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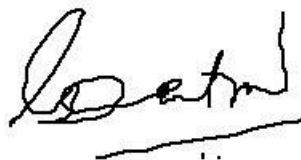
My dear Members of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar Family,

January is the Vocational Service month according to the Rotary calendar. During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

Our Rtn. Sanjay Dugar released his book "The Facilitative Leader" at our meeting, which is being received well by the readers.

The new year also started on a tragic note with several members losing their dear ones. We join them in their prayers and hope God almighty give them strength to bear their losses.

Yours in Rotary



Gopinath N



JANUARY IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

"Vocational service gives Rotarians the opportunity to help others escape poverty and gain a measure of self-respect. As business and professional leaders, we have a duty to lead and encourage good ethics through vocation."
Carlos Frum, PDG D6440

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All the best to the new team!

STAR ROTARIANS OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2018

CLUB SERVICE

Rtn Fazal – Updating of online systems

Rtn. Ambika – Successful conduct of “Sambrama”

Rtn. Harish Anand- Spirit of Rotary

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rtn Lata Amashi-- Blood donation camps

Rtn Rajesh Xavier – Rotary day projects

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Rtn Sanjay Dugar – For the release of his book “The Facilitative Leader”

YOUTH SERVICE

Rtn Vikram Nadgir, Rtn. A.K. Sugunan – For the successful completion of installation of all Interact Clubs

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Rtn Vinay V – for hosting Rtn. Kjetil Utne



Rtn. Narssi receiving the "Star Rotarian of the month" from Dist. 3190

COMMUNITY SEVA

RENOVATED ANGANWADIS AT ALAPPANAHALLI & VENKATAPURA VILLAGES



The renovated anganwadis at Alappanahalli & Venkatapura villages in Hoskote Taluk were inaugurated on Wednesday, 19th December 2018.

The renovation of the anganwadi at Alappanahalli was fully sponsored by Sri Pramod Murarka of M/s. Rarewala Steels & Alloys Pvt. Ltd. and the anganwadi at Venkatapura was fully sponsored by PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna in memory of his parents, Late Sri G.R. Khanna & Smt. Savitri Khanna. Sri Pramod Murarka & Rtn. O.P. Khanna cut the ceremonial ribbons at Alappanahalli & Venkatapura respectively to dedicate the anganwadis to the children of the two villages.



Six Rotarians, namely President Rtn. M. Jagadeesh, PP Rtn. Col. (Retd.) R.V. Subramaniam, PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna, Rtn. Amarnath Tandon, Rtn. N.L. Bhaskar & Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman and Ann Lata Bhaskar attended the inauguration. Sri Pramod Murarka & Sri Piyush Deora, Directors of M/s. Rarewala Steels & Alloys Pvt. Ltd. and Sri C.P. Bothra, Trustee of C.P. Bothra Trust were also present at the inauguration.

Mr. Somasundar, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) of Hoskote Taluk & Smt. Pushpa, Senior Supervisor of Hoskote Taluk, represented the Department of Women & Child Development, Government of Karnataka at the inauguration.

The anganwadi workers, anganwadi helpers and residents of the two villages were thrilled with the wonderful facilities provided at their anganwadis. They had made all necessary arrangements for the functions. Their hospitality ensured that we were treated to a sumptuous brunch, coffee and tender coconut water.

A total of 15 anganwadis have now been renovated under the Anganwadi Restoration Project, of which 12 have been renovated during the current year.

GSK AWARDS AT GGHS HOSAKOTE



RBI's prestigious GSK awards were given to the best and second best students of Government Girls High School, Hoskote on 19 Dec 2018. The awards were given for the following categories - Mock Parliament, Inspiration award, Drama, Dance and Music, School Band, Class & House Leaders. The awards were also given for the following four main events related to syllabus - Handicrafts, Science Exhibition, Sports and Education.

In Education the top girl scored over 90% and the average marks of the school improved. Unlike in many other Govt. schools, the total enrolment at this school has not decreased and is around 625 for classes VIII, IX and X.

In sports and Yoga that were started four years ago, the school students have won **over 20 gold medals at National Juniors** held in Goa, Noida and Ahmedabad. The school has also won accolades in Badminton, Kabbadi, Kho Kho and Throw ball at Taluk and District levels.

In handicrafts and Science Exhibitions the school girls have won awards at District levels and participated in state level competitions also. In all other areas such as Mock Parliament, Drama, Dance and Music and School Band the school students have come back with best or second best performance at the District level.

17 girls received 25 different awards. The overall best student cups for the last three years were given to Ganga (2015-16), Manasa (2016-2017) and Bhargavi (2017-2018). The rolling trophy was given to Bhargavi as the overall best student of 2017-2018.

OTHER PROJECTS



Interactors from Deen's Academy at the Agrahara School



Visitors from SAP Labs at Karunashraya

INTERNATIONAL SEVA – A VISIT TO THE PROMISED LAND

It was a bright Sunday morning as our group of enthusiastic Rotarians, family and friends set off for the Promised Land. We landed in Tel Aviv after a meticulous security routine at Mumbai airport.



View of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives

The first morning was spent in Kibbutz Magal which houses NETAFIM, one of the world's leading manufacturers of agricultural equipment. Their presentation on drip irrigation and statistics they provided on agriculture in Israel, left us all speechless! With scarce rainfall, Israel produces a wide variety of crops, fruits and vegetables of the highest quality. All thanks to drip irrigation. Depending on weather patterns and other parameters, stored data ensures that each plant gets the right amount of water mixed with fertilizer ... to the last drop! A country with limited access to fresh water is able to provide all the water it needs, thanks to innovation and technology.

Tel Aviv on the Mediterranean coast is a modern vibrant city, Jaffa, once a thriving port, is now a suburb of Tel Aviv. A quaint place, all of us simply loved its old world charm.

We set off from Tel Aviv to seek adventures. Caesarea with the deep blue of the Mediterranean in the background and the ruins of the Roman aqua duct and Haifa with its breathtaking Baha'i Gardens viewed from atop Mount Carmel, were memorable stops on the way to Nazareth.

The Church of Annunciation is where the home of Virgin Mary was, in Nazareth. It is where the angel Gabriel appeared to her and announced that she would bear the child of God. Walls of the church have paintings of Mary gifted or commissioned by different countries.

We stayed a couple of nights in Tiberias at the Kinar Galil, a beautiful resort on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

One of the highlights of our stay there was a boat ride on the Galilee, the lowest fresh water lake in the world. A memorable moment was when President Jagadeesh was asked to hoist our national flag on the boat as we all sang the national anthem...all in a faraway land! Some whacky Titanic type poses added to the fun.

The Galilee region is where Jesus Christ spent a large part of his life preaching and performing miracles. Visits to the Church of Multitudes and the Mount of Beatitudes, rounded off the day. But not before a 'fellowship' of ...what else but Israeli wine!

Right through the trip we ate real healthy as we were treated to an amazing variety of fresh vegetables and fruits, the typical Mediterranean diet. And in the Galilee region we had a sumptuous meal of the famous Peter's fish, much anticipated, much appreciated! Most appreciated of course were the chikkies, khakras, muruku etc got from Namma Ooru !!



Bahai Gardens



Aqua Duct at Caesarea

During our drive through the country, at several places, we witnessed Israel's close proximity of its neighbours. The electrified fences and army posts reminded us of a troubled past and fragile peace at present. As we were driving in the Golan Heights region, our guide nonchalantly mentioned that an occasional rocket is known to land there!

A new dawn saw us off to Jericho, the lowest place on earth, followed by a visit to the Qumran caves, site of the Dead Sea scrolls. And finally, the much awaited moment when we floated on the Dead Sea! A surreal and unforgettable experience!

Then to Jerusalem!

A visit to Yad Vashem, memorial to victims of the Holocaust gave us a glimpse of the best and worst of human nature. The Garden of the Righteous Among the Nations honours non-Jews of different nations who risked their lives to shelter Jews and helped them escape Nazi Germany.

Bethlehem, the birth place of Jesus was getting ready for Christmas. We visited the Church of Nativity which houses the cave where Jesus was born, as also St. Jerome's cave. Here, over a period of 30 years, starting 386 AD, St. Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek to Latin.

The penultimate day of our trip gave us a taste of the old and the new coexisting in a delicate balance in the city of Jerusalem. One of the oldest cities in the world, Jerusalem is holy to the three major Abrahamic religions- Judaism, Christianity and Islam.



In front of the Menorah at the Knesset

We made a quick stop near the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, to view the bronze Menorah. And then to the Mount of Olives from where we got a panoramic view of the old walled city with the golden Dome of the Rock clearly standing out. Walking on the Via Dolorosa past the nine stations tracing Christ's final journey bearing the Cross, brought us to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where Jesus was nailed to the Cross and died. It is regarded as the traditional site of the Resurrection of Christ.



With the members of the Rotary club of Ramla and Rehovot

No visit to Jerusalem is complete without praying at the Western Wall, a part of the disputed Temple Mount and the holiest place where Jews are permitted to pray. Prayers are written on slips of paper and inserted in the crevices. When departing, the custom is to walk backward. It was with a heavy heart that we had to leave beautiful Jerusalem, bringing to mind the oft repeated chant "If I forget thee O Jerusalem...."

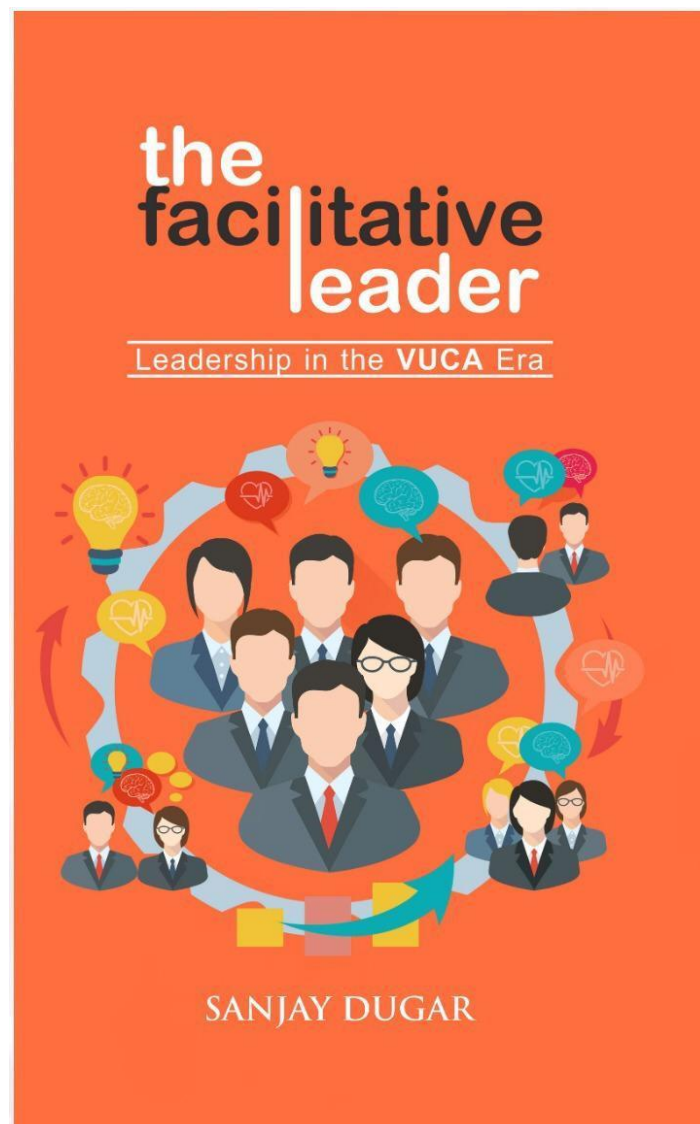
Back in Tel Aviv to take our return flight, we met members from the Rotary club of Ramla and the Rotary club of Rehovot and exchanged flags and information on service projects.

As the sun set over the Mediterranean, it was a time to look back on fun times and wonderful bonding.

Eight days of stepping in and out of the old and the new....colourful bazaars next to modern skyscrapers, narrow alleys running alongside world class highways, Roman era ruins not far from building housing modern tech giants.....all of it an amazing unforgettable experience called Israel! Thank you Guna and Jagadeesh for making this dream trip a reality!

-A travelogue by Ann Sharada Shenoy

BOOK RECOMMENDATION! MUST READ!



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

January 13	Ann Namrata Jain Ann Mona Lal
January 14	Ann Dena Rejin
January 15	Bhupinder Singh Lamba
January 16	Ann Rakhi Thakurdas
January 17	Suresh Vaswani
January 20	Sanjay Srivastava Ann Prema Aiyer
January 22	Ranjana Anand Nishith Kumar Balki Narayanan
January 23	Ann Asha Agarwal
January 29	Ann Mala Bhandary
January 31	Jaiprakash Hinduja
February 01	Latha Amashi
February 04	Kailash Advani Ann Shailaja Raja
February 07	Ann Deeksha Agarwal
February 10	Ann Promila Mathur
February 11	Shyam Agarwal Ann Chitra Krishnamurthy

Anniversaries

January 17	Vidhya & Pradeep Vishvanathan
January 20	Gayathri & Chandrasekhar Vishwanath
January 21	Subhashini & Suraj Challam
January 24	Srividya & Chandramouli
January 25	Padmaja & Brindavan Balaji
January 26	Savita & Raja Kaura Latha & Bhaskar
January 28	Kumud & Shirish Mathur Veena & Vinod Sawhney
January 29	Rama & V.K. Baheti Sushma & Harish Dhall
January 31	Devi & Devaraj
February 01	Rajeev & Guna
February 05	Kamla & Paras Bhansali
February 07	Namrata & Peeyush Jain
February 08	Preeti & Sanjay Dugar
February 11	Shamim & Fazal Ur Rahaman
February 12	Sheela & Nagaraj R



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BE THE INSPIRATION

We invite you to

Dakshin Bharatiya

A musical evening featuring a wonderful mix of Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam songs performed by some of our very talented fellow Rotarians and Ann's.

Date: 28th January 2019

Time: 7:30 pm onwards

Venue:

Rotary House of Service, 2143, 16 E Main,
HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore – 560008

Block your calendar for a truly memorable experience.
