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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,

We have an unprecedented crisis all around, something that none of us have faced before. Lock down, completely 'Work From Home', no domestic help, problems being faced by our children overseas, businesses being closed for the next few months, challenges that we don't know how to deal with.

How are we dealing with this situation? Many of us are watching TV, Netflix or Prime Video, talking to old friends or family members, or catching up on pending paper work. Some of us decided to do community service – to provide dry rations to poor daily wage workers who have no work, and no income. We bought rations, got them packed in packets, took police permission and went to some crowded colonies and distributed them (see Page 10). Some of us are working on a Major Club project, for organising heart surgeries for poor children born with congenital heart problems; starting with mobilising donors, overseas partners, preparing a Global Grant proposal, etc. You may like to read about the success we have had in our discussions with the Rotary District, on Page 9. And then, to help all of us in Rotary to continue with our meetings, board meetings and project meetings, we have taken the help of the global networking giant, CISCO to provide Video Conferencing facilities to all our 88 Clubs in the District, for the next 3 months, free of charge (see Page 11).

Have a look at the next page, which prints an appeal from the District Governor Suresh Bhasin for donations to PM CARES. Apart from direct payment options given, you can also transfer your funds to the Hony. Treasurer by Bank Transfer. If you have a constraint in accessing your Bank Account during the lockdown, please give me a call and I will be happy to help.

Fortunately we had two nice get togethers before the lockdown - some of us met at the residence of Mukesh and Aradhana Bhargava for the Board Meeting, and then many of us got together the day after Holi, at our place.

Keep safe, look after yourself and keep busy.

With Rotary regards,

Lalit Sawhney
President

Appeal from District Governor



Suresh Bhasin
District Governor 2019-20
Rotary International District 3011



My Dear Torchbearer Leaders,

I hope and wish that you and your family are safe in these most trying times of our lives.

COVID 19 has brought the whole world to a grinding halt with multiple levels of misery at different levels continuing unabated. Almost the entire world is deeply affected and death toll is rising every day.

The Government of India has taken some extraordinary and remarkable steps to try and contain this disease as of now but it will be known only after a few weeks to assess the real damage this menace has caused. Due to the complete lockdown in the country, it has not only affected the businesses and the normal life but have also driven millions of workers at all levels to despair.

Rotarians have geared themselves at all levels and are doing a yeoman service in their respective areas to provide succor to these effected millions by organising meals and other provisions. But not everyone is getting an opportunity to contribute during this unprecedented calamity due to being confined to their homes due to lock down.

Rotary India has decided therefore to make a handsome contribution of **Rs. 25 Crores** collectively to the **Prime Minister Cares** fund. We appeal to all the Rotarians to make a contribution for this fund.

Even if every Rotarian in India contributes a minimum of just Rs.1,000/- we can contribute Rs. 15 crores towards this national disaster fund. We are sure that Rotarians will show that they care for their country and shall make their contributions generously.

You may contribute in any of the following ways:

A. If you wish to pay to the **PM CARES** fund directly, please upload cheque picture on the website [ROTARYINDIA.ORG](https://rotaryindia.org) and send cheque to the DG Secretariat.

If you are transferring fund online to **PM CARES** fund, in your payer give details, apart from your or your company's name,

do mention Rotary Club and District 3011. Send the scanned copy to rotary3011dg1920@gmail.com and upload this on the website [ROTARYINDIA.ORG](https://rotaryindia.org)

Please use the website [ROTARYINDIA.ORG](https://rotaryindia.org) for making payment anyways. This will help us know the exact amount Rotarians in India have given for this noble cause.

OR

B. Send your contribution to "**Rotary India Humanity Foundation**". All contributions will be eligible for deduction under section 80G of IT Act. Donations can be made online or by cheques may be given to your District Governor through your club President. All monies collected will then be sent to **PM CARES** fund. The account details are:

Name: **Rotary India Humanity Foundation**

Bank: **State Bank of India**

Account No.: **31317807754**

Address: 145A, Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata - 700 026

IFSC Code: **SBIN0006770**

OR

C. Clubs can also send their contributions through District account. Contributions can be made online or by cheques and send through your Club President to the District Governor. All monies collected will then be clubbed and sent together to **PM CARES** fund. The District account details are:

Name: **Rotary District 3011 A/c 2019-20**

Bank: **Bank of India**

Account No.: **602510110015120**

Address: Malai Mandir C&P BR, Delhi- 110022

IFSC Code: **BKID0006025**

So, Rotarians, let's do our best to help India overcome this biggest calamity the world has faced in our lifetimes.

Together we can and together we will.

With warm regards.

Suresh Bhasin
District Governor
RI District 3011



Know your Fellow Rotarian



Rtn Neera Jolly & Mr N K Jolly

Neera was born in Jammu, and studied up to her graduation in Dehradun. As an active member of the Students Union, She helped organise debates, drama productions and cultural functions. After graduating in 1962, She completed a Masters in Economics as well as a one-year course in Teacher Training. She taught in Mussoorie and Welham's Dehradun until getting married. On moving to Kuwait in 1967, she started teaching higher classes English Literature, Social Science and Economics, in an Indian Secondary School. And, as the Head of the Teacher's Committee, organising staff meetings and school events. In 1974, she was selected by Ministry of Education to teach English to Arab girls in different Secondary Schools, even though she did not know any Arabic. Before retiring in 2007, she was appointed Senior Teacher for 3 years, even taking three extensions. She finally moved back to India in 2008.

Neera's husband, Narender Kumar Jolly did his schooling in Kuwait and college education from Delhi, before taking up a job with a British Shipping Company, Gray Mackenzie. Shipping was his passion, so he continued to work on different posts Shipping, till he retired in 2007. He has been an ardent sports person, playing both indoor and outdoor games, but he is really passionate about Golf, and is a regular on the Golf Course. Leading a happy, contented retired life, he is always there for a party.

Neera has an elder daughter, Arpana who is 50 years' old and lives in London. Starting in Banking, moving between India, Middle East, and three European countries, she is now a full fledged artist. Her husband, Vivek is a Partner at Alphaskill UK, an executive search firm, where Arpana is a part-time employee. They have two children, Inayat who works at Sony Pictures, and Ayan who studies at London School of Economics. Her second daughter, Chareka was born and brought up in Kuwait. After completing her higher education in India, she has been working in the Middle East in a corporate career in Media and Communications for over 15 years, across multinational firms such as McCann Erickson, Mindshare & Kraft Foods MENA. She moved into the entrepreneurial space, as the international partner for luxury brand, The Entertainment Design Co. in Dubai in 2011. With over 2 decades spanning across her corporate and entrepreneurial journey, she has now transitioned into becoming a certified Life and Leadership Coach.





Board Meeting ... 1st March 2020

At Rtn Mukesh Bhargava's Residence



Minutes

1.1 Constitution and Bylaws

- The Board discussed the proposed Amendments to the Club Constitution and By-laws.
- These proposed Amendments were based on the experience of the functioning of the club since it was chartered. Detailed discussions were held. A draft containing the suggested changes will be circulated by the Secretary for consideration and comments.

1.2 Club Service

- Ways to increase membership and attendance / active participation in meetings was discussed. New members are expected to join in this Rotary year itself.
- Board ratified the decision of the General Body of the Club, at the meeting held on 26 February 2020, to admit spouses of club members in the "active category". The fee structure approved is 50% of Subscription, 100% of Project Fees and Entry Fee (if applicable), and in conformity with Article 6 of the Bye-laws. This change will be included in the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
- Proposed fellowship event in the form of picnic, dinner etc. to be explored while the weather is still hospitable.

1.3 Community Service

- The major long-term Club Project is moving ahead well – the Harmony Heart Project for children's heart surgeries was discussed in detail, including the 2 Major Donors, the excellent support promised by the US Club, arranged by Rtn. Vivek Gour, and the surgeries planned at the Hospital in Palwal.

- As there are four more months of the Rotary year left, it was strongly felt the Club needs to execute more projects to get points from the District and maintain, or improve our Diamond Club status.
- Organizing more blood donation camps was also considered.
- *Bajghera School*: Rtn. Abdul Aziz informed that the club needs to expedite pending issues, including handing over of an UPS and installing pipes for the hand wash stations (supported by Rtn. N. K. Bhargava). The Club is planning to conduct an eye check up camp which will be combined with a talk on hygiene for female students. Community Service Director Rtn. Atroley will identify a suitable person to conduct this talk. Date to be confirmed by Manoj Lakra.
- President Lalit informed that he will be working at the National level with the Rotary India Water Mission and training the Rotarians in the District in the use of the Rotary IT tools for planning the Rotary activities and reporting progress, in the next Rotary Year.

1.4 New Generation

- *Interact Club at Shiv Nadar School* - Director Neera Jolly informed that inauguration of interact club is scheduled in the first week of April. The Club will need to conduct an orientation for the incoming Board of the Interact Club.
- *Rotaract Club* – Meeting to be arranged with Prof. Monica Chaudhry from Ansal University to ascertain any progress on club formation. It was felt that formation of a club will have more traction in Arts and Science colleges where academic work load is not as heavy, as compared to institutions offering professional programmes.

1.5 Vocational Service

- Conducting of vocational counseling in schools and colleges were discussed. The club needs to have appropriate resource persons in place and which can be sourced from members with business experience and by partnering with organizations with like Empower Pragati (Ms Pritha Dutt was a speaker at a club meeting.).
- Granting of Vocational service awards was discussed. Suitable candidates need to be identified.
- Sewing classes for garments being considered.

1.6 International Service

- Discussion on establishing sister-club relationships with foreign clubs was held. Members felt that once the Club executes the proposed major project, it would be in a position to showcase the same to Rotary clubs abroad, for example in the USA and Singapore.





Hosted Rotary Rasoi as part of a Zone 16 project 8 March 2020



Rotary Club of Gurgaon Harmony Iberis joined hands with other clubs of Zone 16 - RC Narnaul City, RC Rewari City and RC Rewari Main to support the Rotary Rasoi at Baba Kharag Singh Marg, Connaught Place (Near Shivaji Stadium Metro), New Delhi in the august presence of our Assistant Governor, Rtn. Ravi Gupta.

Rotary Rasoi is a landmark project of RC Narnaul City which serves tasty lunch at an attractive price of ₹ 10 per meal.





Holi Milan - Fellowship Meeting 11 March 2020





Holi Milan

At the Residence of Rtn. Lalit Sawhney and Rtn. Jayshree Sawhney



Club meeting was held at the residence of President Rtn Lalit Sawhney and Rtn Jayshree Sawhney. The Fellowship Meeting had excellent attendance, including spouses.



Harmony Heart Project – *our Major Club Project this year*

This project aims to contribute to the single largest cause of child & infant mortality in India – Child Heart Disease (CHD). Between 200,000 to 250,000 children are born each year with CHD. Of these 25% die within the first year and a significant number within the first three years of life. CHD is caused by many factors all of which science still does not understand. But one major cause is malnutrition of the expectant mother during her pregnancy and in the years preceding. India has the largest number of CHD cases in the world.

CHD can be set right with paediatric cardiac surgery in most cases. Given the youthfulness of children and that fact that their hearts are not contaminated with cholesterol, hardening etc their recovery after a surgery is remarkably swift in between one to three months and are then able to grow normally and lead a full normal life. A surgery and associated care costs Rs 1.5 lakhs on an average.

In the Harmony Heart Project our club is proposing to sponsor the entire cost of around 65 surgeries. These surgeries will be supported by records of the child thus treated, parents, nature of surgery etc. The children selected will be from the bottom 50% of the Indian population. These surgeries will be performed at the Sai Sanjeevani Hospital at Palwal, 50 km. from here, about an hour and ten minutes away (via Faridabad), which is a super speciality hospital only focused on paediatric cardiac surgery.

This project is made possible by

- Major Donor Contributions to Rotary Foundation, by two of our members, our Secretary Abdul Aziz and new member, Vivek Gaur,
- Generous support from a US Rotary Club, lined up by Vivek Gaur,
- Our District Governor Suresh Bhasin's contribution from the District Designated Fund, and
- Matching global grants from Rotary Foundation.

We are happy to report that the project has been discussed with the District Grants Sub-Committee Chair, PP Rtn. Neeraj Bhutani and approved by the District Rotary Foundation Chair, PDG Sanjay Khanna. After completion of some documentation, we expect to upload our Global Grant proposal on the Rotary Foundation grant portal, in the coming week.





Food Distribution to the Needy 31 March 2020



Our Club distributed dry rations to 500 poor families of daily wage labourers and migrant workers living in 3 crowded clusters in Sectors 9 & 10 near Hero Honda Chowk, Gurgaon. A team consisting of Vimal and Seema Singhania, Mukta Malhotra and Abdul Aziz took the help of Police and reached out to these distressed families.

Each packet consisted of Atta, Rice, Dal, Potatoes, Refined Oil, Spices Mix and Salt.





Our Club Initiates Video Conferencing Service for Rotary Meetings in RI District 3011



The current lock-down in the country is making all of us 'Work From Home'. To enable the Clubs in the District to run their regular meetings and project meetings over Video Conferencing, we have managed to secure an offer from CISCO, the leading Global Video Conferencing Service Provider to provide us 100 licenses, one for each of the 88 Clubs in the District, for unlimited video conferencing with 200 participants each, for a period of 3 months – ***completely free of charge***. The next step is to get organised and train all the members, across each of the Clubs to start making use of this capability, as soon as possible.

Getting the Club organised ...

PAN Card

You will be happy to know that our Hony. Treasurer has filed a formal application for a PAN Card for our Club.

Formation of a Club Trust

We have decided to form a Rotary Trust for receiving Project Contributions, Donations and CSR Funds, and applying for Section 80 G exemption for such contributions. This is in view of our plan to initiate long term service projects in our club.

We are setting up a 4-member team of Club members to draw up a Trust Deed for our Club Trust.



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

1 April 2020	Community Service Project Food Distribution to needy people in Gurugram City
8 April 2020	Club Meeting at 7pm Video Conference over CISCO WebEx
22 April 2020	Club Meeting at 7pm Video Conference over CISCO WebEx

Best Wishes & Felicitations

Birthdays

10 April	Rtn. Vikas Singh
15 April	R'anne Shivani Kapur
23 April	Rtn. Vimal Singhania
14 May	Rtn. Anjali Pandey
21 May	R'anne Harveen Singh

Anniversaries

19 April	R'anne Seema & Rtn Vimal Singhania
17 May	Rtn. Neera Jolly & Mr. N.K. Jolly

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