — Rtn. Jayprakash Rao and Rtn. Dijaraj Nair. With their smashing entry and lively hosting, they kept the energy high throughout the programme.

The evening featured fun games such as Passing the Heart as an ice-breaker, couple tasks, and card-based activities leading to the grand President's Hamper, which was won by Rtn. Sudhir Jalan and Ann Saritha Jalan. The celebrations continued with an energetic performance by dance instructors, followed by an interactive session where couples enthusiastically learned new steps together.

The night concluded with DJ Ashwin, who lit up the dance floor with a fantastic mix of Bollywood and house music. The food added to the charm of the evening, with the chat counter being the highlight and a clear favourite among everyone.

PROGRAM TODAY 19 FEBRUARY, 2026

Classification Talk by - Rtn Dr Thomas Joe, Rtn Dr Arun Isloor, Rtn Dr Animesh Jain and Rtn Mahesh Pakkala

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Tea Meeting

PROGRAM NEXT WEEK 26 FEBRUARY, 2026

Mr Namith Padmaraj,
Director of Engineering at Bose Professional

VENUE - OCEAN PEARL
Tea Meeting



What a wonderful evening it was!

Couples Night was filled with warmth, laughter, lovely ambience, super fun games, great food, and such a beautiful vibe throughout.

A heartfelt thank you to the Rotary Family and the Anns Club for coming together and making it such a memorable joint meeting. Seeing everyone dressed in black and red truly added to the charm!

A special mention to Rtn. Bharat Ramani for his constant support and encouragement, and a big shoutout to the lovely duo JP and Diji for hosting the evening so wonderfully and keeping the energy high.

Thank you to the board, fellowship team, Anns, food committee, attendance committee and everyone who supported the planning and execution — it was truly a team effort.

To those who couldn't make it... you definitely missed a lovely night. But don't worry, next year again!

If I've missed thanking anyone, please forgive me.

*Regards,
Rtn. Deepali Nayak*

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**23RD FEBRUARY 1905,
ROTARY FOUNDATION DAY
WORLD UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE DAY.
SOURCE: ROTARY, JULY 2025 ISSUE**

LIFE AT COMELY BANK - BY PAUL HARRIS



Paul Harris stands in front of Comely Bank, the home he and his wife, Jean, shared for 35 years.

On that particular day, the hill was covered with snow and many youngsters were coasting without regard to the property rights involved. No property owner, however, seemed disposed to question the rights of the youngsters to make common ground of their hillside lawns.

The picture seemed so true to the New England life I had known and loved that the thought came to me if ever I was to have a home of my own, it would be on the top of the hill on Longwood Drive. The time came sooner than expected. It was on one of the countryside hikes of the Chicago Prairie Club that I met a bonnie Scottish lassie who, dismayed by a rip in my jacket, offered to repair it for me. That was how she got in trouble, for it wasn't long after that when I persuaded Jean Thomson to become Mrs. Paul Harris.

I married my bonnie Jean in 1910, and two years later acquired a home on the hill. We named our home "Comely Bank," after the street in Edinburgh where Jean spent the days of her childhood and youth, and never, during the thirty-odd years of our ownership, has any boy ever been refused free use of our lawn when coasting times come.

How could I refuse them! Like my mischievous boyhood friends, they are rascallions one and all! During this Second World War many of them have been fighting for us on foreign soil, on the seas and in the skies, far, far from home. God bless and protect the rascallions of our beloved land!

The great city comes nearer and nearer to us as its population increases and, as the years roll on, we can almost feel its breath. We are still on the outskirts, however, and ten minutes in our motor car suffices to take us into the Illinois farming country where wheat and corn fields, pastures and woodlands give us a feeling of having made good our escape.

Diagonally across the drive from our home, there was, in the early years of our married life, an ideal bird refuge of which we were very proud. The entire block was covered with a growth of wild crab apple trees so dense and so studded with long, sharp thorns that it afforded the birds ample protection from cats and dogs. As a refuge, it was especially popular with the robins that remained there during the mating and nest-building period. Thousands of them made their appearance and took up temporary quarters each spring. The air would be full of song.

Just why these discriminating creatures considered this Heaven-made protection undesirable for permanent residence, I have never been able to determine. No robin, to my knowledge, ever thought of building a permanent nest in the crab apple trees on Longwood Drive. They were all prospective papas and mamas and I imagine that the prospective papas like to give the prospective mamas the once over, and then, having made their selection, hie away with the ladies of their choice to find homes far from the madding crowd of robins.

One morning, after the birds had left on their home-finding expedition, tractors dragged the trees out by their roots; not one remained as the day drew to a close. When the robins returned and witnessed the depredation committed during their absence, they were distracted. The tumult of whirring wings and their cries were deafening. One could imagine that in bird language, they were crying, "robbers! robbers! These rapacious humans have not only pillaged our houses but they have actually taken our houses along with them; did you ever hear of such things!"

Within ninety days from that time, an apartment building, affording homes for five hundred human beings, had been erected where once a bird sanctuary had been. The structure was beautiful and the property well landscaped, but where had our privacy and our feeling of being "country folks" gone? Well, we had to make the best of it and we did. We found compensation in the thought that nearly five hundred human beings had made their escape from the noise and confusion of the city and that the twinkling lights from scores of windows would throw out a certain friendliness of their own.

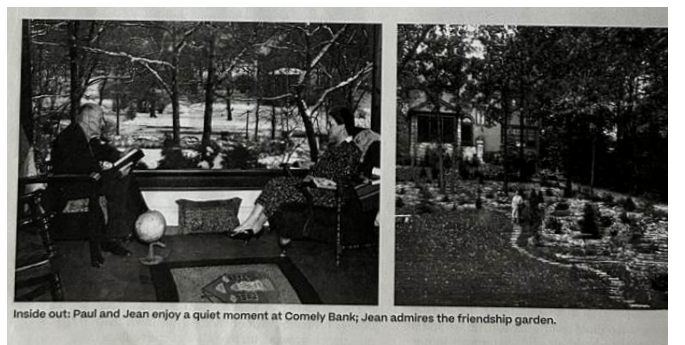
My wife and I have tried to make the best possible use of Comely Bank. We have entertained scores of Rotarians from all parts of the world, sometimes seating at our table guests from as many as eight different countries at one time. In honor of our guests, we have planted many trees in our friendship garden, and, in many instances, guests so honored have passed on to the Great Beyond, but the trees still stand as memorials to our friendship. So here we are at the end of our journey, and Jean and I are sitting at our fireside drinking a cup of tea. One who marries a Scottish lady must acquire the habit of sitting at the fireside and drinking black tea, and indeed it is a delightful break in the cares and duties of the day. If the tea is good and the fire burns merrily, one enjoys recreation and rest. It's a good way to end the day.

At our fireside scores of friends from all corners of the globe have delighted us by their presence. They have come as the result of my planting a sapling in 1905. The first Rotary club was that sapling. It has grown into a mighty tree in whose shade it is delightful to dwell.

Tonight my thoughts most naturally drift. No one knows how long such thoughts might have continued had not Jean's voice broken in. "Why, I declare! I believe you have been asleep, Paul; wake up and drink another cup of tea; the fire is burning low and we must soon be in bed." So goeth life at Comely Bank.

Adapted from My Road to Rotary: The Story of a Boy, a Vermont Community, and Rotary by Paul P. Harris, published posthumously in 1948.

A special note of gratitude to Rtn. Satindra Rao for discovering and sharing this remarkable article



Inside out: Paul and Jean enjoy a quiet moment at Comely Bank; Jean admires the friendship garden.

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ROTARY RIDDLES

Penny has 5 children.
 The 1st is named January. 2nd kid is February.
 Her 3rd is called March. 4th is April.
 What is the name of the 5th.

Send us your answers
 (9845084266 – Rtn. Dr. Akhter Husain, Editor)

Answer to last weeks riddle

What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?
 A promise

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Rtn. Satindra N. Rao
 20th February

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

Rtn. Mayur Sheregar & Ann. Meghana
 21st February

Rtn. Dr. Arjun Nayak & Ann. Dr. Mohini
 24th February

Rtn. Venugopal K.Puthran & Ann Kalavathi
 26th February

Rtn. M Sanjiva Pujary & Ann Nirmala
 26th February

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

12.02.2026

Total members : 92
 Members present : 44
 Exempt : 4
 Makeup : 1
 Percentage : 53%

WEEKLY MEETING

Thursday, 7.00 P.M.

Ocean Pearl
 Navabharath Circle,
 Kodialbail, Mangalore

<https://www.rotarymangalore.com>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sun Never Sets in Rotary (SNSR)
 World Understanding & Peace Day
 Celebrating Rotary's Birthday**

Join us for a special Watch Party hosted by ESRAG as we unite with Rotarians across the globe in a powerful celebration of fellowship and peace.

Monday, 23 February
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Eden Club

Over 1,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide will be watching simultaneously across a 24-hour period — a living testament that the Sun Never Sets in Rotary.

Our club projects will be showcased during the telecast — please join us to applaud and celebrate the impact we have created together.

🍷 A small dinner subscription will apply.

For more details, please contact our ESRAG members:
 Rtn Dr Kunal
 Rtn PP Djaraj Nair
 Rtn Jayaprakash Rao
 Rtn PP Rajendra Kalbavi

We look forward to celebrating Rotary's birthday together in the true spirit of World Understanding and Peace.

Small Groups, Big Impact: Exploring Satellite & Passport Clubs

On 18 February, 3181 District Governor Rtn Ramki addressed the Rotary Club of Mangalore Hillside, interacting with Presidents and Secretaries of Zones 2 and 3. He urged clubs to stay aligned with evolving trends in Rotary to strengthen fellowship and enhance membership growth and retention.

He emphasised the flexibility of forming Satellite Clubs, which can be initiated even by two members who may have relocated, or by Rotarians united by a shared interest. Such thematic groups are often referred to as Cause-Based Clubs, and in some cases as Passport Clubs. These may focus on areas such as water, music, technology, education, senior care, and other specific service interests.

The session reinforced the need for innovation and adaptability to sustain Rotary's relevance and growth.

February – Peacebuilding Month

February is Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month, highlighting our commitment to fostering understanding and harmony across communities and nations.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship offers fully funded opportunities for professionals dedicated to peace and development. India now hosts a Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune, expanding access to world-class training in peace and conflict resolution.

Members are encouraged to identify and recommend deserving candidates from their networks who are committed to building a more peaceful and just society. Let us use this month to strengthen Rotary's role in shaping future peace leaders.



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