

# Midtownner

THE BULLETIN OF ROTARY BANGALORE MIDTOWN



Dear Midtownners,

The end of March 2020, saw a crisis situation – with the fear of spreading of the Corona Virus, COVID - 19, affirming on the act of SOCIAL DISTANCING, our Prime Minister announced a complete lockdown from the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 for a span of 21 days.

This led to a number of issues, the daily wage workers like street vendors, casual workers, contract workers started facing a huge loss of income and further pushing them into poverty.

We at Midtown, rose to the occasion and immediately met and took action to support. A Grain food kit was so designed that it would support a family of 4 for 15 days. The costing of this kit worked out to Rs.1000/- each. Based on an appeal, the response from our large hearted Midtownners was phenomenal. We could garner a commitment of over 2350 kits in a span of just 5 days – a big thank you for such a positive response.

The distribution of 1000 of these kits were thru Humane Touch led by Ms Tazayun Oomer, the areas also designated. A proper reporting procedure is in place. We have also planned to distribute over 1000 food grain kits thru the organisations led by our Rtn F R Singhvi. The distribution process is on simultaneously and a proper report will also be presented.

There were a no. of events planned but everything has been kept on hold due to social distancing. Just hoping the spread of this pandemic is controlled and the lockdown rules are relaxed at the earliest.

Wishing you to stay healthy, stay home and stay safe.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the earliest  
Warm regards ,

KAMAL BHANDARI  
President R Y 2019-20

## March 2020

March is the month we celebrate Rotaract — and this has been quite a year for our young partners in service.

Last spring, the Council on Legislation elevated Rotaract in our constitution: Rotary International is now the association of both Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs. Then in October, the Rotary Board of Directors eliminated the artificial Rotaract age limit and took other steps to break down barriers that were preventing Rotaract from growing in some parts of the world.



These steps were long overdue, because Rotaract is a vision of what Rotary must become. Not only do we need to open our doors to our young colleagues, but we also have to open our ears and minds to the Rotary experience they find most engaging. That is one of the best ways we will meaningfully grow Rotary.

When I say grow Rotary, I mean it in many ways. We need to grow our service and to grow the impact of our projects. Most importantly, however, we need to grow our membership, so that we can achieve more. Rotaractors provide this opportunity, not only because they can transition to Rotary at the time that is right for them, but also because they understand what it will take to attract others like them.

Business as usual will not work for us anymore. Bringing in more members to replace the ones we lose is not the answer. It is like pouring more water into a bucket full of holes. We need to address the root causes of member loss in many parts of the world: member engagement that is not what it should be, and our member demographic that skews steadily older.

It is time to make some fundamental changes. We already know what the barriers are to an engaged and diverse membership. It is time to act on what we know: creating new membership models, opening new paths to Rotary membership, and building new Rotary and Rotaract clubs where the existing clubs do not meet a current need.

New club models represent an opportunity to connect with a more diverse group of individuals — particularly those who are unable or unwilling to join our traditional clubs. While new club models have been emerging for some time, it is up to district governors to make them a reality. In January at the International Assembly, our incoming district governors took part in an exercise called Build Your Own Club Model. It was a wonderful experience that put them in the right frame of mind for the work ahead.

Ultimately, however, it will be up to Rotaractors and young Rotarians to create new club models that are most meaningful to the next generation. We may think we know what

young people want from Rotary clubs in the future, but I am confident that what young people say will surprise us. It will be our job to support their innovation, for it will help us grow Rotary as *Rotary Connects the World*.

**Mark Maloney,  
RI President**

### **Speaker Meeting**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2020 at Oakwood speaker meeting was organized Mr. H N A Prasad, Trustee – Adhamya Chetana Trust. A Picture Presentation on “Four Decades of Wildlife Forests – Globally”

Mr Prasad is an engineering graduate from BMS College passed out in 1969. He is passionate about wildlife and forest from college days. He have travelled widely all over the world covering wildlife areas. He has been doing wildlife photography from eighties. He is also involved in conservation activities through our trust wildlife first and their chair person is K M . Chinnappa a renowned forest officer from nagarahole.

He is a born naturalist and a walking encyclopedia on nature. Ullas karant a renowned wildlife biologist who has studied tigers for more than four decades is a good friend of HIS.

Mr Prasad is promoter director of uniglass industries specialised in composite high voltage insulators. They are global leaders in this product and there is no electrical substation in india without their insulators in use.

Mr Prasad is associated with Adhamya chethana an NGO providing mid-day meals for school children. He has set up their kitchen in both Bangalore and Jodhpur. He was also involved in building an ecologically and economically viable village in ramathirta village in Belgaum district. This was an adhamya chethana and Rotary initiated project.

Mr Prasad is the the chairman of Dharithree trust running five multiple disability schools and a home for them in narasipura village near dobospet. Rotary are big donors for dharithree.

Thanks to our PP G S Bhaskar for inviting the guest speaker.



## Health and Hygiene - Anns Project

The Anns of Midtown got together and gave shape to another mega project on 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 2020. It was a very meaningful and satisfying experience at the project execution of the:

### 1. Hand Wash, a District 3190 Schools project

Provided Hand wash liquid dispensar and Himalaya Hand wash to all the 5 schools / institutions, along with the Hand washing procedure sign boards, article like bookmarks provided which has hand washing importance and procedure to all the children to spread the awareness of health and hygiene.

### 2. Woman Health and hygiene

Completed the 1st phase successfully covering 5 institutions.

- a. Satvidya Rural College, Kollegala - 50 Students
- b. Balayesu Bhavan - 70 Students
- c. Nirmal Jyothi Technical Institute - 100 Students
- d. Government High School, Gottigere - 130 Students
- e. Govt High School, Haragadde, Banerghatta road. - 155 Students



Around 500 girl children were benefitted this day. The total project will cover over 15 institutions and 1500 girl children.

A video along with a talk on Hygiene was also presented at these schools and institutions.

A big thanks to our Asst. Governor Rtn Rameshkumar for sourcing the hygiene material at a very subsidized cost.

The date of the completion of the 2nd phase will be announced shortly.

Thanks a lot to the Anns for taking up yet another initiative and a great Community Services project.

School children, teachers and support staff of the institutions were happy for the support extended by Midtown Club.

Warm Regards,

Rtn Punith Jalan  
Director – Community Service







## Maanasi project report

Details of **Maanasi Projects** – Outreach and Follow-up Work Details

Name of the health worker	Outreach work details of health workers								No. of default pts. Contacted, and retrievals made				No of health education sessions conducted and participants attended			
	No. of Visits		No. of Patients		Total distance		No of follow up visits made	Follow up checklist data entered	Default cases contacted		Default cases attended clinic(retrieval)		No of HE conducted		No. of participants	
	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20	Feb.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20			Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.,20
Smt. Ushadexi (Independently)	18	380	95	1990	196	4545	95	0	25	619	3	56	0	26	0	538
Smt.Gowramma (Independently)	14		70		139		70	2	26		0		1		25	
Smt. Aruna (Independently)	14		52		170		52	5	18		0		2		36	
Villages visited together	0		0		0		0	0	0		0		0		0	
Total	46	380	217	1990	505	4545	217	7	69	619	3	56	3	26	61	538

Details of **Maanasi Project's Clinic and Other Medical Operations**

Patients Turnout						Details of old cases attending clinic			Details of pts either facilitated or referred to other specialty clinics/ higher centers						Cost of Drugs dispensed and Concessions Offered					
Date of clinic	Old cases		New cases		Total		Default cases	Regular cases include	Total	Within CHTC mug specialty services		Outside referrals		Total	Cost of drugs dispensed		Amt. collected from Patients		Concession Offered	
	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20	Mar.20	Jul.19 – Mar.20														
06.03.2020	24	699	6	64	30	799	0	25	25	0	24	0	9	0	11615	171748	4025	95512	7590	76237
13.03.2020	18		1		19		2	16	18	1		0		1	4736		2481		2255	
20.03.2020	21		3		24		1	20	21	0		1		1	9570		4800		4770	
27.03.2020	8		0		8		0	8	8	0		0		0	2170		1930		240	
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28091</b>	<b>171748</b>	<b>13236</b>	<b>95512</b>	<b>14855</b>	<b>76237</b>

### Charitable Dispensary Activity Report-Mar 2020

Particulars	Gottigere	HSIS
No. of Patients Treated	1,206	7,146
Cost of Medicines	36,993	3,46,395
Honorarium	50,824	1,50,000

## AN APPEAL FOR DONATION

Dear Midtowners,

Greetings!!

As you are aware, due to the rapid spread of the **Corona Virus**, our Government has announced a complete lockdown for a span of 21 days.

Due to this lockdown, there has been a very big negative impact on the daily wage worker, contract labourer, petty shop owners etc, and as the days go by the situation is going to worsen. They are out of work and need food to survive.

We at **Midtown**, would like to support these workers in what ever way we can. We are associating ourselves with **HUMANE TOUCH**, who along with other NGO'S are mobilizing to distribute food kits to such families and individuals to free them from hunger at such an occasion.

After deliberating with the Board Members on online Meetings, we at Midtown have decided to provide Food Kits – consisting of Rice, Ragi flour, Wheat flour, Masoor Dal, Toor Dal, Soap, Masks , Sunflower oil etc. They have a full fledged distribution plan in place to over 16 centres in and around Bangalore. Due to SOCIAL DISTANCING, we will not get ourselves involved in the physical distribution process, but we will be getting regular updates and reports on the number of kits and venues it has been distributed to.

This kit will be costing **Rs.1000.00 each** (Rupees One Thousand only) and we plan to distribute over 1000 kits. To achieve our reach and to help at this needy hour, we would request your support.

You could send in your contributions online and the bank details are as follows:

### **Rotary Club of Bangalore Midtown Charitable Trust**

Bank: HDFC Bank

Branch: K H Road,

Account No: 50100094656570

IFSC Code: HDFC0001206

Donations made are exempted under section 80 (G) of Income Tax Act 1961.

Due to a shortage of time, we would request you to send in your contributions at the earliest. We look forward for your support – which will take us a long way.

Thanking You,

**THE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF ROTARY BANGALORE MIDTOWN**

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