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From the President's Desk

Rtn. Dr. Srikanth AVS



Being President of the Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is an honor and privilege. I thank the Club and its members for the trust and belief they have reposed in me and I will endeavor to do my best.

I congratulate IPP Manoj and his team for a stupendous and successful year 2019-20. Manoj has been an awesome motivator and set new benchmarks in service, and I know that I can count on him for his support and wise counsel in the year ahead.

I for one had not imagined that I would be presiding over meetings virtually and that ZOOM would be a part of our daily life. Nevertheless, this has become a part of our life now and the new order in fostering friendship and fellowship.

Covid-19, and the confinement it has brought, has changed life's perspective for all of us. It has transformed us as individuals as we learn to prioritize our wants, health and well-being, over everything else. What I've learned is even though this lack of physical interaction is an irritant and not an ideal situation, it need not limit us from getting the job done.

After attending many meetings over Zoom, I have come to realize that members continue to participate with the same enthusiasm and willingness as before. That was the change I was looking for, the willingness to adapt.

As we eventually and gradually step out of the lockdown and slowly resume our daily lives, I hope to not only achieve what I had initially planned, but also to strive to deliver more than what was promised. Rotary is as relevant as it has always been even in these difficult and trying times. I look to each one of you for your advice, your support and your participation to make this a successful and memorable year.

Rtn. Dr. Srikanth AVS

President, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar



Rotary International President's Message

Rtn. Holger Knaack's Message for Month of August 2020

The year 2020 has brought monumental changes that have already included a global pandemic and a renewed call for social justice. We are reminded that we live in a constantly changing world, and Rotary is a reflection of that world.

We must be ready to listen and adapt, always drawing upon our core values of service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. If we live these values and apply The Four-Way Test to all aspects of our lives, we will be prepared to lead at all times.

I am proud of how we have proven our ability to adapt. Faced with a pandemic, Rotary has not stopped.



We moved meetings online and found new ways to serve. We turned the canceled 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu into our first virtual convention. Each week, we are proving that Rotary is a flexible gathering that happens anywhere — in traditional meetings, on cellphones, and on computers. Rotary offers a way to connect for everyone who wants to, at any time, and will continue to do so.

Some have even told me that they enjoy Rotary's mix of online and in-person meetings more now than before! How can we build on this momentum and seize the opportunity to embrace change so that Rotary keeps thriving?

For me, supporting new types of clubs is key. They are no longer just experiments but a real part of Rotary today. In addition to traditional clubs, we have e-clubs, Rotaract clubs, cause-based clubs, and passport clubs. These help make Rotary more inclusive, more flexible, and more attractive to new members. Visit these clubs, exchange ideas and partner with them, and promote them to one another and to our communities.

We all agree that we need to grow Rotary, but sometimes we can get caught up in the numbers game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members leave our clubs. Let's grow Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we're different from any other club. Let's celebrate that Rotary is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings.

I recommend that each club hold an annual strategy meeting to ask — and honestly answer — if we are doing all we can for our members and if our club reflects the community we serve. We are taking this approach at the international level, too. I am proud that six women are serving with me on the RI Board of Directors this year, the most we have ever had. Let's keep Rotary moving in this direction at every level. We need more perspectives, more diversity, for Rotary to thrive.

It's fascinating to imagine how we will find new ways to adapt and stay nimble this year and beyond. But I am also inspired about what hasn't changed and never will in Rotary: the friendships, the networking, the ethics, and the service. Indeed, these are the values that make Rotary attractive to all.

As Rotary's founder, Paul Harris, said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time. Now is such a time. Rotary Opens Opportunities — countless ones — for us to embrace change that will strengthen us even as we remain true to our core values.

HOLGER KNAACK
President, Rotary International

Rotary Opens Opportunities

The Installation Ceremony

True to its credo RBI stood up to the new challenges posed by the pandemic. In a first of its kind record for the club, an E-Installation meeting was meticulously planned and flawlessly executed on Zoom video platform. As a result, we had a memorable and power packed installation of the President and Office bearers on the 6th of July 2020, completely on e-platform, with all proceedings and ceremonies conducted to perfection. Attended by 145 members and guests, a galaxy of PDGs, Chief Guest and invitees, all separated by physical distance yet joined together by Rotary spirit and purpose.



The meeting opened to the auspicious notes of a melodious invocation sung by First Lady Anne Sowmya with Annette Sheetal.

President Manoj welcomed the attendees and summed up the year 2019-20. He then requested District Governor Rtn Nagendra Prasad to install Dr Srikanth as the 40th President 2020-21 of this prestigious club.

In his acceptance speech, President Dr Srikanth spoke of the new responsibility and a vastly different and difficult terrain, how humbled he was and how fortunate he was to be serving the club with the support and trust of members and a very competent Board of Directors. He expressed his conviction that regardless of circumstances, the team will not only achieve objectives but exceed them. He touched everybody's heart by stating that he was a modest person by nature, but his modesty is of demeanour and not of vision, action and achievement.

President Srikanth introduced his Board Members, in an interesting slide presentation, driving home the capability of this Board to deliver RBI objectives for 2020-21.

Club service Director Rtn Vipin, Director Community Service Rtn Philip George and Vocational Service Director Rtn Narssimhan presented their respective projects which included:

- E Roster release by District First Lady Rtn Meera Prasad
- E SEVA and Flipbook release by Assistant Governor Rtn Ritesh Goel
- Contribution of Rs 12.5 Lakhs by PP Rtn O P Khanna for Community Service
- Donation of masks and PPE kits
- Career Guidance workshop conducted for the students of NPP school
- Plan to impart skill training to young students.

DG Nagendra Prasad opened his address by conveying greetings from RI President Holger Knaack. He emphasized the need to open opportunities and remain optimistic like himself. He went on to say that nothing can stop Rotary's march to serve society. While he appreciated RBI's role as a foremost club in the district, he felt that if required district can hold hands and execute some big projects. He mentioned that he had big plans for Covid related service projects, one of which is to create specialized 100 to 300 bed Covid hospitals. He also pointed out the need to focus on the 7th key focus area of Rotary that is 'Environment'. There is no limit to what can be done with greening and saving water bodies as also harvesting rainwater. He wished the President and the Board all the best for 20-21. He wished President Srikanth and First Lady Anne Sowmya all the best for the coming year.

It was for the Chief Guest PDG Ravi Vadlamani to change the mood for everyone as he opened his talk on pure Rotary humour. What a contrast with the routine motivational and leadership talks. As he regaled the audience

with anecdotes, he drove home the point that Rotary is ultimately a service-oriented team bonded by strong fellowship. Human strings pull the strongest.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn Balakrishnan, Secretary 20-21, along with his secretarial announcements.

A big thank you to:

- Secretary Balakrishnan and Vocational Service Director Narssimhan, for their technical support.
- Ajay Gupta and his team for helping with the SEVA logo and cover page design.
- Rtn. Kavita Kekre and the editorial team for bringing out the Inaugural Issue – Special Edition of SEVA in a Flipbook version.
- Co-opted Directors: PPs - Dr. S.N. Simha, Karthikeya Reddy and Shashank Kekre for their unstinted support.

End to end, with multiple interludes and screen changes, RBI closed the meeting on time with flawless accuracy and confidence, which is the hall mark of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

We present some glimpses from our E-Installation...





Club Service



The articulate & suave Director - Rtn. Vipin Labroo

And the fun began... As the name suggests, a unique fun filled fellowship event called "Fun Gun, Rotariann" was planned, executed and presented by the fellowship team on 20th July with excellent participation. Members faced quiz format questions, based on numbers, letters, riddles, words and many such sections, with scoring based on 'jaldi' four correct responses. The response was overwhelming! 111 people joined in. Everyone participated enthusiastically with 36 individuals/teams scoring.



The entire evening was conceptualised and executed by Sharada and Vidyut with able support from Harish Anand, Balki and Narsi. Harish took the responsibility of marketing the event on all the RBI groups while Balki was the awesome judge, jury and "Jahanpanah"!!! Narsi helped with the scoring, with perfection, at times at supersonic speed.



The event had six rounds, some were simple and funny while the others were slightly brain racking. The rounds based on 'School Memories' and 'Literature clues' were liked by one and all. Some rounds made people scratch their heads too. Many had correct answers but were late in typing their answers. But the excitement was all over the place.

The winners were our brilliant Sanjay Dugar with the First Prize, Manoj & Megha Agrawal with the second, Pavitra winning the third and Gopi winning the fourth. Yash and Fazal played consistently from the beginning to the end. In the end, prized or not, everyone felt like a winner. It was an extremely exciting and action-packed evening with the entire family of RBI members coming and thinking together! Great take off indeed!

Aaj Phir Gaane Ki Tamanna Hai



An in-house singing program Sur-Seva, by the members of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was back with a bang on the 30th of July 2020 in a new online Avatar, revived and rejuvenated! Spearheaded by the musically passionate IPP

Manoj Agrawal, he was joined by Kavita Kekre and Narsi to create an informal evening of music and trivia.



Titled, "Aaj Phir Gaane Ki Tamanna Hai"; the event was anchored by Kavita and Sharada while some of the best talents of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar sang some mellifluous numbers to regale the audience. As the event had to be conducted on Zoom, all the singers had been asked to send in their recordings by the previous evening. All the singers rallied around the organising team, recorded their songs and immediately sent it.

The event had songs by Bijeeeth, Indira & Vipin, Nayeem Bhai (from Dubai), Ram Mohan Sir, Varsha & Sanjay, Vidyut, Kavita Pishay, Meenakshi, Rakesh, Kavita Kekre & Narsi. A special mention of Vivek Shenoy who joined us from the US and sang a couple of melodious numbers. It was a very special evening and two hours just flew by as there was not a single dull moment.



Community Service



The untiring & relentless Director - Rtn. Philip George

- ✓ Started off with a contribution of Rs. 20,000/- on 8th July to a District initiative "Gift A Mask".
- ✓ Rtn Narsi along with Rtn Sanjay Dugar personally handed over about Rs. 2.5 L worth masks to the Deputy Commissioner of Police Isha Pant on 15th July.
- ✓ Further, this was followed by with a gift of 2000 masks to CV Raman Govt Hospital on 25th July.
- ✓ Next, our Covid Warrior, Rtn Rakesh Nayyar gifted 125 masks to Shivajinagar Police station on 29th of July.
- ✓ President Srikanth leading from the front along with Rakesh handed over a large consignment of sanitizers, PPE kits and masks to Dr Ramachandran, Director of Kidwai on 29th of July.
- ✓ As of 31st July, scholarships worth around 19L have disbursed to 81 students - this is an ongoing exercise.
- ✓ Till end July, Rs. 1.3L have been collected towards the 2626 scheme for Karunashraya – through SEVA, we would like to request more Rotarians to come forward with their generous contributions. This is being coordinated by the Karunashraya Chair, Wg Cdr (Retd) Ashok Saraf.
- ✓ Crowd funding campaign for Lake Rejuvenation garnered Rs. 9 Lakhs.
- ✓ 250 saplings planted on the 30th of July.
- ✓ A session was organised at Karunashraya to create awareness on Palliative care for the employees of Epicor. A group of CSR volunteers from Athena health has come forward in this unprecedented time to continue their CSR activity online. They created a video for the entertainment of our patients.





Vocational Service



A multi-faceted & ever-dependable Director – Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan

Career Guidance Session at the Navaprajna Public School

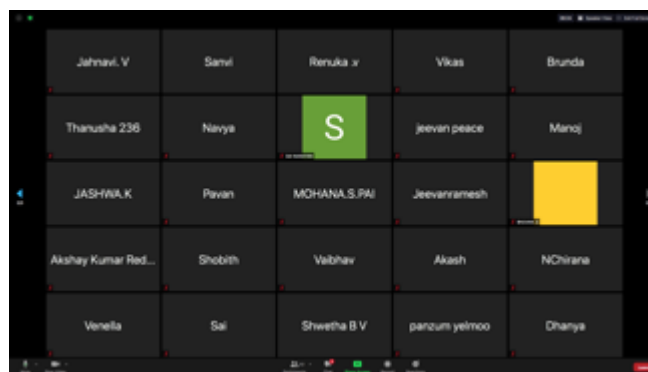
A series of Career Guidance sessions were completed with the Navaprajna Public School and APS, ASC Centre with over 90% attendance. The 'Zoom sessions' were held on:

- July 8th, 2020: for 80 students of Grade VIII
- July 9th, 2020: for 55 students of Grade IX
- July 10th, 2020: for 54 students of Grade X students
- July 14th, 2020: for 65 students of Grade X students of APS, ASC Centre

All the sessions were extremely interactive. Each day we had force stop the program after 90 minutes. Many students have even reached out to Ganesh offline.

Many thanks to Rtn. Ganesh Balakrishnan, Principal Suresh, Madam Padma Krishnan and teachers of NPPS and Madam Sharada from APS for making these events fruitful and extremely interactive.

Special thanks to Rtn. Kumar for organising all the sessions. We had President Dr. Srikanth, First Lady Sowmya, Rtn. Anita Hari, Rtn. Saravanan, Rtn. Col Subbu, and Rtn. Suresh Balasubramanian participating in some of these sessions.





Youth Service



A technocrat & dynamic Director – Rtn. Gopinath

Interact

Community Based Interact Installation

The installation of the community based Interact Bangalore Indiranagar was held on Monday 27th July, as a part of our monthly meeting. President Rtn. Dr. Srikanth installed the incoming President Itr. Ashna Reddy and the Board. Youth Service Director Gopinath welcomed the gathering and Vice President Itr. Farishta proposed the Vote of Thanks. Congratulations to Interact Chair Rtn. Sujeeth Joseph. Ajit Kaikini, motivational speaker and head of Buoyancee, addressed the gathering and enthralled one and all.

As a start to the new Interact year, seven Interactors of our community-based club donated blood at the TTK Blood bank, Indiranagar.

Interact Club of Army Public School Installation

The installation of the Board of Interact club of Army Public School, APS Centre & College was held on Tuesday 28th July. Our best wishes to President Itr. Daksh Nanda and his Board. Many thanks to Dr. Upasana Yadav, Interact Coordinator Mrs. Sharada Kumar. Youth Service Director Gopinath, Interact Chairs Rtn. Kumar, Rtn. Sujeeth, PP Rtn. Col. Subu, Bulletin Editor Rtn. Kavita Kekre and Avenue coordinator PP Rtn. Shirish Mathur attended the function.

Rotaract

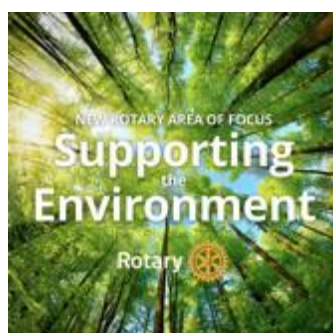
Community based Rotaract Installation

The installation of the Board of Rotaract Bangalore Indiranagar was held on Monday 13th July 2020, as a part of the club's regular weekly meeting. Outgoing President Rtr. Ritika Khandari presented the report for the year 2019-20. President Rtn. Dr. Srikanth then installed the Board led by President Rtr. Akshay Keerthi and his team. They presented the projects for the year which will mainly consist of continuation of projects from the previous year. They include tree planting, animal rescue and shelter.

This was followed by a panel discussion on "Black Lives Matter and how it is in the context of India". The panel consisted of Rtr. Amanda Silva from Rotaract Club of Washington DC, USA and Rtn. Chandramouli. The discussion was moderated by Rtr. Rohann Abraham.

Rotaract Projects

- Tree Planting – 150 saplings were planted on the 2nd of July with the approval of BBMP.
- 1500 cotton face masks and 4500 bars of Lifebuoy soap were distributed at Sonnahallipura by the Rotaract Club of Bangalore Indiranagar and the Rotaract Club of Bangalore Palmville on 30th July 2020. The team was accompanied by PE Rtn. Fazal.
- Projects by Rotaract Club of Surana College - On 28 July, the club created an awareness poster on Hepatitis and was widely circulated on their social media platforms. On 11 July, they organized a "Play with Paper" project in collaboration with Rotaract Bangalore Uttarahalli to create awareness on avoiding use of plastic bags.





Sheer Nostalgia

Get ready to go down memory lane every month. And, as Julie Andrews so famously put it.... Let's start at the very beginning...



To know more about these occasions, we would like our seasoned & respected Rotarians, who have laid the strong foundation on which Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar proudly stands today, to enlighten us through Email or our RBI Whatsapp group!



The Pampered Palate

Mexican Burrito Plate – Serves 3

By Annette Yash Koppikar

Ingredients

For Rice - 1 ½ cups of Basmati Rice Cooked, 2 tbsp of Oil, Garlic 7 pearls finely chopped, 1 sliced onion, Chopped Capsicums 1 of each colour small (Green, red, yellow), ½ cup of sweet corn, 2 tbsp of tomato ketchup, salt to taste, 1 tbsp chilli powder.

Refined Beans - 1 ½ cup of rajma beans soaked and boiled, 1 tbsp oil, 4 pearls of finely chopped Garlic, ½ cup spring onion, 1 cup of Tomatoes, 3 tbsp of ketchup, 1 tbsp of chilli powder or taco powder.

Salsa - 1 cup tomatoes, ½ cup onions, pepper, salt, ½ chopped coriander.

Corn Chips, Wingreens Garlic mayo or Wingreens Cheese Sauce, Grated Cheese

Method

For Rice - Heat the oil and add the chopped Garlic and add the onions and the chilli powder too. After the garlic and onion are slightly roasted add the capsicums and the corn. Add salt for taste as well. After a min add the rice to the sauté and add the ketchup and carefully mix the rice and cook it for two mins and switch off the gas and cover the rice.

For Kidney Beans - Heat the oil and add the chopped Garlic and add the spring onions and the chilli powder too. After the garlic and spring onion are slightly roasted add the tomatoes and slightly mash the tomatoes. Add the ketchup and mash the beans slightly and add that too with salt and 1 tbsp of water and stir occasionally.

For Salsa - Combine the Onion, Tomato and coriander, Add the pepper and salt, add two/three drops of lime juice. Mix it and slightly mash it. Refrigerate the bowl 20 mins.

How to proceed

Take a Bowl or a plate, add the Mexican Rice first and then the beans, Squeeze the Mayo or cheese sauce on top, then add the fresh salsa, grate the cheese on top, add some crushed Nachos and whole Nachos on the side for dressing.



Birthdays



Rtn. Baskar Moorthy	2 nd August
Anne Indira Prakash Rao	4 th August
Rtn. Ismail Sait	4 th August
Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan	4 th August
Rtn. Venkat Reddy	4 th August
Rtn. Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty	5 th August
Anne Renuka Abraham	6 th August
Anne Sally George	7 th August
Anne Shalla Seetharam	8 th August
Rtn. Vakulpathy Vinay	8 th August
Anne Saroj Agarwal	11 th August
Rtn. Sanjay Koppikar	12 th August
Rtn. Dr. Krishnan Menon	14 th August
Anne Mylacave Irene Joseph	16 th August
Rtn. Ambica Motupali	16 th August
Rtn. Bijith Ganga Bhaskar	16 th August
Rtn. Harish Kumar S.	18 th August
Rtn. Vijay Kumar R Mane	20 th August
Anne Annie Randhawa	21 st August
Anne Lakshmi Vemulkar	23 rd August
Anne Latha Shetty	24 th August
Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman	29 th August
Anne Vaishali Nadgir	29 th August

Anniversaries



Asha & Ramesh Agarwal	8 th August
Sally & Philip George	9 th August
Malathi & Jagadeesh M	27 th August

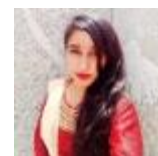
Thank you for your Generosity

Rtn. O.P. Khanna	Rs. 12.30 Lakhs
Rtn. Raja Kaura	Rs. 2.50 Lakhs
Rtn. Sanjay Dugar	Rs. 1.10 Lakhs
Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy	Rs. 1.00 Lakh
Rtn. Savita Kaura	Rs. 60,000
Rtn. Ajith Rai	Rs. 36,048
Rtn. Prakash Rao	Rs. 25,000
Rtn. Philip George	Rs. 25,000
Rtn. Saravanan	Rs. 20,000
Rtn. Supriya Kandhari	Rs. 20,000
PDG Badri Prasad R	Rs. 10,000
Rtn. Lalit Anand	Rs. 10,000

* These are the actual receipts for the month of July 2020



Under the auspices of our Vidyadaan project, Ms. Sania Kouser, student of Govt. PU College, Hoskote has scored 589 out of 600 marks in her II PU exams. Indeed, a proud moment for Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar. Our heartiest congratulations to Ms. Sania and we wish her all the best for her future.



Events for the month of August

- 3rd August – Talk by Lt. Gen Mohinder Puri
- 10th August – Talk by Dr. Suresh Chari
- 15th August – Fellowship: Puppetry by Ventriloquist Ms. Indushree
- 24th August – Club Assembly



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