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RI President

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District Governor

Rtn Lalit Sawhney
President

Rtn Abdul Aziz Seyid
Secretary



President's Message

Dear Friends,

Hope that all of us are learning to live with the Virus challenge, and hope that you are keeping safe and are well.

I hope you have been able to find ways to deal with your work environment in these challenging times. For some of us, in the Retail, Aviation or the Hospitality sectors, the business has come to a halt with the pandemic, in some cases for global reasons, and in other cases with the lockdown. Can we plan how our business needs to adjust to the situation, as the economy tries to get back on its feet? Some businesses need to address the supply chain challenges, many of us need to work on getting our customers back, and

some of us need to get our staff and labour back. Are there some activities that we can catch up on, while we are waiting for the activity to pick up?

Our Rotary Clubs have taken to Video Conferencing to conduct virtual meetings. Not only is this a way to deal with the lockdown constraint, but we have started to have Joint Club Meetings with 2, 5, 6 or even more Clubs! And, many clubs are using this technology to invite senior Rotary Leaders from all over the country and even from across the world to address our meetings. Our District overcame the challenge to conduct the crucial Presidents-Elect & Secretaries-Elect Training scheduled to be held in Jaipur, by conducting the entire training over Video Conferencing, without sacrificing speaker or training quality. Does this video conferencing give us an opportunity to talk to our International Partner Clubs for closer liaison for Global Grant projects, or for seeking more international support? Do we use this opportunity to invite better speakers from overseas to further our activities in the Avenue of *International Service*?

A big challenge is to rework our projects for the last quarter, with the current physical constraints. Equally there are opportunities to do new community service projects in this COVID-19 environment. This requires us to think on our feet, and modify our projects and proposals accordingly.

Keep safe, look after yourself and keep busy.

With Rotary regards,

Lalit Sawhney
President



RI President's Message



Mark Daniel Maloney
President
Rotary International

Increasing our ability to adapt: That is one goal of our new Rotary Action Plan. And wow, have we seen that ability put to the test this year. In March, Gay and I were to visit Zimbabwe, Turkey, and eight other countries over the course of 30 days. After participating in a medical mission in Zimbabwe and Commonwealth Week activities in London, on the 11th day, we were packing our suitcases for Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

While attending a dinner at the High Commission for Pakistan in London, we received word that it would be impossible to travel everywhere on our itinerary. So, instead of flying to Zurich, we returned to Evanston and One Rotary Center. Throughout early March, the news about COVID-19 became increasingly serious throughout the world. Following the advice of local officials, we canceled UN presidential conferences in Paris and Rome. Soon, the World Health Organization declared the virus a global pandemic, and we consulted with authorities on more critical decisions. We asked all Rotary districts and clubs to curb face-to-face meetings until further notice and to hold virtual meetings instead. To the districts and clubs that have adapted so quickly, thank you.

The Rotary Board of Directors held its first-ever virtual meeting to make the most difficult decision of all, to cancel the 2020 Rotary International Convention. Like the more than 20,000 registrants who planned to attend, I am disappointed. We acted to protect the health and safety of convention attendees and their families, friends, and colleagues, as well as those who call Honolulu home, and I am confident we made the right decision.

I want to thank the 2020 Honolulu Convention Committee, the Host Organization Committee, the 2020 Honolulu Convention Promotion Committee, and Rotary staff for planning what would have been one of the best Rotary conventions yet. I appreciate their hard work.

This issue of The Rotarian was going to press as the decision about canceling the convention was made, and many other decisions across the Rotary world were still up in the air. Future issues of The Rotarian and of Rotary's regional magazines, along with Rotary's social media channels, will keep you informed.

We began this Rotary year promoting the importance of the new Action Plan for all Rotarians and Rotaractors. Today, we are putting that plan into action out of necessity. That includes the possibility of a convention-like experience with you through a virtual event. We will have more to say about this in the near future.

The world is changing rapidly, and so must Rotary. Our adaptability and strength will help us navigate this experience. The world needs our leadership today more than ever. Truly, Rotary Connects the World.

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Know your Fellow Rotarian

Your Rotarian – Rtn. Jayshree Sawhney



Jayshree



Lalit

Jayshree Sawhney is a Marketing Professional and a Homemaker. She is a B.A. Economics (Hons) from Miranda House, Masters in Economics from Delhi School of Economics and B. Ed. from Central Institute of Education, University of Delhi.

Jayshree is married to Lalit Sawhney, an IT Consultant. They have two



married children, a son and a daughter. The son, Salil, a Telecom Professional, works with Facebook in California, US and the daughter, Aditi works with Mastercard, Singapore. Jayshree and Lalit have two lovely grandchildren, eight year old Diya and four year old Rohan.





Donation for PM CARES Fund



Our Club donated an amount of Rs. 35,000 for PM CARES with the support of our members :

- Contributions of ₹ 5000 each from Rtn. Lalit Sawhney, Rtn. Jayshree Sawhney, Rtn. R S Atroley, Rtn. Mukta Malhotra and Rtn. Sandeep Mogalapalli
- Contribution of ₹ 2000 by Rtn. Neera Jolly, and
- Contributions of ₹ 1000 each from Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid, Rtn. Anjali Pandey, Rtn. Hemant Ruia, Rtn. Mukesh Bhargava, Rtn. Rohit Kapur, Rtn. Vimal Singhania, Rtn. O P Taneja and Rtn. Vivek Gour.

Two members, Rtn. R S Atroley and Rtn. Anjali Pandey have also made additional contributions to PM CARES, directly.

Food Distribution by a Member | 6 April 2020



Following on the food distribution efforts by the Club in March, Rtn. Neelkamal Bhargava distributed packets of 10 kg Dry Rations to 200 migrant labourers at construction sites in A Block, Sushant Lok I, Gurgaon. Gurgaon Mayor Sunita Yadav also came for the food distribution.



Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Delhi South | 12th April 2020

Our young Club used the facility of Video Conferencing to have a joint meeting with a much larger, 50 year old club, Rotary Club of Delhi South on Sunday, 12th April, with 53 couples attending. The Guest Speaker for the day was the well known Astrologer, Rtn. Sudhir Budhraj, who spoke on '**Look into the Future - India and the World**'. Sudhir is a Rotarian, a Chartered Accountant and is running his own business. He is Patron, Astro Sciences Research Organisation and Delhi Astro Study Circle; President 1983-1986 American Institute of Astrology; On Board of Directors of British School of Astrologers UK. He Imparts education on Astrology and Occult Sciences at three places in Delhi, wherein Certificates are given for Basic and Higher studies in the subject. The speaker kept us all enthralled by his predictions - not a very bright immediate future, but then life goes on.

Presidents Pradeep Bahri and Lalit Sawhney conducted the meeting and the Secretaries Dr Vaneeta Kapur and Abdul Aziz Seyid made Secretarial announcements. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the speaker and by a melodious song by R'anne Archana Katariya.

The following week, this club, Rotary Club of Delhi South celebrated its 51st Club Anniversary – we were proud to have had a Joint Meeting with such a prestigious club.

Speaker Meeting | 22nd April 2020

The Guest Speaker for the day was Mr. Pawan Malhotra, Promoter, Tangelo Ice Creams. With 40 years of experience working with Hindustan Lever, Pepsi, Al Futtaim and Mahindras in different parts of the world, he spoke on how his passion for Ice Creams made him start on his Entrepreneurial journey, a specialist Ice Cream Business.

The excellent, informative talk built on his experience, his choice of fresh, quality ingredients and special flavours, how he started from his wife's kitchen and moved on to set up a small manufacturing unit. He also answered many questions raised by the members.

The members felt that the only thing missing in the meeting was Tangelo Ice Cream !



Our Major Club Project – *Harmony Heart Project*

The project team worked on the co-operation with the sister Club, Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, Indiana, USA, and the MOU with the Hospital at Palwal, Haryana and the Hospital Trust at Bangalore. The Application for the Rotary International Global Grant and the MOU were developed with help from *Rotarians* - who have got such surgeries done, provided equipment and signed such MOUs with hospitals in the past,

- From Rotary Club of Fort Wayne, the International partner Club,
- District Grants Sub-Committee Chair and District - - Rotary Foundation Chair, and
- District Governor.

What are we trying to do in this project?



Second Life given to 2 children in the same family in the same week!

Surya Kumar Yadav who is an electrician by profession and his wife Vandana came from Uttar Pradesh State to our centre in Palwal with little Pihu and Pari – both of them having CHD.

Both the sisters were operated by the same medical team on two consecutive days for Ventricular Septal Defect and were fit enough to be discharged on postop day 5.

Parents breathed a huge sigh of relief as both of their children got second precious life in the same week with no cost to the family as it was impossible for them to treat both children with meagre income in a private hospital.

9 year old Rahul Kumar hails from West Champaran, Bihar. His father Budhan Mahato, a small farmer by profession, was devastated when he came to know that his child was suffering from Congenital Heart Disease and surgery is the only solution. He was referred to Sai Sanjeevani hospital in Palwal, Haryana and received completely free treatment on 28th Jan 2020 for Open pulmonary valvotomy + DCRV repair, a complex open heart surgery. Rahul's mother Girja devi had tears in her eyes while they were getting discharged seeing the love and compassion they received in the hospital from staff.





PETS & SETS | 10th April

Dialogue with RI Directors | 11th April

Virtual Meeting with Rotary Trustee | 13th April

President Elect Mukta Malhotra, Secretary Elect Anjali Pandey and Rtn. Lalit Sawhney attended the almost day-long training sessions on 10th April using **CISCO WebEx Video Conferencing**.

PE Mukta Malhotra and Lalit Sawhney also attended the dialogue with RI Directors Dr. Bharat Pandya and Kamal Sanghvi on 11th April, and the Virtual Meeting with Rotary Trustee Ghulam Vahanvaty and PDG Ashish Ghosh on 13th April.

HARMONY - Our Club Bulletin

Feedback from the District –

“Let me congratulate you on a very well made document! I was very impressed by the activities of the Club, especially the congenital heart ailment rectification surgeries project”.

Rtn Pradeep Bahri, President, Rotary Club of Delhi South

“Always a pleasure to read this very regular, informative and interesting Club Bulletin. Among so many other activities I am impressed with your initiative on Video Conferencing....for all Rotary Clubs in the District. This will give the opportunity for Rotarians to meet regularly, albeit on a virtual platform, something they have been missing for the last many weeks. The sooner this plan is implemented the better.

Past District Governor Raman Bhatia.



From the Secretary's Desk

Rotary Designated Months

January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships

Calendar of Events

6 May 2020	Club Meeting at 7pm Video Conference over CISCO WebEx
27 May 2020	Club Meeting at 7pm Video Conference over CISCO WebEx
May 2020	Joint Board Meeting over CISCO WebEx Video Conference Rotary Years 2019-20 and 2020-21

Best Wishes & Felicitations

Birthdays

14 May	Rtn. Anjali Pandey
21 May	R'anne Harveen Singh
6 June	R'anne Kamlesh Taneja
16 June	Rtn Raghubar Swaroop Atroley

Anniversaries

17 May	Rtn. Neera Jolly & Mr. N.K. Jolly
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