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January is finally here!!!!

We just completed nine months of challenging times and the positive and the negatives it brought with it.

The past six months were thrilling no doubt, but they were also daunting and overwhelming at times. As we step into 2021, we look forward to the year being less chaotic and difficult.

I'm looking forward to at the next 6 months working with you all, and together we can work on the best solutions to the challenges we will be doubtlessly face as a community. I have a strong belief that if we all work together towards the common goal we share of betterment of our community; we can overcome the challenges that we may face.

Leading our club in these uncertain and difficult times was a challenging & daunting task. It was not easy leading the club these past six months under current circumstances but on the whole, I did my best. Thank you all for that!!!

I am very happy that I have many able and passionate Rotarians as office bearers in my team and their good counsel helped me with my conviction that we cannot only meet the expectations, but we can even exceed them.

Projects under TEACH, Heart care, BGMS, Eye care, Scholarships, Anganwadi renovation and Karunashraya continued to receive our focus and we were able to achieve many milestones.

We will continue our focus on our new initiatives under Lake Rejuvenation, Rural area drinking water and Covid-RRR (Relief, Rehabilitation and Rebuilding) which address the urgent needs of the society. We have been able to forge new partnerships like the one with NTTF on Skill Development and make all endeavors to forge new alliances.

As we wrap-up 2020, I want to thank each and every one of our club members for your individual contributions, whether that be time, talent or treasure. The year 2021 is an opportunity to renew our commitment to the needy. We cannot foresee the future, but we can steer ourselves where we want to go. We can remain focused and, as a Club, concentrate on the resources and the best opportunities we have.

I want to remind everyone there is still time to make good the limited human, financial, and time resources that are available to us due to the pandemic.

We need to continue with our specific objectives for each of our projects and initiatives, tracking progress and achievement. Our Club's value has been unique as we serve our community and the needy with projects that have real and lasting impact. Life is always moving forward; nothing ever remains the same. As they say, the only constant is change. Let's manage change effectively and positively.

Let us all go forward in Rotary together!

Rotary International President's Message

Rtn. Holger Knaack's Message for Month of January 2021

January is finally here. As we look forward to 2021, our thinking doesn't have to stop at the end of these 365 days. Are you thinking ahead about what you will be doing in 2022, 2023, and beyond?

We cannot foresee the future, but we can steer ourselves where we want to go. I think it is important that every Rotary club hold a strategic meeting at least once a year. Past RI Director Greg Yank, who has a lot of experience working with clubs on their plans, shares his viewpoint.

A famous aphorism states, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Planning is essential to achieving success in all areas of life, including Rotary, and we're getting better at it every year.

Strategic planning for Rotary clubs works. I have helped many clubs find that pathway by working with them to build what I call a blueprint, a multiyear plan that answers the fundamental question: "What is our vision for our club?" The best plans I have seen are those that are focused, when a club concentrates its resources on the best opportunities it has. Your Rotary club cannot be all things to its members and to the community it serves; it has limited human, financial, and time resources. A successful plan factors in assets and limitations to chart the desired pathway for your members.

Begin building a multiyear strategic plan by brainstorming with your club, asking, "What are our initiatives and priorities for the next two to three years?" Document your answers using action-oriented language that is specific, concrete, and measurable about the goals you want to achieve.

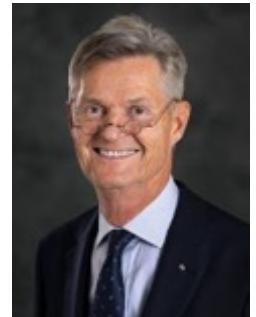
Next, narrow down your initiatives to a core set of three to five priorities. Your club will then develop specific objectives for each initiative, outlining who will be involved, key milestones of achievement, how progress will be tracked, and a timeline for completion. Keep your plan short and simple.

Then go out and do it. Review the progress you make toward accomplishing the initiatives, and revise as needed at least once a year. Rotary has a solid template to assist clubs in their planning, which you can find at my.rotary.org/en/document/strategic-planning-guide.

We want to enrich and enliven our clubs with new discussions and ideas. But how do we attract the diverse professionals, from different backgrounds, ages, and experiences, who are all driven by as strong a sense of integrity as we are?

Through strategic planning, we explore this question to define the very nature of our club and the value it offers to its members and to the community. Each club is different, and each club's value will be unique. During the planning process, clubs may also find that some of the activities they used to do are no longer relevant or attractive.

Once your club makes a strategic plan, it's time to take action and carry out the necessary changes. When we do that — as we engage members in vibrant and active clubs that not only have fun but also serve their communities with projects that have real and lasting impact — our clubs grow stronger. And when we discover what makes our own clubs unique and build upon those core values in all our efforts, Rotary Opens Opportunities to enrich the lives of everyone.



Rotary Opens Opportunities

HOLGER KNAACK
President, Rotary International



Club Service



The articulate & suave Director - Rtn. Vipin Labroo

Governor's Official Visit

Keeping the tradition of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar alive, this year also, despite the pandemic, the Governor's Official Visit was celebrated on a virtual platform on 7th, the first Monday of December. The first session; The Club Assembly showcased the plans and achievements of each avenue of service in detail. The presentations were crisp and to the point and as per District Governor and other District officers present, it gave a detailed view of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's professionalism and dedication. The function was well attended. Keeping norms of the pandemic in mind, since the members could not congregate, a sumptuous and delicious dinner was delivered to the residence of the members.

Art of Resilience, Theatre and more during pandemic

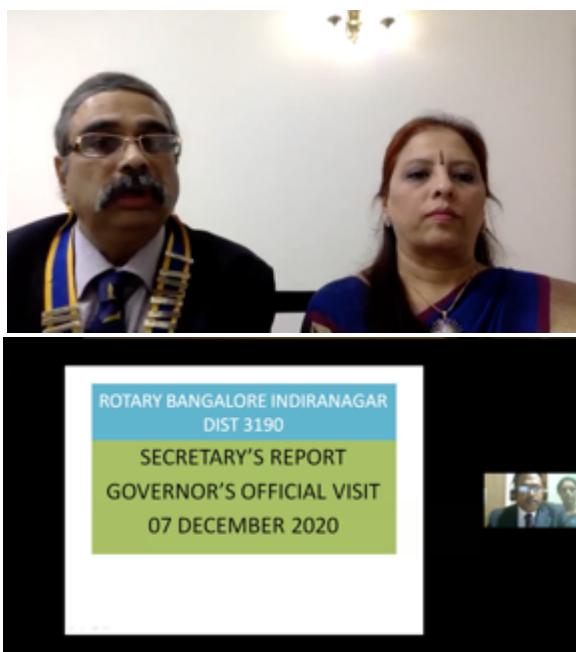
The weekly meeting on 14th December was addressed by Abhishek Iyengar, Director and co-founder of WeMove Theatre, one of India's top theatre companies. He spoke on "Art of Resilience, Theatre and more during pandemic". It was a well-received and revealing presentation.

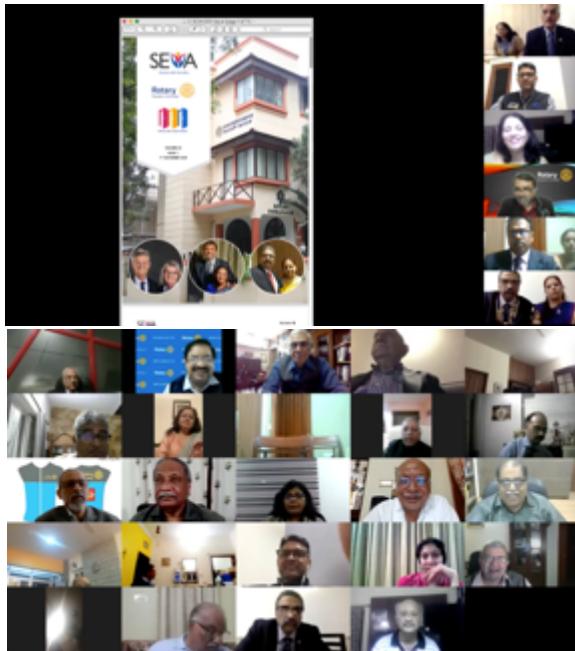
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Joint Meeting with RC Koramangala and RC Continental, Ms Rukmini Iyer spoke on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. It was a very informative and educative session, revealing how discrimination happens in our society and how to turn around the situation to take everyone along, especially the less privileged.

Ravi Shankar @100

Members of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar had a fabulous virtual tour of the Music Museum to witness the 100th anniversary exhibition of Sitar Maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar. This tour was ably conducted by Ms Sahana Mohan, who enthralled us with details and anecdotes surrounding the maestro. A soul soothing experience. More about this in the Vocational Avenue section.





Community Service

The untiring & relentless Director - Rtn. Philip George



Vidya Daan

As on date, scholarships worth around Rs. 1.12cr have been disbursed to 467 students.

Heart Care

4 surgeries were conducted during Dec '20.

Eye Care

Statistics at the two Nethradeeps

	At Kolar	At Tumkur
OPD during Dec	318	37
Total OPD	1605	294
Surgeries during Dec	112	208
Total Surgeries	322	333





Vocational Service



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

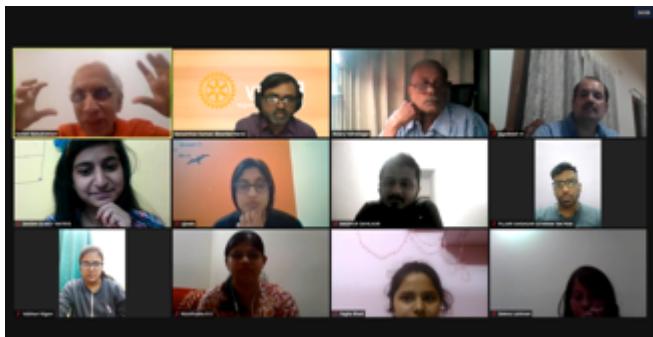
Skill Development

- On the 18th of November, we inaugurated the first Skill Development Course in conjunction with NTTF.
- The course is called the IT Technician Course. It is a 240-hour course where a youngster will be learning about basics of electrical and electronic component related to hardware and networking system.
- Trainees would learn to assemble and repair a desktop PC with all its internal components. They will also learn to assemble and repair a Laptop PC and its internal hardware components. The trainees will learn to setup and configure networking system using various network devices using crimping, punching and to configure with IP addressing. They would also learn to troubleshoot the networking system.
- The course fee was fixed at Rs. 10,000/- per student and an appeal was made to all the Rotarians of Indiranagar to come forward and Adopt-a-Student. The Rotarians of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar came forward enthusiastically and contributed for the training of 77 students under the Adopt-a-Student scheme.
- After this course, the entire batch has been readily absorbed by AIRTEL and the students have got their offer letters after an interview.
- Special appreciation to Rtn. Shalini Sethi who has committed to adopt an entire batch of 20 students and of course Rtn. Kavitha Parmesh (Chairperson) and PP Jagadeesh (Co-ordinator) without whose work and support this would not have been possible.



Career Guidance

- Thus far we have been conducting 'Career Guidance' sessions for students at the High School level. We have now conducted Career Opportunity sessions for PG students of Life Sciences. We had 3 'Career Guidance' sessions on 'Industry Careers in Biotech', in Dec 2020.
- Suresh Balsubramani shared his decades of knowledge and practical experiences, whilst addressing the students for over 60 minutes. Details given below:
 - 30 MSc students of MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences on Dec 19, 2020.
 - First Batch of 32 PG Life Sciences students of Christ College on Dec 26, 2020
 - Second batch 25 PG Life Sciences students of Christ College on Dec 30, 2020
- Thanks to Dr Soma Chaki and Dr Prashanti of MSRUAS, Mr Jobi Xavier and Mr Anish Nag of Christ College for organizing the sessions and giving RBI and Mr Suresh Balsubramani an opportunity to address the students. President Doc Srikanth, PP Jagadeesh, and Rtn Narsi attended these sessions.
- Kudos to Mr Suresh Balsubramani who despite having migrated to USA, has taken keen interest and passionately pursued and driven this initiative.
- Special appreciation to Krishnan Kumar (Chairperson) without whose active work and support, none of these sessions would have been possible.



A Virtual Vocational Tour

- After the virtual Vocational Tour that we had on the plains of Giza of the Tomb of Meresankh, we had our second Vocational Tour of this year on the 28th of December 2020.
- It was an Exhibit virtual tour of the Interactive Music Museum featuring India's Global Musician, Sitar Maestro Pandit Ravi Shankar.
- This illustrated talk took the audience on a journey into the life and times of this legendary musician, chronicling his Early period, Golden years and Legacy through rare photographs, video clippings and audio visual excerpts. The presentation also gave us a glimpse of rare artefacts such as his GRAMMY awards, his Bharat Ratna medal, musical instruments and costumes. It is an inspiring story of a musical genius, the coming together of cultures, and the rise of India on the global stage.
- It was well conducted by Ms. Sahana Mohan. Sahana's involvement with IME spans from the initial design and setting up of the museum in 2016, to temporary exhibitions such as Ravi Shankar@100: India's global musician centennial, an exhibition that ran in a physical as well as online environment. In addition to being an ardent fan of Indian Classical music, she is an ardent yoga enthusiast practicing yoga for many years.
- Special appreciation to Ms. Manita Desai and Ms. Sahana Mohan of IME for helping us and conducting this session.





Youth Service



A technocrat & dynamic Director – Rtn. Gopinath

Donation drive by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar Interact Club

This holiday season, Interact Indiranagar held a donation drive in which items like books, toys and clothes will be collected in boxes and then be donated to the 'Venkatrayana Trust' in Koramangala. All proceeds were dropped off at the Rotary House of Service on 24th December, from 3pm to 6pm by Intr. Dhruv Pant.

The children were also taken on a trip to the Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium.





Sheer Nostalgia

Get ready to go down memory lane every month...



Rtn. PP N. Krishnamurthy (1983-84)



Rtn. PP Dr. Nagesh Simha (1986-87)



Rtn. PP C. M. Narayanan (1990-91)



Rtn. PDG Suresh Hari (1999-2000)



Rtn. PP Shirish Mathur (2001-02)



Rtn. PDG Badri Prasad (2003-04)



The Pampered Palate

Adding flavours and spices to your taste buds...

Pathange's Style Biryani

By Rtn. Kavita Pishay

Ingredients

Bullet rice – 500 gms (soak it for 30 minutes)	Marathi mogue spice – 8 nos Ginger 1/4" piece – 4 nos	Oil – 125 ml Salt to taste
Mutton/Chicken/Prawn – 600 gms	Garlic – 16 pods	Chilli powder (optional)
Onions medium – 4 nos	Coriander medium bunch - 1 no.	Cinnamon 1/4" – 3 nos
Tomatoes – 3	Pudina medium bunch – 1 no.	Chillies – 7 nos
Lavang – 8 nos	Coconut milk – 500 ml	Cardamom – 8 nos

Preparation

1. Coarse Grind 1 onion, ginger, garlic, coriander, chillies and all the spices.
2. Add ½ the coarsely grounded masala and marinade the chicken along with salt and pinch of haldi.
3. Chop the remaining onions, tomatoes and Pudina and keep it aside.
4. Pressure cook chicken until ½ done.
5. In a cooker, add 125 ml of oil, fry onions till golden brown.
6. Add the balance ½ portion of masala and fry it for another 5 minutes.
7. Add tomatoes and further fry for 10 minutes.
8. Add 500 ml coconut milk and 500 ml of chicken stock.
9. Add pudina, salt, haldi. If required chilli powder. Add the soaked rice.
10. When rice is half cooked, add the chicken, stir it well and cook for 10 – 15 minutes on low fire.
11. Serve it with salad.





Rtn. Lalit K Anand	1 st January	Leila & V.T. Thomas	1 st January
Anne Jayashree Kesavadas	1 st January	Sadia & Mohamed Ismail Sait	4 th January
Rtn. Arunkumar Burman	2 nd January	Sierra & George Pearson	5 th January
Anne Mukta Rana	3 rd January	Alatha & Abraham Joseph	10 th January
Anne Dr Rani Tandon	3 rd January	Archana & Dilip Surana	17 th January
Rtn. George Pearson	5 th January	Vidhya & Pradeep Visvanathan	17 th January
Rtn. Ranjan Bhandary M K	7 th January	Seema & Rakesh Nayyar	18 th January
Anne Namrata Jain	13 th January	Gayathri & Chandrashekhar Viswanath	20 th January
Anne Mona Lal	13 th January	Subhashini & Suraj Chalam	21 st January
Anne Dena Rejin	14 th January	Srividya & Chandra Mouli T K	24 th January
Rtn. Bhupinder Singh Lamba	15 th January	Padmaja & Brindavan Balaji	25 th January
Rtn. Suresh Vaswani	17 th January	Indira & Lt. Col. (Retd) Lester Herbert	26 th January
Rtn. Dilip Surana	18 th January	Savita & Raja Kaura	26 th January
Rtn. Sanjay K Srivastava	20 th January	Lata & Bhaskar N L	26 th January
Anne Prema Aiyer	20 th January	Kumud & Shirish Mathur	28 th January
Rtn. Balakrishnan Narayanan	22 nd January	Veena & Vinod Sawhney	28 th January
Anne. Ranjana Anand	22 nd January	Rama & V K Baheti	29 th January
Anne Asha Shyam Aggarwal	23 rd January	Devi & Devaraj	31 st January
Anne Mala Bhandary	29 th January		
Rtn. Jaiprakash Hinduja D	31 st January		



Canfin Homes limited	₹24,00,000	Zarryl Lobo	₹12,000
Titan Company	₹8,75,000	Amarnath Tandon	₹10,000
Crowdfunding	₹8,29,797	Dr.Simha SN	₹10,000
Shalini Sethi	₹3,00,000	Harish Manac	₹10,000
Dr. Srikanth AVS	₹1,20,000	Kavitha P	₹10,000
Ram Mohan Menon	₹1,20,000	Manju Varma	₹10,000
R. Kesavadas	₹67,000	N.Krishnamurthy	₹10,000
Chandra Mouli	₹60,000	Prakash Rao	₹10,000
Prabhakar B	₹50,000	Raja Kaura	₹10,000
Shashank	₹50,000	Rejin Chalappuram	₹10,000
Joseph Abraham	₹20,000	Sandeep Rakhra	₹10,000
Lalith Anand	₹20,000	Sanjay Srivastava	₹10,000
Mahesh Parikh	₹20,000	Sivasankaran N	₹10,000
Narssimhan Kannan	₹20,000	Sushil Sonika	₹10,000
Richard D Souza	₹20,000	Vandana Hinduja	₹10,000
Kayar Srinivasan (Ram Mohan Menon)	₹20,000	OP Khanna	₹7,500
Dr. Krishnan Menon	₹15,000	R.V.Col.Subramaniam	₹2,000



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