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RI President

**Rtn Suresh Bhasin**  
District Governor

**Rtn Lalit Sawhney**  
President

**Rtn Abdul Aziz Seyid**  
Secretary

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friend,

Rotary Greetings !

In Rotary, August is designated as Membership and new Club Development Month. For a new Club like Gurgaon Harmony Iberis, this is the most appropriate task, today and tomorrow.

Firstly, all members need to get to know each other. Then, we need to know what each one does, what his / her 'vocation' is, and what can be his / her contribution to social service. Therefore, in each meeting, we will get two members to introduce themselves, talk about their profession and professional accomplishments, and their spouse and family.

Next, we need to exchange ideas on what areas of service we can work on – it may be areas of Community Service, development of vocations or professions, helping young people develop leadership skills, foster international co-operation by welcoming the large Gurgaon expatriate community among our midst, or networking and fellowship amongst our membership and families.

May I invite all of you to write to me or call me up to suggest one or more of the above areas you consider most important, and the specific area you could contribute in.

And since we are a small club, we need to invite other like-minded people amongst our friends and professions to attend one or two of our meetings and convince them to join our club. We can look at diverse professions which are not represented in our Club today, invite more lady members and spouses, make the club more relevant and interesting for young people to join – thereby, making the club stronger.

And, last but not the least – we need to plan our time to make special effort to attend our meetings to listen to speakers on a variety of interesting topics and network with each other, so that we will enjoy working together for our service projects.

So, our tasks for the month of August are clear. Let us get going !

I look forward to hearing from you, and of course meeting up on Wednesday, 14th August for our interesting speaker meeting.

With regards,

*Rtn. Lalit Sawhney*

President



**Rtn Lalit Sawhney**  
President 2019-20



## Know your Fellow Rotarian

**Rtn Superna Malhotra**  
Chartered Accountant



Rtn Superna Malhotra is a Chartered Accountant (CA) and a Lawyer based in Gurgaon. After working in Ernst & Young, Bank of America, Selvel Media Services and Mohinder Puri & Co. in New Delhi, she moved with her family to Chandigarh. During her stay in Chandigarh for 12 years, she pursued a law degree from the Punjab University. Thereafter she was a nominated member of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Legal Services Authority Board, and the Punjab and Haryana District Court Legal Services Authority Board. She has been an active Rotarian member of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh, Distt 3080, and was on the Board of the club for seven years. As Director - Vocational Services, she looked after the Rotary Vocational Training Centre, supervising 7 vocational courses and introduced a new Beauticians' course. She moved from Chandigarh back to Delhi in 2009. Thereafter, she worked with legal and consulting firms in Delhi and now has her own corporate consultancy firm.

Her husband, Mukesh, a Paul Harris Fellow, is Country Manager of Belgium Solvay group of Companies in India. He has over 25 years of experience of working with multinational companies, and is a member of the governing council of various Chambers of Commerce and Industries associations. Her elder daughter Sibani is working for Deloitte Consulting in their Mumbai office, and younger daughter Niyati is pursuing Economics honors in Sri Venkateshwara College, New Delhi. Niyati is a talented choreographer and Vice-President of her college Dance society.

For Superna, Rotary is not just a club - but a guiding light to a way of life....a platform for social networking, and giving back to the society. It offers beautiful opportunities to make a huge difference in the world and bringing smiles on peoples' faces.

We were happy to welcome Rtn Superna Malhotra to our Club in July 2019.

# Community Service Projects

## Rotary WinS Project



Members of Rotary Gurgaon Harmony Iberis Installed 4 Hand Wash Stations in Govt. Senior Secondary School, Bajghera on 26 July 2019.

## Blood Donation Camp — 69 Units collected



The club organized two Blood Donation Camps at VVDN Technologies Gurgaon and Noida offices on 24 July 2019. 69 units of blood were collected. Very well managed and conducted camps, with active participation of our members.'



# Installation Ceremony of District Governor

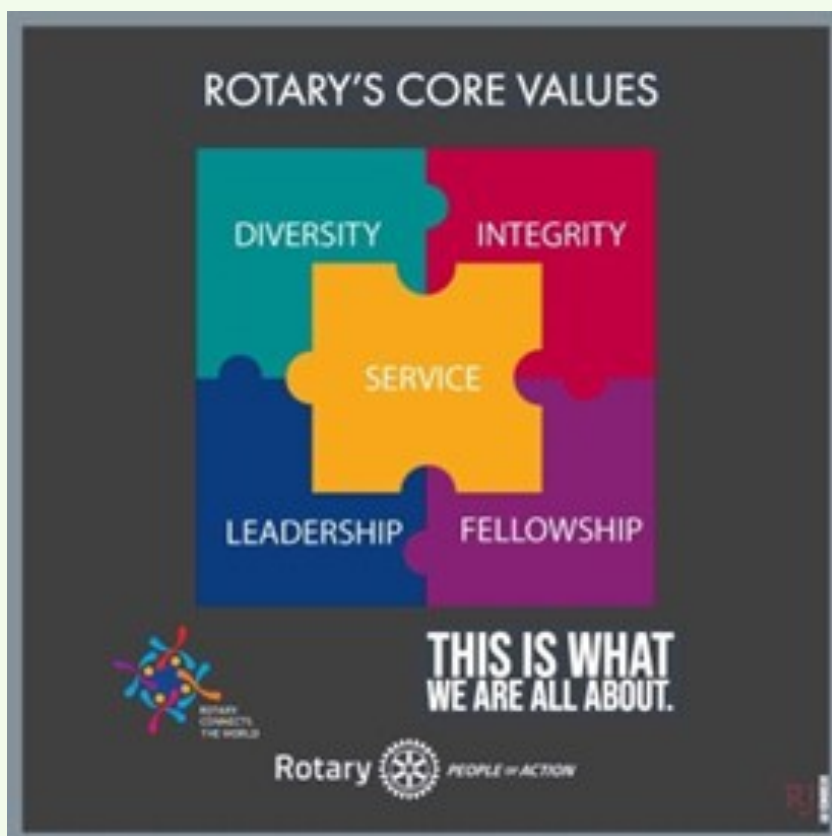


R'anne Ritu Bhasin & DG Rtn Suresh Bhasin



PP Rtn Vimal Singhania & PP Rtn Dr Pushpa Sethi

Installation Ceremony 2019-20 of District Governor Rtn Suresh Bhasin held at Hotel Taj Palace, Sardar Patel Marg, New Delhi on 1 July 2019. PP Rtn Vimal Singhania attended this function from our club.



## Club Meeting - 10 July 2019



First Regular Club Meeting held at DLF Club 5, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram on 10 July 2019. Three prospective members also attended our meeting.

## Club Speaker Meeting | 24 July 2019



Second Regular Club Meeting held at DLF Club 5, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram on 24 July 2019. Speaker for the day was Mr Manoj Lakra. Mr. Manoj Lakra thanked Rotary for the support and recognition of his projects over the years. He enthralled members with the various innovations developed by his student team including mid-meal app, question bank app, quiz club in Govt. schools, safety innovations in two wheelers and joyful Saturdays in schools.





# Rotary Connects the World

## Club Flag Exchanged with Rotary Club of Sycamore Danville 23 July 2019

President Rtn Lalit Sawhney along with First Lady R'anne Jayshree Sawhney attended the Rotary Club of Sycamore Danville at Danville, California, USA. It was their 4th weekly meeting of the year. It was a very busy meeting, with an excellent speaker from out of town, and lots of announcements about new and on-going projects. He meets with the invitation of their Director - Community Service, Rtn. Nikhil Sharma who had visited us at Gurgaon last month and Director International Service. He exchanged our Club Flag with their President, Rtn. Daniel Kodam. After their regular meeting, two of their Directors for Community Service and International Service and discussed possible collaboration with our Club on future projects.



## Club Flag Exchanged with Rotary Club of Palo Alto 30 July 2019

President Rtn Lalit Sawhney attended the Rotary Club of Palo Alto, in the San Francisco peninsula, chartered 97 years ago. It was the Club Assembly, with about 50 members in attendance. He exchanged our Club Flag with their President, Mr. Dana Tom. The meeting was quite busy, but they finished right on time. It was an excellent experience, especially the detailed discussion on Member Satisfaction Survey.

# Fighting poverty on a small scale

A collaboration between Rotary and Heifer continues to produce big results, helping small farms provide healthier, locally-sourced food

In the fall of 2015, volunteers from Rotary and Heifer International came together to build hoop houses for a few farmers working small lots in Arkansas, USA. The afternoon outing was part of a larger project that is still reaping benefits four years later, supporting small-scale agriculture in the region and increasing access to locally-grown food.

Heifer has been using the small-scale agriculture model for decades to alleviate hunger and fight poverty around the world. The approach has the added benefits of being environmentally friendly and offering healthier food options.



That mission dovetails with Rotary's mission to grow local economies and improve health. So it's not surprising the two groups have teamed up on a number of occasions in the past 30 years to improve communities by helping families escape poverty. Several Heifer employees are or have been members of the Rotary Club of Little Rock, Arkansas, USA, the city where Heifer has its headquarters. "Our values line up very well," says Ardyth Neill, a member of the Little Rock club and president of the Heifer Foundation. "With Rotary, it's Service Above Self and helping to serve others. Heifer has been working with farmers to be accountable, pass on their gifts, train other farmers, and work together in community. It's learning to share and care, basic things that work well together."

## Sustainability

In the United States and other developed nations, a lot of food production is controlled by large industrial operations, which produce cheaper food by focusing on a single crop and using specialized equipment to cut labor costs. But according to research into sustainable agriculture, this food model has downsides, including a reliance on commercial fertilizers, heavy pesticides, and other chemicals that can harm the environment. The trend has also contributed to the failure of smaller family farms, increasing the poverty rates in places like rural Arkansas.

Nationwide distribution networks have also resulted in food deserts in urban areas, particularly in the U.S., England, and Australia, where poor neighborhoods have little access to fresh produce and instead rely on less nutritious fast foods and packaged products. Small-scale sustainable agriculture, on the other hand, tends to keep things local. The money you spend on food stays in your community and helps your neighbor. Farmers maximize land use by planting multiple crops that replenish the soil and reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides. And fruits and vegetables grown closer to home keep more of their nutrients. Consumers are increasingly aware of these health benefits, fueling the market for local produce. "There's a phenomenon going on, really nationwide, about people becoming more and more concerned and thoughtful about where their food comes from," says Sharon Vogelpohl, a past president of the Little Rock Rotary club and a volunteer on the project.

Source: <https://www.rotary.org/en/rotary-and-heifer-help-farmers>

## Rotary Designated Months

July	Start of new Rotary officers' year of service
August	Membership and New Club Development
September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
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

### 14 August 2019 Regular Club Meeting

Speaker for the day is Ms. Mala Shankardas, winner of the 2019 R S Wolf Memorial Award, conferred by the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse. Topic : Concerns related to Elder Care .

**Board Meeting**—2nd half of August, Date to be communicated

### 28 August 2019 Regular Club Meeting

## Best Wishes & Felicitations

### Birthdays

5 August	Rtn. Rohit Kapur
8 August	Rtn. Mukesh Bhargava
12 August	Rtn. Varinder Pal Singh
15 August	Rtn. Sanjay Kumar Bansal
16 August	Rtn Superna Malhotra
20 August	Rtn. Raj Kamal Bhargava
24 August	R'anne Kirti Bansal
29 August	Mr. Mukesh Malhotra

### Anniversaries

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