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**Rtn Mark Daniel Maloney**  
RI President

**Rtn Suresh Bhasin**  
District Governor

**Rtn Lalit Sawhney**  
President

**Rtn Abdul Aziz Seyid**  
Secretary

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,



**Rtn Lalit Sawhney**  
President 2019-20

This month of September is important for us - we have our District Governor Suresh Bhasin visiting us for his Official Visit to the Club on Friday 20th September, followed by the Installation of the President and the 2019-20 team. We have to brief the DG about what the Club has been doing since we got our charter in January, and what we are planning to do in the current Rotary year.

As you know, we have been having very interesting speakers - in August we had a sociologist / Past Rotary President speak to us on 'Concerns related to Elder Care' and an excellent interactive and informative session on the different focus areas in Rotary and a variety of service projects done by other clubs in our District.

We also had a busy Board Meeting with active participation from all the members. In addition we had two service projects in the areas of Hygiene, the Installation of Hand Wash Stations in a School near Palam Vihar and a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine in a Sushant Lok School.

These activities have helped us in getting our members more actively engaged, and having better attendance at all our meetings.

This is the time for us to spread the word around, and get more like minded friends to join our club, to serve society in good company of our friends.

With Rotary regards,

*Rtn. Lalit Sawhney*

President

## Know your Fellow Rotarian



**Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid**  
**Hony. Secretary &**  
**Chairperson WinS**

Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid has been a Rotarian for 16 years. He is Charter Member of Rotary Club of Gurgaon Harmony Iberis. Earlier he joined Rotary Club of Gurgaon Qutab Enclave in 2014 and served as President for the Rotary Year 2016-17 and member of Rotary Clubs of Queenstown-Singapore and Madurai- West, where he has held various Board responsibilities.

Abdul Aziz has over 36 years of corporate and teaching experience. He has had international management experience at senior levels with Chase Manhattan Bank (now JP Morgan Chase) and Lloyds Bank Group. He has worked in London, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Tokyo, Papua New Guinea and Singapore. Upon his return to India he taught in management institutes in Tamil Nadu and NCR before joining HCL Technologies Ltd. where he was Head- Business Domain Learning and Development for the company from 2006 to 2014. Abdul Aziz a founding partner of Life Skills LLP, a learning and development consultancy. He is also currently Chapter President- New Delhi Chapter of the International Institute of Business Analysis.

Abdul Aziz is currently pursuing his Ph.D in Management and is an adjunct faculty at the ICFAI Business School (IBS) Gurgaon. He was educated at Delhi University (BA Hons), City University- London (MBA) and INSEAD-France. Aziz's interests include reading, traveling (over 50 countries), playing golf, flying (private pilot's license holder), participating in business - quiz competitions at the national level and plays the drums in a rock band. He has two children son Zain and daughter Faaiza who are working professionals.



# Community Service Projects

## Wins Project: Inauguration of Hand Wash Stations



Wash in Schools Project: Inauguration of the Hand Wash Station at the Govt Senior Secondary School, Bajghera on 14 August 2019, by Assistant Governor Rtn. Ravi Gupta. Installation of two more Hand Wash Stations at Primary School awaiting completion of construction work. President Rtn Lalit Sawhney, Secretary Rtn Abdul Aziz, Rtn R S Atroley, the Senior School Principal and members' spouses attended this event.





# Rotary Speaker Meeting - 14 August 2019



**Regular Club Meeting held at DLF Club 5, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram on 14 August 2019. Speaker for the day was Dr Mala Kapur Shankardass, Sociologist, Gerontologist and Health Social Scientist.**

**She spoke on Concerns Related to Elder Care.**

- ⇒ Elder care is a matter of great concern in societies for various reasons - joint family system breaking , physical presence of family carers reducing, women working outside the house, too much pressure on women to do multiple roles of being carers, quality of care becoming a concern, time and cost both important adherents to care, children having limitations in providing care, etc etc.
- ⇒ But at the same time State expects families to provide care. The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 puts responsibility on the families to care for their elderly, however overlooks certain inherent weaknesses in the Act. Hopefully the Amendment to the Act which is under review will take care of certain shortcomings.
- ⇒ An issue which is emerging in ageing societies is of spouses ageing simultaneously. In addition to this is that women have greater morbidity and men generally not efficient care givers.
- ⇒ Formal care givers/ paid care givers are not easily available and when available too expensive to keep on long term basis. Often difficult to have around the clock care for certain kind of illnesses affecting the elderly.
- ⇒ Geriatric Services in the country are limited and long care provisions scarce.
- ⇒ General practitioners seldom available in vicinity and specialists not easily accessible.
- ⇒ The scenario not encouraging especially with increasing population of older people and with the epidemiological transition taking place.
- ⇒ Chronic diseases increasing, different kinds of disabilities setting in, making elderly dependent, needing constant care.
- ⇒ Demographic data reveals not only sixty plus population increasing but 80 plus growing the fastest. Another fact is that in our country the population of widows is much higher than that of widowers, which means care of older women is a matter of great concern. They are dependent, more vulnerable and abused in society. Data from research studies indicates Elder abuse is on the increase and with life expectancies steadily increasing elderly are going through many years of neglect and emotional insecurity. Along with this is the issue of health security, which as studies show is getting compressed in last few years of life, when care becomes a pertinent concern.
- ⇒ Existent policies are not age friendly. Many mechanisms for the welfare of the elderly are not being implemented properly and as it is we need many more programs and policies to improve quality of life of older people.
- ⇒ Elderly today face many years of insufficient care especially with migration of children and co-residence with children no longer being the popular practice. Further living with children does not guarantee good quality care, an important aspect when we think of Elder care.
- ⇒ There are not many alternatives available to older people who need care. Old age homes leave much to be desired and senior citizens complexes coming up in recent times, limited though yet are an expensive proposition.
- ⇒ Clearly elder care is an emergent concern requiring serious thinking and action to make life comfortable for older people.
- ⇒ It was very excellent interactive session.

## Rotary Speaker Meeting - 28 August 2019



Regular Club Meeting held at DLF Club 5, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram on 28 August 2019. Speaker for the day was Rtn Ajeet Jalan. He gave a comprehensive review of Rotary Focus Areas, Flagship District 3011 projects, Avenues for collaboration and funding including matching grants. An interactive session with the members was also held after his talk.

## First Board Meeting 2019-20 - 31 August 2019



Our First Board Meeting was held on 31 August 2019 at the residence of President – Rtn Lalit Sawhney. It was very meaningful meeting for Rotary. This was an excellent meeting with all the members attending, except one Board Member who had been granted Leave of Absence as she was travelling overseas. This meeting had excellent preparatory work done and detailed discussions on the long agenda.



# Rotary Connects the World

## Club Flag Exchanged with Rotary Club of Queenstown, Singapore 5 August 2019



President Rtn Lalit Sawhney attended meeting at Rotary Club of Queenstown, Singapore on 5 August 2019. He exchanged Club Flag with President, Rotary Club of Queenstown, Singapore Rtn Sissy Hyun Park. During the Club Flag exchange Rtn Lalit Sawhney received Club Coffee Mug, painted by their President personally. President Lalit meeting with Rtn. Chris Chen, Past President, Rotary Club of Queenstown, Singapore and old friend of our Secretary Abdul Aziz too.



# RI News

## Shekhar Mehta of India selected to be 2021-22 Rotary International President

Shekhar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary's highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year.

"A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world," says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as "one size does not fit all." He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries.

As a strong proponent of Rotary's strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus, and investing in technology.

Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster.

Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

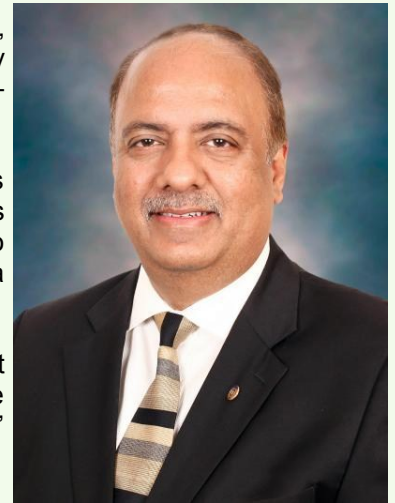
A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

Mehta has received Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards.

He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2021-22 President of Rotary International are: Mikael Ahlberg, Ölands Södra, Sweden; Bernhard Baumgartner, Kitzbühel, Austria; Gerson Gonçalves, Londrina-Norte, Pr., Brazil; Serge Gouteyron, Valenciennes-Denain aérodrome, Nord, France; Mary Beth Growney Selene, Madison West Towne-Middleton, Wisconsin, USA; Allan O. Jagger, Halifax, W. Yorks., England; Masahiro Kuroda, Hachinohe South, Aomori, Japan; Hsiu-Ming (Frederick) Lin, Taipei Tungteh, Taiwan; Larry A. Lunsford (secretary), Kansas City-Plaza, Missouri, USA; Anne L. Matthews (chair), Columbia East, South Carolina, USA; Ekkehart Pandel, Bückeburg, Germany; P. T. Prabhakar, Madras Central, Tamil Nadu, India; José Antonio Salazar Cruz, Bogotá Occidente, Cund., Colombia; M.K. Panduranga Setty, Bangalore, Karnataka, India; Steven A. Snyder, Auburn, California, USA; Yoshimasa Watanabe, Kojima, Okayama, Japan; and SangKoo Yun, Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Republic of Korea.

Source: <https://www.rotary.org/en/shekhar-mehta-india-selected-be-2021-22-rotary-international-president>



## 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

7 September 2019	Installation of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine
11 September 2019	Club Assembly 2019-20
20 September 2019	GOV & Installation Ceremony 2019-20

## Best Wishes & Felicitations

### Birthdays

5 September	Rtn. Rohit Kapur
16 September	Rtn Superna Malhotra
20 September	IPP Rtn. Raj Kamal Bhargava
29 October	R'anne Neetu Ruia
31 October	R'anne Poonam Setia

### Anniversaries

13 October	R'anne Poonam Setia & Rtn. Sanjay Setia
14 October	R'anne Jayshree Sawhney & Rtn Lalit Sawhney

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