



Midtownner

The Bulletin Of Rotary Bangalore Midtown



Dear Midtownners,

February 2020, will go down as a very memorable month at Rotary Bangalore Midtown. On 14th Feb, we saw our Midtownners and their spouses at their best of Red and Black during the fellowship at the Valentine's Nite at the Grand Magrath Hotel. A well attended musical evening with a great ambience. A big thanks to our Chair PP NishuJouhari for being a great support in organising the evening. On the occasion of the 100 years of Rotary in India – along with Rotary Club of Bangalore and Synergia Foundation organised a very meaningful seminar – Building Resilient Societies.

The take of this seminar was that thru our service activities how could be promote peace – the role of Rotary in promoting peace. There was a panel discussion on various topics like Poverty, Ethnic tensions, role of Women in peace resolution and Lack of Education. Our PP G Ravishankar was one of panellists for the event – a big thanks to PP Nadeem and PP Deepak for being a solid support in organizing this seminar. The

event started with a formal inauguration of the re dressed Rotary Circle at Lavelle Road – Thanks to PP Kiran and Rtn Deepak Pinto – for their involvement in getting the circle ready on time. The support of PP Irfan Razack and the Prestige group – thanks to them – without them this would not have happened on time. We also inducted 6 new members to our Midtown family on this day.

The Ann of Midtown have also planned a great project – support to the Girl Child to bring about awareness in health and hygiene – which has got off to a great start

The year has so far gone very well, your involvement – may it be a service activity or fellowship. The journey continues – a lot to achieve, to culminate what we have planned for the year – wishing the momentum continues and make every event as successful as the previous ones.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Holi –a festival of colours – may it be full of Joy and happiness.

Take care !!

**Warm regards,
Rtn Kamal Bhandari
President**

February 2020

Happy 115th birthday, fellow Rotarians and members of the family of Rotary!

Much has changed in the world since 1905. Then, the global population was roughly 1.7 billion. Today, it is 7.7 billion. There were 5 telephones per 100 people in the United States 115 years ago. In 2020, it is estimated that 96 percent of the U.S. population has a cellphone — and both China and India have more than a billion cellphones in use.

In the 115 years since Rotary was founded, seemingly everything has changed except Rotary values.

We began, and remain, committed to fellowship, integrity, diversity, service, and leadership. While our Service Above Self motto dates to 1911, the ethos behind those words had already been ingrained by Rotary's founders.

As the pace of change worldwide continues to accelerate, the need for Rotary service is greater than ever. It's one thing to read about service projects, quite another to see them in action and to see the grateful faces of people who have benefited from them. Rotary projects change lives and connect the world. And over the past year, I have seen some amazing Rotary projects in action.

Gay and I visited Japan's Fukushima prefecture last year. Few places in the world have had to deal with the kind of devastation that visited Fukushima in March 2011, when a tsunami touched off by an earthquake led to disaster at a nuclear power plant. But the story of Fukushima today is not one of destruction; it is one of hope and renewal. Rotary grants have helped improve access to medical and mental health care for victims of the disaster and reduced the isolation of these communities by sharing the experiences of people from other parts of the world who have also recovered from disasters. Our grants have also helped to foster self-motivation and encourage sustainable long-term community recovery across the region.

In Shanghai, I learned about the Careers in Care program. This helps migrant workers fill the need for skilled professionals in elder care facilities. After taking a course, trainees receive certification to boost their employment prospects, while the care industry benefits from an expanded talent pool. Rotary projects like this are successful because they address a local need, and they have the potential to attract local government funding to sustain their impact.

And in Guatemala, Gay and I went to Sumpango. Global grants there provide mechanical cows to produce soy milk; an improved water distribution system; water filters; clean compost latrines; family gardens; support for income generation; and training in WASH and literacy programs. The food items sold there not only provide nutrition to women and children, but also create a source of income for local women.

In every area of focus, and in every part of the world, Rotary projects are improving lives and helping communities adapt in a time of rapid change. As we celebrate another great year for Rotary, let us rededicate ourselves to strengthening the connections that make our service so impactful. We will make lives better as Rotary Connects the World.

Mark Maloney,
RI President

Mark Daniel Maloney
President 2019-20



District Conference - NEXUS 2020

Rotary District Conference called Nexus 2020 was organized on 1st and 2nd Feb 2020 at Ebisu Convention Centre, Hegde Nagar Main Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore.

On first day at the District conference, got off to a great start with a heart rending invocation created by our PDG Vishu. It was a mesmerizing moment for everyone and everyone had great praise for a befitting start to the conference.

There was a wall of banners from various clubs and the one from Midtown was located right at the center showcasing some images of our major projects.

We had taken a stall at District Conference and had displayed some of our long term major projects by way of posters. The team from the Skin Bank had set up at this stall and many Rotarians enquired about details of the bank and understand the concept of skin Donation.

There was a special mention about the International nite, conducted by Midtown for the District.

We had registered 31 Midtown members for the conference and many had attended the event.



Speaker Meeting

On 4th Feb 2020 at Oakwood speaker meeting was organized Mr. Abhishek Goenka, CEO of Coworks and Co foundry addressed the gathering on the Topic : Overview on Union Budget, 2020.

Abhishek Goenka is the CEO at CoWorks. He is also the CIO at CoWrks Foundry. Previously, Abhishek was the India head for Direct Tax at PwC, and prior that one of the founders at BMR Advisors, a leading tax advisory Firm.

In both firms, he has been actively engaged in advising families in setting up a governance framework and also on succession planning. He has also assisted promoters of some of the largest listed companies in Bangalore in moving to a Trust holding structure, including dealing with cross border issues. Abhishek is well versed with the various operating models of single and multi-family offices. Abhishek is also known for his domain expertise in real estate and Prop-Tech.

Abhishek is a graduate in Commerce from the University of Bangalore and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1996.

A very concise and well explained overview of the Budget 2020, was given by our guest speaker of the evening, it was well appreciated by the members who attended.

A gist of his presentation is also given along with this message.

Thanks to our PP Kiran Boal for inviting the guest speaker.



Fellowship – Valentine's Day

Our fellowship committee had organized Fellowship on Valentine's Day on Friday, 14th of Feb 2020, at 7.30 pm at The Grand Magrath hotel, Magrath Road, Bangalore.

Dr. Geetha Jayram and PDG Jay graced the evening, who are a great pillars for the Maansi project since the time of inception.

Thanks to our fellowship chair PP Rtn Nishu for giving us yet another well organized fellowship evening. A big thanks to our PP Rtn Deepak Malik for being a part of the sponsors for this event.

Great ambience, entertainment program and Rotarians, Anns and Guests participation definitely made it a memorable evening.



Blood Donation Camp

On 19th Feb 2020 Blood donation camp was organized at M/s Sheshadripuram College, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore. Midtown was part of the Blood Donation camp organized by the Indian Red Cross Society.

The camp started by 9.30 AM and went on till 3:00pm, pleased to share that we collected over 700 units.

Special thanks to Rtn. Sundeep Shah for arranging camp in association with Indian Red Cross Society. Rr. Raju Chandrashekar & his team worked actively and made this camp successful.



On 20th Feb 2020 Blood donation camp was organized at Jain University campuses in Bangalore. Midtown was part of the Blood Donation camp organized by the Indian Red Cross Society.

The camp started by 9.30 AM and went on till 3:00pm, pleased to share that collected over 893 units of blood which includes campus at Jayanagar, CMS B School, VV Puram and Rajarajeshwari Nagar.



Joint Meeting – BUILDING RESILIENT SOCIETIES

On the occasion of 100 years of Rotary in India, along with Rotary Club of Bangalore and Synergia Foundation, Rotary Bangalore Midtown hosted this Seminar on Sunday, 23rd February 2020 at 9.30 AM.

The venue was Rotary House of friendship at Lavelle road.

Started the day with the unveiling of the re dressed bust of Paul Harris by our beloved District Governor Sameer Hariani at the Rotary Circle on Lavelle road. This bust was installed on 23rd Feb 2015 - exactly 15 years back.

Six new members were inducted into the Midtown family by our District Governor Sameer Hariani.

1. Mr Kamal Kedia
2. Mr Jaydev Naidu
3. Mr Rajesh Shah
4. Mr Veerendra Shadakshari
5. Mr Shamsundar Talreja
6. Mr Sanjeev Bhartiya- a re induction.

A panel discussion was organized based on the major service activities of Rotary and how peace could be brought about by these. The thought process was towards creating a platform together to address issues relating to Peace and conflict resolution.

Panelists were:

1. PDG H R Ananth
2. PDG Venu Rao
3. PP Rtn Ram Kumarr Seshu
4. PP Rtn Ravishankar, Rotary Bangalore Midtown
5. Ms. Sambratha Shetty - COO Synergia Foundation

The program was followed by lunch. Rotarians, Anns and guests appreciated both the Rotary clubs for giving this meaningful and effective seminar which certainly creates an great impact.

Thanks to our PP Nadeem Ahmed and PP Deepak Malik for being a great support in making this seminar a great success.

A big thanks to PP Rtn Kiran Boal and Rtn Deepak Pinto for continuous efforts in making unveiling of the re dressed bust of Paul Harris on time.



Charitable Dispensary Activity Report-Feb 2020

Particulars	Gottigere	HSIS
No. of Patients Treated	1,555	8,952
Cost of Medicines	24,312	3,53,330
Honorarium	36,331	1,68,000

Maanasi project report

MAANASI

Community Mental Health Program
Department of Community Health

St. John's Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore-34.

Supported by: Rotary Bangalore Midtown and Rotary Club of Howard West, USA

STATUS REPORT

For the Month of February 2020

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			
	Feb.20	Jul.19 – Feb.20	Feb.20	Jul.19 – Feb.20	Feb.20	Jul.19 – Feb.20			Feb.20	Jul.19 – Feb.20	Feb.20	Jul.19 – Feb.20	Feb.20	Jul.19 – Feb.20	Feb.20	Jul.19 – Feb.20		
Smt. Ushadevi (independently)	19		114		214		114	4	30		4		1		16			
Smt. Gowdamma (independently)	14		97		123		97	3	23		2		3		92			
Smt. Aruna (independently)	17	334	101	1773	201	4040	101	13	43	550	1		2	23	69	477		
Villages visited together	0		0		0		0	0	0		0		0		0			
Total	50	334	312	1773	538	4040	312	20	96	550	7	53	6	23	177	477		

Details of Maanasi Project's Clinic and Other Medical Operations

Date of clinic	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			
	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	
07.02.2020	29	3		32	2	27	29	0	0	0	9483	4090	5393	
14.02.2020	22	0		22	2	20	22	1	0	1	4207	2140	2067	
21.02.2020	6	0		6	0	6	6	0	0	0	953	372	581	61382
28.02.2020	24	1		25	1	23	24	0	0	0	4282	3130	1152	
Total	81	4	54	85	5	76	81	1	8	1	18925	9732	9193	61382

Latest photos of Urban Forest near Cantonment Railway Station



Month Mar - 20 Community Service						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30 Birthday: Rtn G. S Bhaskar Rtn Ravi Shankar G	31 Birthday: Ann Huma Ali					1 Birthday: Rtn Zahir Lalwala Ann Uzma (Rtn Irfan Razack)
2	3 Speaker Meeting	4	5 Birthday Rtn Palani Loganathan	6 Birthday: Rtn Rajendra J Hinduja Ann Sangeeta Lala	7	8 Women's Day Celebration
9	10 9th Board Meeting Birthday: Ann Rekha Saraf	11	12	13	14 Birthday: Ann Bindu Sadhwani	15. Birthday: Rtn Ashok Kumar Gupta Rtn Chandrashekar Pillai
16 Birthday: Rtn Quresh D Merchant	17	18 Birthday: Rtn Ajit Singh Bindra	19	20	21 Charter Nite Celebrations	22. Birthday: Ann Jabeen Farook Ann Radhinka Homusjee
23	24	25	26	27	28 Birthday: Ann Amita Kaushal	29.

Dear Midtowners,

Looking to the present situation during to the Covid - 19 Pandemic and the restrictions on conducting events and gathering.

Let's keep our activities - meetings, events etc on hold till we receive further guidelines and information.

The Charter nite which was planned for the 21st March 2020, will be kept on hold.

Will keep you informed of further news and developments.

Warm regards

Kamal Bhandari
President