



the RBO Digest

Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis

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Editorial

Ahoy peeps!

We are pleased to bring you the 2nd issue of the RBO Digest where we say cheers to all the hard work, goodwill and fellowship. The last few months have been a busy and an enlightening ride where we saw our planning, strategizing, discussions and spadework bearing fruit.

President Rtn. Hemant Sharma and Secretary Rtn. Anand Kumar summarize this journey in their notes; As do the avenue directors from their specific areas. Rtn. Paramaguru talks about our fundraiser the Oasis-Gramathon. We have had new members, please join me in giving them a warm RBO welcome. Some new roles in the announcements and appointments section. Do read.

We have other Rotarians sharing content for this edition as well. Thank you all muchly. Shining like a beacon are the RCC stories. Professor Usha Narayanan, leading from the front gives us a brief pictorially. The anns of RBO catch up every month and you can read about what the Oasis-i-anns are upto. While on the anns, how can we leave our young ones behind? We feature two path breaking, gorgeous annets - Manasa H.A and Reet Singh. Per usual, The Rotary vault gives you some deets about the organization that we all belong to. We close out by celebrating the birthdays and anniversaries of the RBO family.

Have you ever wondered that when you come together with the intent of doing good that magic always happens? But magic doesn't have to be tied to a special event or holiday, right! It also doesn't always come from money, having possessions, or by being in a certain stage of life. It is welcome to all, available in the tiniest of forms and is ripe for the picking. All it takes is some serious effort and good intent to look for it.

Magic in the acts of kindness, of giving and forgiveness knows no calendar. I am hoping you will agree with me that if we haven't been doing this by now, it is time for us to get up and hustle. The code of generosity and charity toward others is enforced by no one other than ourselves.

Come, let us get out there and create our personal brand of magic!

With cheers & chutzpah,

Rtn. Lizzie C Lewis
Public Image Committee Chair
Editor - The RBO Digest



From the President's desk

Dear fellow Rotarians and friends,

Time has flown and we are approaching the last Quadri mester of our term. A quick recap of our journey as a fledgling Rotary club is in order.

Our Club was formed in June 2019 with a clear focus on service to the community around Rajanukunte. We started having regular meetings twice a month and one board meeting a month as we strived to provide this service.

The Rotary Bangalore Oasis Rajanukunte Charitable Trust (RBORCT) has been registered with Rtn. Vikram as the first Chairperson. This will facilitate CSR funding by corporate entities and allow us to continue to provide service to our community. The efforts of RBO Treasurer, Rtn Vadiraj, in helping create the bank account for the Trust are laudable.

Our signature 7 km rural ramble, Oasis Gramathon, took place on 23rd February, 2020 (which also happens to be the 100th birthday of Rotary in India). The Hon'ble MLA of Yelahanka, Shri SR Vishwanath and DGE Rtn BL Nagendra Prasad graced the occasion. I would like to place on record my appreciation for the entire RBO team, but the efforts of Rtns. Paramaguru, Paul, Anand, Sriram, and Arun deserve special mention. Funds raised through this event will go a long way in helping us to meet the needs of the various projects we have underway.

I had committed to complete at least one service project during my term and am happy to report that we have more than met this commitment.

- We conducted a Breast Cancer Screening Camp on 2nd February, 2020 at the premises of Peoples Trust in Sriramanahalli. This was conducted in association with the Rotary Club of PalmVille and Sakara Hospitals. Over 40 women came forward for the screening and some were then taken to Sakara Hospitals for further tests.
- Under the leadership of its President, Professor Usha Narayanan, the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Rajanukunte was formed by us and they have been performing miracles through voluntary service. A few of their endeavors so far have been various cleanliness drives (which remain ongoing), working towards enabling the single-use plastic ban, greening the environment through tree plantation and efforts towards the partial revival of a lake.
- On the education front, RBO has initiated steps to provide about 50 school benches to Rajanukunte Govt high school. For E-learning, composite multilingual keyboards have been donated to Panchayat for their digital library driven by Director Community Service Rtn. Paul.
- 130 reusable menstrual hygiene kits were provided to girl students of Govt High School. We have also supported the school by participating in the rejuvenation of their school building. The initiative taken by Rtn Anand is commendable.
- Our dream project of setting up a vocational skills training institute is likely to be realized under the leadership of Rtn. Vikram Samsi, Director of Vocational Services. The process of allotment of a suitable plot of land by the Village Panchayat is at an advanced stage.



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From the President's desk (contd.)

- We sponsored a new Rotaract club (Rotaract Club of Presidency University) at the Presidency University under the leadership of Rtn Ramana Annavarapu, Director Youth Services. Chartered on 14 Sep 2019, the Rotaractors of this unit conducted their first community outreach program, “Fist of grains”. The collection of 300+ kg of grains (mainly rice) was donated to the needy children of the Vidyagokula Charitable Trust, Singanayakanahalli, on 20th February.

Our commitment to growing our club membership is being sustained through the efforts of Rtn. Paramaguru. We have already added some new members and are in line to add a few more shortly. A few additional highlights

- RBO has gone international! In November& December 2019, Rtn Pammy Bhagra and her spouse, IPP Arun Bhagra , have exchanged RBO Club flags with the Presidents of three Rotary clubs in California and one in Mexico. RBO flag was also presented by them to DG of RID 5160, Mrs. Tina S Akins during the GOV of RC of Dougherty Valley, San Ramon, on 6th November.
- In consonance with RI founder’s statement- “The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood” we held the first RBO family meet on 18th January, with a “potluck” dinner. We thank the participants, especially the ladies for delectable dishes.
- Members of RBO participated in the District Conference on 1st & 2nd February as well as in various ICGF events held during the past few months

We are extremely grateful to Shri Harish, Chairperson of the People’s Trust, Sreeramanahalli, for the continuous support in allowing RBO to use their premises as the venue for the Gramathon and other community service activities like the Breast Cancer Screening camp mentioned above.

For personal reasons, Rtn Jayaram stood down as President Elect (PE). Rtn. Paramaguru has stepped in as PE.

We are gearing up for the GOV on 2nd March and look forward to guidance from DG and his District team.

Finally, Rtn Shuchita joins me in wishing each one of you and your family members, all the very best for 2020, nay for the new decade!

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Hemant Sharma
President | Rotary club of Bangalore Oasis

The Rotary 4-way test



The Secretary's note



Dear friends,

We have already completed more than the half year mark in the Rotary club of Bangalore Oasis. Moving ahead with our strategic plans for the betterment of our community we have started our journey and have a lot more to achieve. In these few months of our new club, we have successfully completed rehabilitation of the Government high school

at Rajanukunte, have had informative guest speakers during our meetings and conducted a successful drive for a plastic free Rajanukunte with RCC members (these are continuing). We have brought about smiles on the faces of children and the public.

Also provided multi linguistic Ka-Naada keyboards for school children to learn various languages.

It warms the heart to see our various plans materialize and to see the confident strides of each of our Rotarians connecting the world.

Looking forward to and expecting dazzling performances from each and every one of our members.

Regards,

Anand Kumar

Secretary | Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis

Room 711 -the birthplace of Rotary

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711, Unity Building located at 127 North Dearborn Street in downtown Chicago, Illinois, USA, was the birthplace of Rotary International.

That historic room, office of engineer Gus Loehr, was the location of that first meeting when Paul Harris met with several friends to discuss his new idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

A few Chicago Rotarians set about to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity. For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed annually to the "Paul Harris 711 Club," providing funds for leasing, maintenance and preservation. In 1989, when the original Unity Building was about to be torn down, members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage. There it stayed until 1994, when the recreated Room 711 found a permanent home, and this piece of the Rotary heritage is preserved at the RI World Headquarters in Evanston, USA.



RBO projects

Ka-Naada multilingual keyboards

Ka-Naada is a smart Keyboard facilitating multilingual typing for Indic languages accomodating Roman alphabet character sets for English language. It is a one keyboard for many brahmi script based Indian languages.



Rotary Club of Oasis is proud to support the digitization of the Kannada language and learning various subjects in Government High School Rajanukunte using a multilingual Indic keyboard called Ka-Naada.



Ka-Naada is a smart keyboard facilitating multilingual typing for all Indic languages accommodating Roman alphabet character sets for English language. Along with a low cost pocket computer, a monitor with offline NCERT, Khan Academy lessons in Math, Science in Kannada will enable enriched learning for all children. Ka-Naada is developed by Dr. Guru Prasad of M/s. Ka-Naada Phonetics Pvt. Ltd.



This is a first of its kind keyboard that a child can type right from Standard 1 in their mother tongue. They can type any Indic language with a touch of a button to use their mother tongue. Kannada usage is diminishing and access to computing, using Kannada was not there earlier. This keyboard could be used to train high school and primary school kids thereby reversing the existing trend.

The Ka-Naada keyboard has a Panini kanta Shastra logic identifying which Swara is next to which Vyanjana or vowel. This keyboard connects to a desktop and any device like a phone and is 33% faster than the English qwerty for Indian languages. Ka-Naada keyboard is the first Indic keyboard. Qwerty was a mechanical layout of Remington typewriter and had nothing to do with phonetics of the Indian languages. Mac has their own layouts, Microsoft has their own and Google has its own but none of them released it in their hardware because they didn't go with any logic associated with phonetics.

The students have now started typing in Kannada, using a Kannada keyboard and type other Indic languages using Kannada as well. They also learn and type English without being left behind in technology. Our project has now gone on to put content for Mathematics in this small computer and networked it with other six systems, to identify which school was having and/or wanted to have the Learning Management System (LMS) installed. Classes have been configured and tested both in the single computer and the networked mode as well. Finding and installing Kannada medium lessons were checked out. Headphones to be used were also tested. All this will also help the students to prepare better for their Class Xth Math examinations.

A lot of work needed to make it happen on the background... and the journey continues. Cost of the project was/is Rs. 45,000/- Beneficiaries are 400 students and their teachers. A total of 84 man hours has already gone in and more coming up. This is one project that really means a lot to us.

RBO projects - 1

The Digital Library & Competitive Examination Study Centre

The establishment of the Digital library and Competitive Examination Study Centre at the Rajanukunte Panchayat building was a big Rotary moment for us at RBO; And a much needed boost for the Rajanukunte community.

This is an important project for us at RBO. The project involved quite a few activities. The first of which were

- Carrying out all of the required interior works to achieve a healthier and more aesthetically pleasing environment for the students and teachers using this space.
- Establishing ten computer systems and setting up a digital repository with an online database of digital objects for content that included text, audio, video and other digital formats.
- Setting up of a physical library by procuring and collating competitive examination books for state and national level examinations as well as stocking up on various periodicals and newspapers.

The whole project cost is around Rs. 22 lakhs and is sponsored and executed by Presidency University, Bangalore. On the digital aspect, the multi-lingual keyboards are being sponsored by RBO. Rtns. Paul Mundackal and Anand Kumar from RBO, Dr. Guru Prasad from Ka-Naada Phonetics Pvt Ltd. and Mr. Kantharaju BG, the headmaster of the Govt High school of Rajanukunte are the people taking lead in this project from the RBO perspective.

The Digital Library was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister of State for Education on 10th January, 2020

Approximately 50 hours have been spent towards various meetings, discussions and brainstorming on the way forward by the RBO members with the other main stakeholders of the project who are Mr. Nissar Ahmed, Chairman, Presidency Group of Institutions Bangalore, Dr. Ishwar Bhat, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mr. Rajesh, Rajanukunte Panchayat PDO and others.

This project will benefit all 196 students of the Govt high school. Earlier the youth around Rajanukunte need to go to far away places for preparing for competitive examinations requiring money and travel time involved.

FUTURE PLANS:

- To fine tune and sustain the project by adding more Computer systems to this Digital library. The long term idea is to make this information to be interoperable and sustainable.
- Get more volunteers and thereby enhance the academic level of students who are in studying in Kannada medium.
- To implement this project in a large scale in RI Dist 3190 as a Rotary Global Grant project.



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Rehabilitation of Govt School at Rajanukunte

RBO projects from the community service side.

The Government school at Rajanukunte needed urgent repairs and renovations. There were leaks that needed to be fixed.

The team spear headed by Rtn. Anand Kumar took charge, identified the areas that needed fixing and took this up on a war footing. Cracks were found and those needed to be filled in the right way, were done so. Post that the surface was prepared for one coat of primer followed by two coats of UV resistant acrylic polymers. After all the repairs and the required coats of polymers, the school looked really spiffy.

184 man hours were spent on this project and the main beneficiaries were the teachers and the 400 students of the Rajanukunte Government high school. The cost of the whole project that took place in the month of September 2019 was Rs.64,000/-

The other Rotarians that were involved in this rehabilitation project were Paul Mundackal and Venugopala.



TEACH

The Rotary India Literacy Mission has embarked upon one of its most comprehensive programs on total literacy and quality education. This mission wishes to achieve literacy goals through a program called T-E-A-C-H, where T – Teacher Support, E – E-learning, A – Adult Literacy, C– Child development and H– Happy schools.

Getting children into schools isn't enough to solve illiteracy, mentoring and coaching teachers to advance childhood reading , providing support, motivating them to perform better empowers teachers to teach better.

Rtn.Anand Kumar has been sharing a few tricks of the trade with the teachers as well as the children with exercises, by engaging the students and the teachers in critical thinking and more. He had an able supporter in Rtn. Venugopala during the sessions he conducted for them in the month of August 2019.

The beneficiaries were the 150 students and 8 teachers of the Rajanukunte Govt high school.



What does TEACH do?

- Training and recognising outstanding teachers in primary schools.
- Establishing E-Learning Centers in schools this year.
- Educating adult non-literates across the country.
- Sending children back to school.
- Upgrading elementary schools to Happy Schools to curtail student dropouts.

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WiNs

The WiNs Program is a pan India campaign initiated by Rotary India called "Swachh Bharat - Swachh Vidyalaya" under the "Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan initiated by our prime minister Shri. Narendra Modi.

Handwashing promotion in schools plays an important role in reducing the number of days children miss school. Washing hands with soap at two critical times, after toilet use and before eating food - reduces the incidence of diarrhea by an average of 30% and reduces acute respiratory infections (ARIs) by more than 20%. This is the most cost-effective interventions to prevent diarrhea-related deaths and disease, especially in children.

The RBO rotarians covered two Government schools in January 2020, starting the year with a great cause related to children. Rtns. Anand Kumar, Hemant Sharma and Mohan Kumar were incidental in demonstrating, sharing and bringing an awareness about the WiNs program to these school children. Rtn Hemant's daughter and son-in-law who were present donated generously to the school. Apart from that, Rs 1200/- was the total cost incurred for this project. 650 students and about 30 teacher were the beneficiaries.



Reusable pads

Focus on menstrual education and sessions for female students and teachers exposed to different products available in the market plus awareness on the social, economic, health and environmental impact.

Cloth pads are just like disposables, except you can wash and reuse them several times, saving money and creating less waste. These pads are eco-friendly, health beneficial and cost convenient. Using these also help prevent thousands of tons of non-biodegradable sanitary waste around the world each month.

Did you know it takes about 500-800 years to decompose a disposable? Every cloth pad you buy, you contribute to the economically disadvantaged women in India.

The RBO rotarians under the leadership of Rtn Anand Kumar and female counsellors made this very important and less frequently spoken activity.

In January, 2020 female school students from the nearby government schools were the recipients of the cloth pads. The students were also made aware of what their choices meant to themselves and the environment.

A total of Rs.37,700/- was happily shared by RBO rotarians for this worthy cause.130 female students were the beneficiaries.



RBO projects -IV

The Pink express - Breast cancer screening camp

Breast cancer ratio has increased drastically in India. Every year around five lakh women are losing their lives to the disease. Breast cancer is completely curable if it is identified in the early stages.

Early and radiation free breast cancer screening by using computer aided diagnostics via thermal images. This is a non-contact, non invasive, low cost, easy to use and portable solution for women of all ages. Including women who are younger than 40 years of age, where mammography is not suited to detect malignancy.

This breast cancer screening and detection project was jointly carried out by Rotary Oasis with Sakara Hospital and Rotary Palmville.

A mobile hospital called the Pink express was organized to test the ladies. Awareness created for about 150 women and girls from Rajanukunte village. 44 women were tested on that day. The total project costed Rs.20,000/- and was borne by Rtns Hemant Sharma and Jayaram Rangan.

More awareness sessions are upcoming along with follow-up sessions at Sakara Hospital. Discussions are on with other hospitals for free tests going forward.



**BREAST CANCER
SCREENING CAMP**
On
The PinkExpress
Organized by
**Rotary
Bangalore Oasis**



Pulse polio immunization

Let the victory over polio continue with two drops of life. The pulse polio immunisation date, for this yearly drive was 19th January 2020. Booths were set up in all hospitals, markets, railway stations, bus stops, malls, medical colleges, and other public places.

In keeping with the Rotary district's directive, RBO participated in the yearly pulse polio immunisation programme. Immunization booths were set up at various places, including one at the Government hospital, Rajanukunte on 19th January 2020.

Awareness was made that even if the child had received all routine doses of Polio vaccine, this additional dose of Oral Polio vaccine was absolutely essential. There were a lot of footfalls and we saw the residents of Rajanukunte and nearby areas making use of this immunization drive.

India has been polio free for last 9 years. We continue our victory over polio by vaccinating all our children on time, diligently.



RBO projects-V

Rotaract club Presidency University

We are a newly minted club and one of our very first achievement was creation and installation of Rotaract club at Presidency university. A first hand report by Rtn.Ramana Anavarapu, Director Youth Services.

Youth Services provide any Rotary Club with a unique opportunity to leverage youngsters in the vicinity for various club activities while also bringing fresh opinions & ideas about what can be accomplished and how. As part of this, Rotary sponsors two independent wings, Interact - for youngsters in the age group of 12-18 years & Rotaract - for college students and young professionals in the age group of 18-30 years.

As part of our Club's commitment, we have sponsored a Rotaract Club at the Presidency University - which has its campus in Ittagalapura/ Dibbur near Rajanukunte.

The formation of the club was sponsored by the Chancellor of the University, Mr Nissar Ahmed, and he strongly supported the case for our Club to be the sponsoring Rotary Club for it due to our proximity as well as our commitment to the local community - something that is also very close to Mr Nissar Ahmed's heart.

We received the Charter for the Rotaract Club of Presidency University in September & conducted an additional orientation on October 12 at the University to introduce Rotaract to the students

of the School of Engineering. The Orientation conducted by Rtn.John Bruno and Rtr. Sunil was very well received. In the two days after the orientation we saw a dramatic increase in the number of students interested in joining the Rotaract club from 150 before the orientation to about 500.

We have subsequently worked with the team at Presidency University to identify a group of about 15 Faculty Advisors and 15 Board members for the club.

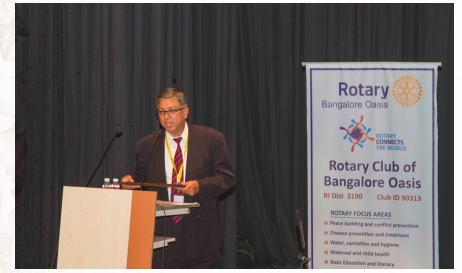
The charter presentation and installation ceremony 'Ananya' took place on December 11, 2019. As the parent club it was a very proud and satisfying moment for us.

Rtn Nagendra Prasad – District Governor Elect, RID 3190 was the chief guest with Rtn Shivanand Bellare, Assistant Governor, Rtn Hemant Sharma, President Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis and Rtn.Ramana Annavarapu as the guests of honour.

There were other esteemed guests representing the Presidency University and the District Rotaract unit. The colourful installation ceremony had rotaractors showcasing their talent and it was also peppered with inspiring talks given to the youngsters by the honourable guests.

After the establishment of this club, we will look at opportunities

to start other Rotaract and/or Interact clubs in the area to increase our ability to mobilize local youth to address issues in the community while providing them with a platform to improve themselves.



RBO Fundraiser The Oasis-Gramathon

An update by Rtn.Paramaguru Sambandam, PE, Director CSR & Fund Raising, Membership Committee chair

The Oasis-Gramathon 2020 is a (approx)7 km long Fund raising Charity Walk organized on Sunday 23 February,2020 through three villages of the community which we serve. People's Trust in Sriramaranahalli next to Rajanukunte supported the event by providing access to their premises for the start and end points of the envisaged Charity walk. The Panchayat of Rajanukunte got the necessary statutory approvals. The event was flagged off by the Hon'ble MLA of Yelahanka, Shri SR Vishwanath and DGE Rtn BL Nagendra Prasad graced the occasion as our esteemed guest.

The funds generated through this Run shall be used fully to cater to the needs of the community which will be aligned to the six global focus areas of Rotary, viz.,

- (i) Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- (ii) Disease Prevention & Treatment
- (iii) Water & Sanitation
- (iv) Maternal & Child Health
- (v) Basic Education & Literacy
- (vi) Economic & Community Development

Of the above mentioned RFAs, for the current year we have identified the following objectives for utilization of funds generated by Oasis- Gramathon 2020,

- (i) Rotary Bangalore Oasis Community Service projects in and around Rajanukunte (Disease Prevention & Treatment and Water & Sanitation)
- (ii) Peoples Trust School infrastructure development. (Basic Education & Literacy)

This one of a kind event was open to all age groups and attracted people from across Bangalore. This event also promoted general wellness and fitness among the community and the participants.



DGE Nagendra Prasad speaking at the Oasis-Gramathon



MLA Vishwanath flagging off the Oasis-Gramathon



DGE Rtn Nagendra Prasad & MLA Vishwanath catching up



The Oasis-Gramathon participants walking through fields of green.

What is a Gramathon?

A gramathon is actually a walkathon, using the word "*grama*" which means a village in the Kannada language. The word was coined because this walk takes place between three villages or "*gramas*".

So what is a Walkathon then? A walkathon - walking marathon or sponsored walk is a type of community fundraiser in which participants raise money by collecting donations or pledges for walking a predetermined distance or course. They are similar in format to other physical activity based fundraising events such as marathons or cycling races but are usually non-competitive and lower in intensity. The low intensity model is ideal for mobilizing broad-based community support, and as a result Walkathons usually target participants from a wide range of ages and economic backgrounds.

International affairs

Exchange of club banners

One of the colourful traditions of Rotary clubs is the exchange of club flags. Rotarians travelling to distant locations often have this exchange as a token of friendship. Rtns. Pammy and Arun Bhagra visited four clubs in the US of A and Mexico & exchanged the RBO flag as a tangible symbol of international fellowship.



Rotary club of Daugherty Valley, San Ramon, California, USA during their GOV. Flag exchanged with the President Adam Lewis and flag presented to the DG RID 5160, Tina Akins.
Date: 14 November 2019



The weekly luncheon meeting of the Rotary club of Danville, California. Established in 1954. Flag exchanged with President Allen. Picture taken by President Elect Michael Roberts. Meeting duration is for an hour. The guest speaker is presented with a certificate indicating a donation to Polio Plus by the club.
Date: 19 November 2019



Flag exchanged with President Stone Wolfson. @ Rotary club of Playa Del Carmen Seaside, Mexico.
Date: 17 December 2019



Flag exchanged with President Colette M Lay of the Rotary club of San Ramon, California, USA.
Date: 6 December 2019



Exchange of club banners

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events. Suggestions from the board were to provide careful thought to the design of their banners that is distinctive and expressive of the country / community of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary. However, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club.

100 years of
doing good in the
world. Click here to
know more about the
history of the Rotary
foundation

Oasisianns Unplugged

A bunch of ladies from all walks of life, having Rotary in common and with an explicit aim to do more; For themselves and the world around them. Oasisianns are the ladies of the RBO club - the anns, rotarians, mothers, mothers-in-law, aunts... you get the drift? :)

Soon after the installation of the RBO club, there was a thought to get the Anns of the club together. Rotary being a family organization and all. After initial deliberations, discussions and even more thoughts, the first meeting of the anns took place on Gandhi Jayanthi, 2nd October 2019. In keeping with the theme and respecting the father of our nation, all anns who met that day wore khadi or cotton. It was a fun get together, some meeting the others for the first time and introducing themselves to one other. It was also unanimously decided that this catch-up to be a monthly one. The anns of Rotary club Oasis are Oasisianns.

The Oasisianns meet regularly every month. The group is slowly getting bigger in number as the other ladies in the club slowly joined in. We are on our way of forming a solid friendship and sisterhood where we support each other.

In the charter year, the Oasisianns' focus was to be on the family and self. The first event forefronted by our first lady Rtn. Shuchita Sharma and ably supported by the other Oasisianns, was a fabulous family potluck. It included scrumptious food, Ghazals, Karaoke, Bharatanatyam by two lovely annets and a game of housie, enjoyed and appreciated by all. Coming up next is a family outing, which is in the planning stages. The Oasisianns believe that building and maintaining a strong friendship circle increases the happiness quotient, among other things.



Did you know?

- Men and women's clothes are buttoned on opposite sides because the past few centuries saw men in high society dress themselves, whereas women were dressed by servants. Reversing the buttons on women's clothes made the job faster and easier.
- First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt allowed only female journalists at her press conferences, ensuring that newspapers would have to hire women.

The RBO calendar for the quarter

We have had our regular monthly meetings, a few of those with special invitees. A club assembly was also organised. Listed below are the details.

SEPTEMBER 2019

September 7, 2019 - The very first official meeting after the installation of our Club at Hotel Sai Leela was a very eventful one. President Hemant Sharma formally welcomed the club members; Then spoke about various processes being started and/or being put in place. Rtn Lizzie Lewis spoke about the RBO digest and standards being streamlined for logos & templates. Rtn Paramaguru explained about processes for including new members. Rtn Dr Malali Gowda shared the importance of greening the area in and around Rajanukunte. Mrs Usha Narayanan of RCC spoke about community Projects planned. People Trust and RCC member Mr Harish Uthaiyah talked about Helping Hands through his NGO. Mrs Ruby Singh was inducted to the club. 25 members were in attendance.



September 21, 2019 - Our second meeting was again at Hotel Sai Leela. President welcomed the gathering. Mr Mathias KAS was our esteemed guest and speaker who shared his experiences. He spoke about believing in oneself and not forgetting one's own integrity. An inspiring talk. There were other announcements about projects - TEACH and Breast cancer detection camp.

A detailed Project Plan report process to be started. 23 members attended.

OCTOBER 2019

October 5, 2019 - Regular meeting @ the Prestige clubhouse. 25 members present. Discussion about the Plastic free drive. Thoughts about carrying out similar cleanliness' drives in other neighbouring areas. Projects that are on-going and some yet to start discussed. Ann Aparna Anavarapu expressed her interest to become a Rotarian.



October 19, 2019 - Regular meeting @ the Prestige clubhouse. 24 members in attendance. Announcements about Rotaract club installation @ Presidency university. Rtn Paramaguru elected as President Elect for 2020-21. Change of meeting day and timings proposed from Saturday morning to Thursday evening from Nov 2019 (7 pm to 8.30 pm) Discussions about Service Projects like Planting green , CSR fund raising , Plastic free drive , Detection of Breast Cancer, TEACH. Rtn Anand explained about Ka-naada Indic key board and rehabilitation of Government High School Building in Rajanukunte.



NOVEMBER 2019

November 07, 2019 - Regular meeting @ the Prestige clubhouse. 26 members attended. Guest speaker-Dr Pramod Kumar Tyagi spoke on healing ourselves through mind-body management The President's announcements included Installation of Rotaract Club, Presidency University. Our Rotary guest AG Shiv Bellare spoke on doing service with the 3 Hs- Head , Heart and Hand.



November 19, 2019 - Regular meeting @ the Prestige clubhouse. President's Announcements - Requested members to pick-up/lead service projects, Updates about Trust deed formation, vocational centre to upskill youth from surrounding areas, Process for service projects outlined, current & forecasted budget for 2019-20, Orientation/ Installation dates for Rotaract. Breast cancer detection camp will be done in collaboration with Sakara Hospital.



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DECEMBER 2019

December 05, 2019 - Regular meeting @ the Prestige clubhouse. We had a couple of guest speakers. Mrs Rani Innes, a transformational coach spoke about the benefits of Neuro linguistic program. Our other guest was Rtn. James Khare who spoke about his Rotary Journey at his club in New Zealand. He is also the President Elect for his club. Exchanges such as these are so very required and helps build bonds. Following this we had the president's announcements of the various projects that were ongoing and those that have just started. There were 14 members present.

December 20, 2019 - CLUB ASSEMBLY

The very first club assembly in the journey of Rotary Bangalore Oasis. Meeting was held at the Prestige club. Agenda for the meeting was the nominations and election of office bearers and board members for the upcoming year 2020-21. This was followed by the President's announcements about the RBO projects. Members in attendance were 15.



What are Club Assemblies?

Rotary International encourages regular "assemblies" within local clubs to elect office bearers and board members, train members, brainstorm, exchange ideas for projects and activities, set goals, develop action plans and celebrate accomplishments. Clubs are encouraged to have two to four of these per year. Club assemblies are usually mandatory for club members. This is one club meeting where guests and families are not involved.

JANUARY 2020

January 10, 2020 - Regular meeting @ the Panchayat meeting hall, Rajanukunte. Guest speaker Mrs. Mini Nilkund spoke about POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment of women at the work place). Followed by discussions on the Dist conference 1 & 2nd Feb 2020. Updates on RBO projects - Breast Cancer Detection Camp at People's trust 2nd Feb. WinS program - 130 reusable hygienic pads distribution being organised, Ka-naada key boards installed in Govt High School Rajanukunte. WinS program held in 2 schools. Rotary Bangalore Oasis Rajanukunte Charitable Trust is now registered. Digital library Inaugurated by special invitee Mr Vivek Bekal of Zion Golf Club - Members present 12.

January 24, 2020 - Regular meeting @ the Panchayat meeting hall, Rajanukunte. Presidents announcements - Inauguration of Digital library at Rajanukunte Gram Panchayat, Breast Cancer Detection program updates. Secretary announcements - Installation of multi lingual key board at Govt High School Rajanukunte, Distribution of 130 Reusable Sanitary pads has been completed. The Oasis - Gramathon donor passes have been distributed. Other ongoing projects discussed as well. 15 members were in attendance.



The RBO calendar - 11

FEBRUARY 2020

February 14, 2020 - Regular meeting @ the Panchayat meeting hall, Rajanukunte. Guest Speaker Mr. Vijay Raina a Digital learning and teaching expert demonstrated the power of internet for students grades 1-10. President's announcements included a brief history of RBO & our projects. Rtn Babu RT talked about his classification, Metal Scaffolding. Secretary's updates - about the Oasis-Gramathon, Rtn Milind spoke about the Fist of Grains Project. Special invitees, Mrs and Mr Sudharsan showed interest in joining Rotary, President to follow up. They also donated Rs 10000/- towards the School benches project. Members present 15.

February 28, 2020 - A Regular club meeting @ the Panchayat meeting hall, Panchayat Complex, Rajanukunte. Just before the Governor's Official Visit.



Inter City General Forum (ICGF)

The RBO members attended four ICGF's for the year 2019-20. International service, Vocational service, Youth service and Public image.



Rtns. Paramaguru Samabandam, Lizzie Lewis & Hemant Sharma at the ICGF for International Service @ the Nimhans Convention Center in November 2019



Rtns. Sriram, Yogesh Poonacha and Mohan Kumar at the ICGF for Public Image @ the Taj, Bangalore International Airport in December 2019.

What is an ICGF?

The Rotary International District 3190 works actively to shape Rotary via its avenues like Community, International, Vocational, Youth, Public Image and Club services. Led by the respective district chairs, the Inter City General Forum (ICGF) is a yearly event. The ICGF's provide an opportunity to work with other clubs in the district, get ideas and be inspired by key note speakers. ICGF's also provide a local setting to interact with members and committees from other clubs. The fellowship at any ICGF is always outstanding. If you get a chance to attend any ICGF, just go!

Makeup & attendance

Absences from regular club meetings may be made up in various ways listed in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Members who attend an RI meeting, can credit the days attended to make up for club meetings missed as a result of attending the RI meeting. There several other ways as well. To achieve Rotary International's regulation of maintaining a minimum 60 percent attendance record, up to half of this requirement can be achieved by making up missed meetings:

- At a Rotary International or District assembly or conference
- Attending a fellowship meeting; e.g., Christmas party, club fundraiser
- Attending an Interact / Rotaract Club meeting
- Attending Rotary Club Board Meetings

Appointments and announcements

We have two rotarians from Rotary Bangalore Oasis who have been chosen for District assignments in the upcoming Rotary year 2020-21. Many congratulations Rtns. Paul and Sarabjeet. Gentlemen, the RBO family wishes you the very best in your new roles.



Paul Mundackal

New role: District Governor's aide

M.Tech degree holder in Environmental Science and Engg. Moved to Bangalore in 2001 from Singapore after working there for many years. Currently offering consulting services to industries on managing Environment, Industrial Safety & Quality through systems approach towards operational excellence under ESHQ Consultants Pvt Ltd. Spouse is an educator and daughter is a software professional, working in Bangalore.



Sarabjeet Singh

New role: Assistant Governor

A Software professional with specialisation in Data Science from Johns Hopkins University, USA. After a stint as a defence nuclear scientist moved on to MNC's and has worked in various countries including UK, France, Canada, Israel and Australia. He is now the founder of DRS Leadership Academy - educoders.in focusing mainly on next gen Artificial Intelligence. Wife is an alumni of XLRI Jamshedpur. Their only daughter is an advocate and is currently an Asst. Professor. She is a marathon runner and a salsa dancer.

The family's common interests include traveling and experimenting with global cuisines.

A new President Elect and a Youth Director have been appointed for RBO.
Many congratulations gentlemen.



Paramaguru Sambandham

President Elect, Membership Committee Chair, Director-CSR & Fund Raising

IT Consultant for 20 years with multi-national companies and now into Property Management Services. Paramaguru has Interests in travel, sports and fitness. Spouse Yaso is a retired Scientist from BARC and is interested in travel, cooking and social service. Daughter Ananya is in primary school and loves playing basketball.



Ramana Annavarapu

Director, Youth Services

Ramana retired from the software services industry after 30+ years in India and the US. He has worked on projects in the UK, Singapore and South Korea. With an Electrical Engineering degree from IIT Kharagpur, he is also an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad. He currently serves on the advisory board of IIMPACT, an NGO started by IIMA alumni providing learning opportunities to girls in remote villages in India. Ramana enjoys travelling, listening to music and spending time with family. He lives in Stone Bridge Estates in Rajanukunte, Bangalore with his wife, Aparna, and two dogs, Sandy and Oliver.

And here are our new members!

It is always a wonderful feeling when your family get extended. RBO has had four new members. A very warm welcome to you ladies and gentlemen.

Aparna Annavarapu

CLASSIFICATION:Accounting Professional

Aparna Annavarapu has retired after working for about 25 years as an accounting professional. she has worked in India, Singapore and the US in various capacities in audits, accounting, payroll and customer service. Aparna has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Women's Christian College in Chennai. In her free time she enjoys reading, watching crime thrillers and travelling. She is married to Rtn Venkataramana Annavarapu and they live with their two dogs - Sandy and Oliver in Stone Bridge Estates, Bangalore.

Ruby Singhh

CLASSIFICATION : Advertising Consultant

Ruby is an experienced Marketing, Advertising & Communications professional, with 20+ years of experience handling some of the largest and most loved brands in India and Asia Pacific. She is in the midst of transitioning to setting up her own independent consulting unit at the moment. Ruby is the daughter of an Airforce Officer and a very active Social worker. She is a mother of two boys Shubaair Bana studying at Christ University and Shane Bana at Trio world academy. The Bana brothers bond over sports, football and basketball. Ruby loves to travel and understand different cultures. Yoga and swimming are her everyday passions. As a family they share a common love for food and music.

Venkataramana Annavarapu

CLASSIFICATION : Retired Software Professional

Ramana retired from the software services industry after serving it for over 30 years in India and the US. He has worked on projects in the UK, Singapore and South Korea. He has an Electrical Engineering degree from IIT Kharagpur and is also an alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad. He currently serves on the advisory board of IIMPACT, an NGO started by IIMA alumni providing learning opportunities to girls in remote villages in India. He enjoys travelling, listening to music and spending time with family. Ramana lives in Stone Bridge Estates in Rajanukunte, Bangalore with his wife, Aparna, and two dogs, Sandy and Oliver.

Venugopala C.V

CLASSIFICATION : Author

Venugopala CV, is a mechanical engineer by qualification. He has been an entrepreneur for a bit too. He has also had a stint in the Computer industry while he worked as a software delivery manager with reputed MNC's like IBM, Verisign and HCL Perot to name a few. By passion he is a writer and a personal development mentor by choice. He also is a technical advisor for Affordable housing and urban society development. Venugopala has authored two books "*Empower your mind to succeed*" and the co-author of "*Pearls to vedic wisdom to succeed*", and he has just published his third book "*Master your skills to succeed*".

The RCC stories

RCC stands for the Rotary Community Corps. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis, this is a team of non-Rotarian men and women from Rajanukunte, committed to self-sufficiency and long-term betterment of their community. Professor Usha Narayan who heads the RCC wing shares the various activities that were successfully conducted since their inception.



Aug 18 - Plantation drive with Rtn. Dr Malali Gowda, RCC's Thimma Reddy also from the Rajanukunte panchayat & the DNA green team.



Aug 30- RCC team take pledge to serve the community on charter and installation day of RBO.



Sept 15 - 1st RCC meeting at Pretige Oasis club house / brainstorming session to build a green and plastic free world.



Sept 29 - Continuing with the planning. D day identified for the first plastic free drive, @ Usha's villa.



Oct 2 - Our mega event . Plastic free Rajanukunte drive with the rotarians from RBO, RCC members, Rajanukunte Panchayat and Government high school students.



Oct 12 - RCC'ians green meet at TDU campus. Discussion on vertical farming, forest farming, nursery and a green house project for Rajanukunte.



Oct 20 - RCCian Usha accepts invitation from Rotary cub Sahakarng for to join hands for Koti-Nati @ Doddajataka.



Oct 31 - RBO President & RCC'ians attended a talk by expert Raj Rajaram about Climatic changes and the duties of citizens.



Nov1 - Rajyotsava day Golden month for Rajanukunte.National awards for Rajanukunte Panchayat.



Nov1 - Rajyotsava day Yelahanka Ratna award for RCCian's Thimma Reddy and Subramani.

The RCC stories (contd.)



Nov 19 - RCCians attended the WINS - Train the trainer program hosted by Rotary RT Nagar.



Nov 23 - Plastic free plantation drive at Chokkanahalli village. RBO, Pride college NSS wing, Govt primary school and Chokkanahalli Panchayat. Rtr. Sunil taught the children to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Event ended with distribution of reusable cloth pads by People's Trust, represented by Mr. Prakash.



Dec 28 - RCC, RBO, Rotaract Presidency University, Rajanukune Panchayat & Govt high school students join in for a Plastic free drive @ Addevishwanathapura.



Jan 20 - RCCians and NSS students of presidency university continued with the plastic free drive this time at Itkalpura. Students from Govt. high school highlighted the need for a plastic free Rajanukunte to their juniors. Goodies and stonery distributed as usual.



That's it for our activities for these months. You will hear more of us in the upcoming months too. A big thank you to each and everyone of you who have contributed and/or worked for this noble cause.

Did you know?

There are more than 10,000 RCC corps in 100 countries. RCC members are active wherever Rotary is present - in urban and rural areas & in both developed and developing countries.

International Women's Day 2020

The theme for International Women's Day 2020 is, **I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights**. The theme is aligned with UN Women's new multigenerational campaign, Generation Equality, marking the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The year 2020 is a pivotal year for advancing gender equality worldwide, as the global community takes stock of progress made for women's rights since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action. It will also mark several other galvanizing moments in the gender equality movement.

The emerging global consensus is that real change has been agonizingly slow for majority of women and girls in the world. Today, not a single country can claim to have achieved gender equality. Multiple obstacles remain unchanged in law and in culture.

The year 2020 represents an unmissable opportunity to mobilize global action to achieve gender equality and human rights of all women and girls.

The RBO potluck: A sporkful of yum

Family, culture and traditions are three influences and deep rooted factors that play an important role in shaping who we are. At the heart of these three influences is one unifying link - FOOD!

Potlucks are about sharing - sharing space, sharing food, sharing camaraderie and most importantly sharing a bond. The RBO potluck was a smorgasbord of all of these ingredients, lovingly put together by the Oasisians and ably supported by all of the RBO members. A high five to all the lovely ladies and a big thank you to our first lady Rtn. Shuchita Sharma for being in charge and leading from the front.

Our potluck was hosted at the Prestige Oasis club and it was an evening where RBO families got together to get plied with good food and generally let their hair down. After Rtn Paramaguru welcomed everyone and spoke a bit about the Oasis-Gramathon, the evening started with a Bharatanatyam performance by two adorable little annets. This was followed by a soulful rendition of ghazals, which soon gave way to to bollywood songs and everyone got into the groove. Peppered with drinks of the alcoholic / non-alcoholic variety and combined with starters of masala vadas, dal kachori's, potato and cheese croquettes, some of the rotarians, anns, annets and guests soon hit the stage for Karaoke and belted out numbers with aplomb. Much to the enjoyment of all. All this, while food was being laid out and the aromas of the various dishes wafted about making everyone's mouth water.

A few of us went by to inspect and found the main course consisting of Mini idlies with chutney, Chappathis and Paranthas, Punjabi style chhole, Gobi Aloo and Kadai paneer. For the rice lovers we had Jeera rice with boondi raitha and Vegetable pulao with curd. A lot of takers for vegetarian dishes. The lone non vegetarian dish was a delicious creamy chicken. We also had a peek at the dessert table and found delectable chocolate cakes and rich chocolate fudge, good old gaajar ka halwa and mouth watering gulab jamoons.

While we were contemplating if we could just take a bite from the dessert table, it was time for a game of housie. Rtn. Arun Bhagra did the honours and Rtn. Vikram Samsi supported. It was rousing game which also included a lot of "bogies" :) Soon the hunger pangs made themselves felt and people slowly started to trickle towards food, while a few got into the dancing mood, before they too made their way to have dinner.

Potlucks go beyond fellowship, they create a oneness. Here everyone is the cook, host and guest. There are no hierarchies and it is all about shared responsibility and equality.

Viva potlucks! Bringing people together, one dish at a time.

****SPORK** : a spoon-shaped eating utensil with short tines at the tip.

Did you know?

- The word pot-luck appears in the 16th century English work of Thomas Nashe, and used to mean "food provided for an unexpected or uninvited guest, the luck of the pot."
- January 20th is National Potluck Day.



The young ones

All accomplishments are a result of hard work, strong dedication and courage. Featuring two of our loved annets Reet Singh and Manasa H.A. who have had wonderful achievements. Our heartfelt congratulations to them on scaling new heights and setting new standards.



Annet Reet Singh is a distance runner and has trained herself to keep going when the going gets tough. She recently completed the 42 kms Bengaluru Marathon, a mean feat by itself. Many congratulations to you Reet, you make us all proud!

When she is not competing in marathons, Reet is an advocate and is presently teaching law as an assistant professor at the MS Ramaiah University.

Reet is the daughter of Ann. Dolly Singh and Rtn. Sarabjeet Singh. Our congratulations.



Annet Manasa H.A., is an architect who has successfully completed her Masters as the University topper in the conservation of Architecture of Heritage buildings from York university, Yorkshire, United Kingdom. Hearty Congratulations to you Manasa from all of us at Rotary Bangalore Oasis. We are proud of you.

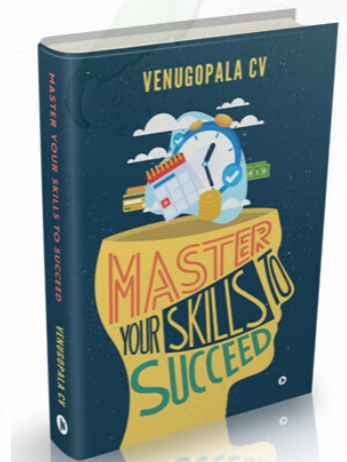
Manasa H.A is the daughter of Rtms. Manjula Kumar and Anand Kumar. Many congratulations again.

Third book out!

Rtn Venugopala 's third book- "**Master your skills to succeed**" is a book that describes the fundamental skills needed to make you competent enough to face your challenges in life, boldly and fearlessly. Focus is also on enjoying life to its fullest and in every aspect—by managing time, effort, money and energy. Building confidence, strength to seize opportunities, minimizing regrets and more are explained in a precise manner. The author himself has successfully used these skills to overcome certain difficult and challenging phases in his life.

Venugopala has published two books earlier - "**Empower your mind to succeed**" & the co-author of "**Pearls to vedic wisdom to succeed**".

All his books are available online as well at all book stores.



From The Rotary Vault - Rotary in India

This is an ongoing segment where interesting facets about the Rotary organization are shared. This time we cover some fascinating facts about the history of Rotary in India.



Calcutta was the home town for the first Rotary club in the mainland of Asia. R.J. Combes, manager of a steel products company while on a business trip to U.S.A. was so impressed by the "Friendship, fellowship, and service" aspects of the movement called Rotary that he wanted to introduce the idea to his friends in Calcutta. He had no difficulty convincing enough people and convened the first meeting on 26 September, 1919.

The new club was chartered just after three months of the first meeting, on the New Year day of 1920 to be exact. All the twenty charter members were non-Indians.

The first Indian member was S.C.Rudra who was inducted in 1921. Sir. Surendranath Banerjee was also made an honorary member this year.

The first Indian to become the club secretary was Nitish C. Laharry, in 1926, who climbed all steps to reach Rotary's top slot of R.I. presidentship in 1962-'63.

FM.Abdul Ali was the first Indian to adorn the collar of a club president.



For about a decade India had to be content with only one club, i.e. R.C. of Calcutta. Things changed when Canadian James Wheeler Davidson, arrived on Indian shores determined to spread Rotary in India. Jim Davidson planted Rotary in Bombay as well as Madras (now Chennai) in 1929. Of the 38 charter members of the club in Bombay, 37 were non-Indians. The only Indian was Sir Phiroz Sethna, a legislative member & who later served as district governor (1937-'38). Jim Davidson played a major role in getting Rotary in many parts of the world. He was known as 'Marco Polo of Rotary' for his role in establishing Rotary clubs in different countries.

Mahatma Gandhi was also invited to address Rotary Club of Calcutta which had only non-Indians on the rolls during the time.

The growth of Rotary in India was rather very slow for many years. Rotary branched out to Bangalore in 1934.

By the time India became independent, there were 71 Rotary clubs (7 in Karnataka and the rest in other states) with a total membership of 3121 members.

The extension of Rotary in the 2nd half of eighties broke all the previous records. The number of clubs chartered between 1985 and 1989 (5 years) was more than double than those clubs formed between 1975 and 1984 (10 years).

And the formation of Rotary clubs has continued since then.

Celebrations - Birthdays & Anniversaries

Time to celebrate our loved ones on their birthdays and anniversaries - belated and upcoming. Cheers to everyone celebrating.

Birthdays

Belated wishes

Ann. Gayathri Mohan - 7th December
 Ann Geeta Paul 17th - December
 Ann Gomathy Jayaram - 1st January
 Ann Dr Sai Kiran Bhagra - 13th January
 Ann Madhavi Bhagra - 20th January
 Rtn Vinay Anand - 21st January
 Annet Shane Bana - 22nd January
 Ann Pushpa A.N - 2nd February
 Rtn Thippeswamy S.K. - 13th February
 Annet Shubaair Bana - 17th February

Upcoming birthdays

Annet. Nishay Sharma- 1st March
 Ann. Sujatha N - 3rd March
 Rtn. Hemant Sharma - 7th March
 Annet Prahat P- 27h March
 Annet. Robin J Mathews - 30th March

Anniversaries

Belated wishes

Ann. Dolly & Rtn.Sarabjeet Singh - 15th January
 Ann. Saranya & Rtn. Sriram - 15h February
 Ann. Sujatha & Rtn.Thippeswamy S.K - 15h February
 Rtns. Pammy & Arun Bhagra - 26th February

Origin of wedding anniversaries

Celebration of wedding anniversaries is a tradition of Germanic origin that dates back to the middle ages. After 25 years of marriage a husband would present his wife with a silver wreath, and after 50 years, a gold wreath. From this custom emerged the recognition of silver and golden wedding anniversaries. Initially, only these two anniversaries were celebrated – the others generally passed unremarked.

Symbolic gifts

By the early 1920s the additional anniversaries that were celebrated most commonly were the first (cotton), fifth (wood), 10th (tin), 15th (crystal) and 20th (china). Those few couples who made it to their 75th anniversary gave each other diamonds (later, the 60th anniversary became the diamond wedding) In 1937 the American National Retail Jewellers' Association published a complete list of the type of gifts to give on each wedding anniversary. This list became the standard and is still referred to, even though modern variants have emerged for anniversary gemstones and flowers..



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