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“Enchanting Ladakh”

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Rotary in Japan Becomes One Team- “Protect Medical Professionals”



In the course of COVID-19, we, the Rotarians, faced a difficult reality that hindered our activities. You can't buy medical equipment or materials even if you have the funds, you can't get together to form a team, you can't meet people who are in need and encourage them. Despite many requests from overseas colleagues, such as “I want you to send me a ventilator” and “I don't have enough medical masks”, the frustrating days that medical items were not available in Japan continued.

And a video of a Brazilian friend who arrived. “We made our own face shield.” In the end of March, I thought that if I couldn't buy it, I should make it myself. The initiative that began with “Let's make



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about 300 pieces” with a friend suddenly got the cooperation of about 10 local material manufacturers and processing companies, and mass production became possible. Then, in the middle of April, it became a big project in which the governors of all 34 districts in Japan worked as one team at the call of the Yasusuke Ito governor of the 2760 district. With the enthusiasm and power of the 34 governors, the number of face shields donated nationwide exceeded the one million mark by the end of May under the decree “Protect medical personnel.”

Also, in late April, we have received requests from overseas to send face shields. It seems that you learned about face shield business in Japan through SNS etc. Then, as a result of consulting all districts again, 23 districts participated and a total of about 550,000 were sent to Brazil, Peru, Philippines and Malaysia. I am currently applying for a Global Grant to The Rotary Foundation Headquarters. With the cooperation of the governments (Ministry of Health) of each country, we plan to have the import duty exempted and deliver it to the medical field by the hands of local Rotarians.

In addition, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, etc. have also requested support for face shields. Together with the situation of the 2nd and 3rd waves of Japan in the future, I would like to continue to concentrate the power of Rotary to tackle the new coronavirus infection.

Tetsuzo Fukuda (Nagoya Wago Rotary Club) in Rotary Voices, Japan (Google Translation from Japanese)

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Discovering the power of Rotary during a pandemic

By Nathan Rizzo, Rotary Club of San Antonio, Texas, USA



I have been a member of my club for two years, but it was in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic that I learned what it truly means to be a Rotarian. When my state of Texas went into quarantine, our

club president, Brandon Logan, set up a 'virtual happy hour' on Thursday evenings. It was amazing to see all of the friendly, smiling faces of my fellow Rotarians. We spent an hour catching up; and then our conversation turned to service, and what we could do to help during the pandemic.

Our club had adopted a local elementary school, the Martin Luther King Academy, for the 2019-20 Rotary year. We had already created a Rotary Reading Room at the school to provide a quiet place for the students to read and do homework. We also made improvements to the campus through a program we call Kingdom for Kids. We knew we could not abandon the school during this time of need. When we reached out to the school principal to ask how we could help, her answer was succinct. They needed:

1. Food
2. Access to food drives



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3. School supplies.

It was in organizing an event to meet those needs that I learned about the power of Rotary. Our club had connection with the San Antonio Food Bank and the United Way. Within a week, we had a project confirmed and scheduled. We had offers of trucks, boxes, and anything else we needed to run the food drive, and it all came from our members.

Three weeks later, we had 60 Rotarians, 10 other volunteers, and staff at the school ready for our first Saturday delivery. The plan included sorting food pallets dropped off by the San Antonio Food Bank in the parking lot of the school, creating separate stations for individual food items. Volunteers would then drive by each station while other volunteers loaded the items into vehicles.

We had a well-thought-out plan. But then 250 cars showed up, more than double the number we anticipated. Fortunately, our club has so many outstanding leaders that we were able to pivot in a short period of time and rearrange the drop off site, repacking food to feed as many families as possible.

Each family received meat, vegetables, fruit, non-dairy milk, bread, flour, and other staples. Through our third distribution, we have delivered over 100,000 pounds of food to serve approximately 5,000 people.

I knew our club was more than just a “lunch” club but I was amazed at how quickly we were able to come together to serve our community in such a meaningful way. I truly believe that when Rotarians unite in a mission, we can do anything.

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Club Diaries - 16.07.2020

“My Experience of life in China” by Mr. Nithin B, Ex CFO , L&T, China



With drizzles throughout the day and an occasional downpour, the weather seems to be blissful to enjoy a good strong cuppa. As we pass through another phase of lockdown due to spike in COVID-19 cases in our city, we continue to have our weekly

online meeting from the convenience of our living rooms, safe and sound. The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Archibald and invocation was delivered by Rtn. Divakar Pai Kochikar. President Archie then welcomed the gathering followed by birthday and anniversary greetings.

SSLC and PUC results were declared last week. Annettes, Johns and their proud parents were congratulated for their commendable efforts and top-notch result. Congratulations were also in order for Rtn. PHF CA Prasanna Shenoy who passed the Limited Insolvency, thus qualifying as a Registered Insolvency Professional with the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India.

Chief Guest for the meeting was Mr. B. Nithin, A Chartered Accountant with 32 years of experience in Finance, Accounts & Taxation in the



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manufacturing & service industry. He is the former CFO of L&T, China and currently working as Director Finance & CFO at Avi Solar Energy Private Limited in Bangalore. He was introduced by Rtn. PP. PHF Dijaraj Nair. Mr. Nithin spoke about his professional experience in China. He spent a good 6 years in China from the year 2008. Mr. Nithin said that even with competent and skilled people around, most of the MNC's fail in China. This is mainly because they fail to bridge the cultural gap which leads to lack of trust. As investors they were given a red-carpet welcome. Their visas, company registration and even their driving licenses were processed within a couple of days cutting through bureaucratic hurdles. He explained their working culture with examples on how they give importance to speed and work over ethics. Most of the people there do not follow any religion and only about 5% of them practice Buddhism. Entire China speaks only one language i.e. Mandarin, but the dialect differs from one province to another. He spoke at length about their dinner etiquettes. Women in China are treated at par with men even in case of manual labour and they also operate heavy machinery. An elaborate Q & A session that followed kept everybody engaged. Rtn. Abhijith Shet proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting was adjourned for National Anthem.

MEMBER MOMENTS

Rtn. Dr. Sadananda Poojary was the Chief Guest at Rotary Club of Mangalore Seaside on 21st July 2020. He spoke on "COVID-19 Present Scenario".



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Fireside Chat

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In our respective organisation, we would bring in new people and expect them to be proficient quickly. Why do we think Rotary should be any different? New members are eagerly brought in and we assume someone (Members' sponsor/ President/ Membership Development Chair) would have told everything. Does it really happen? Or maybe we forget what it is to be a new Rotarian; they have the thirst to learn about us but may find it hard to do when everyone else talks about Rotary as if the world knows all about us.

A newly joined Rotarian would have undergone a Pre-induction talk and an Orientation session. A few months down the line comes the "Fireside Chat". The term was coined by U.S. President Roosevelt in the 1930s to describe his informal national radio addresses. Since then, the concept has evolved from one-way speeches to immersive conversations. In Rotary parlance, a fireside chat is an informal yet structured interview between existing and a newly joined Rotarian. Usually hosted by the Immediate Past President (IPP), it involves one or more Rotarians who knows and explains the club's history, Rotary District & Rotary International. Juicy tidbits of club history, 4-way test, Our Five Avenues of Service, Flagship projects of the club are briefly discussed to invoke a sense of pride in the new Rotarian. It is short, fun, conversational and a memorable experience; something that the new Rotarian will cherish for life!

Contributed By Rtn. PHF Divakar Pai Kochikar
(Source: Inputs from Internet)

Club Pulse

16.07.2020

Club Strength	99
Present	57
Absent	42
Percentage	58%
% After Make-up	
09.07.2020	59%
02.07.2020	70%

Weekly Meeting

Thursday
At 7.00 PM
Online Meeting
(Zoom App)

Program Next Week

30.07.2020
Virtual Reality
- How to speak
before a camera
By Reena D'Souza
Star Sports TV
presenter and trainer
(Anns Invited)

Anniversary Greetings

Rtn. PHF Ashwin Pai Maroor & Ann. Ashica
July 19th

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