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Newsletter of Rotary Bangalore Peenya

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RI President's Message



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.

Yours in Service,
[Mark Daniel Maloney](#),
Rotary International President

Women's day



We all know that March 8th is observed as Women's day. As a part of that we at Rotary Peenya invited Dr.Aishwarya on March 4th for our weekly speaker meet. Dr.Aishwarya is a specialist in Yoga,Physiotherapy, Acupuncture, Naturopathy, Nutrition and Dietics and also a Karate Black belt holder. She spoke on the subject "Wellness and Women Empowerment". She focused on how women face social, economic and cultural issues and advocated for the advance of women within all those areas and also how they should be mentally & physically stronger. The meeting was well attended by our lady Rotarians and anns.

A Novel Project by our Interactors: Sharing is Caring



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" - Mahathma Gandhi.

Our Interact club at Nurture International School has been active over the last two years. A total of 58 students have been actively involved in various service oriented work setup with the objective of energizing and inspiring our young leaders. Activities are designed to promote a sense of service to the larger community and to become responsible global citizens who can rise up to the occasion at the call of duty.



Our Interactors came up with a novel idea of setting up a library at a partner Government school. The thinking behind this act was to share the love of Reading with other students. Our Interactors put together a huge collection of donated storybooks from friends and family – a whopping 236 books in all. In addition, they also raised enough money to buy them a book rack. With these they were able to kick start a small circulating Library at the partner Government school. This was followed by a reading session, where our students read out English stories to the govt school kids.This act of kindness and sharing was much appreciated by the school Principal and students alike. Proud of our Interactors & Youth Service Director Rtn.Veena Shivakumar for the initiative. !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Donation of Wheelchairs

On 5th March 2020,our club donated 10 Wheel Chairs to the under privileged disabled people in and around Ramanagara District identified by Rotary Club Ramanagara which helps them to increase their mobility, independence and hence carry out their daily tasks with ease. Our President Elect Rtn.Madhusudana and



Rtn.Rudraiah were present in the proceedings of distribution.



Street Kid's Fest 2020



Right to Recreation is one of the main components in a child's over all development. In this connection Under Youth Service, Rotary Bangalore Peenya organized a Street Kid's Fest 2020 - Sports meet and cultural fest for under privileged street children belonging to an Orphanage run by YMCA at the city YMCA grounds. The programme was inaugurated by Mr.Nitesh Patil, I.A.S. Additional Commissioner (Finance) Commercial Taxes, Govt.of Karnataka, by beating the Drums. More than 150 children took part enthusiastically. Many fun games athletic events and Cultural Programs like Drama, Singing & Dancing were conducted which has brought smiles in those marginalized children's faces which in turn develops their over all health and who will become good citizens of the society. Lunch was provided for all the children. Prizes



were distributed to the winners of all categories in the evening. A Steel Lunch Box was gifted to every child from our Club. Press & Media widely covered this Unique programme.

Our club's Governor's official visit was scheduled on 14th March at Royal Orchards Hotel. But due to the Corona outbreak ,lockdown was imposed by then. Hence our G O V was postponed to 11th April & it will be conducted through Zoom online.

Due to the lockdown, we could not meet physically. So to keep in touch and to communicate among our members ,our club arranged a casual meet through the online Zoom app on 29th March 2020 at 11 am. This virtual meet was a new experience for many of our members. It was great to meet everyone from the comforts of our home.

It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.

- Paul Harris



Birthdays

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| Ann.Aparna d/o Rtn.Balachandran | 3rd April |
| Ann.Shantha w/o Rtn.Saiprasad | 4th April |
| Rtn. Gautham Chand Nahar | 6th April |
| Annet Chahana d/o Rtn.Savitha Suresh | 13th April |
| Annet Anirudh s/o Rtn.Meenakshi Dube | 16th April |
| Annet Kunal s/o Rtn.KumKumBhuvania | 20th April |
| Annet Hansa d/o Rtn.Madhusudana .S | 21st April |
| Ann Malathi w/o Rtn.Panchapakesan | 21st April |
| Rtn. J C. Hegde | 29th April |

Wedding Anniversaries

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| Rtn. Dr.Narendra Prasad and Rtn.Janaki Prasad | 17th April |
| Rtn KumKum Bhuvania and Mr. Nandakumar | 25th April |
| Rtn. Girish and Rtn.Suma Girish | 27th April |

If we have the spirit of understanding everything and taking it in the proper way, we will enjoy every second of life, whether it is 'Pleasure' or 'Pressure'



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