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Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis

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and Board of Directors for the year 2021-22

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Editorial

Ahoy peeps!

We are at the beginning of a brand new Rotary year!

With vaccinations under way and all of us keen to get back to the new normal, can we just stop to think, why we say 'the new normal'?

Looking back, we have moved on from a year with so many challenges. A year and a half that we will not forget in a hurry! It certainly has taught us more about - patience, empathy, kindness, minimalism, family, new skills, introspecting, adapting, appreciating our support systems and thriving despite daunting challenges. A LOT. Things are different for each of us, but at the same time so similar. We have all changed and hope it is for the better that this change will equip us more in our lives moving forward.

With all of this in play, how can we return to the old 'normal'? Points to ponder, right?

While we ruminate about that, let us talk about the what the beginning of this new Rotary year looks like. It looks a lot like The RBO Digest! :) We have messages from the RI President Rtn Shekhar Mehta and our District Governor Rtn Fazal Mahmood. We also have the Zonal Governor Rtn Mahadeva Gowda sharing a note with us, as are the District Secretary Rtn Keshav and the Assistant Governor Rtn Madhusudhan. Thank you gentlemen for your good wishes.

It is also RBO's charter night and what better way to commemorate it in these locked down times, than a message from our Charter President Rtn Hemant Sharma. To add to that, we have an inspiring perspective from a charter member Rtn. M.J. Mathews. Our trailblazing outgoing President Rtn Paramaguru Sambandam has thoughts to share and our brand new President Rtn Ramana Annavarapu has something to say as well. Sujatha Jagannatha, our new secretary has a welcome message too.

Moving on from messages, we bring in the new team of Directors, Chairs and Committee members; Plus an update from our Rotaract and RCC sections. A new Interact club was installed, we are proud to share how it all came about. A showcase of projects is next and all the events and meetings we have been a part of. We have a PHF Rotarian and a few more with district roles, let's congratulate them. Two new members make their way into the RBO family and per usual we welcome them with open arms. Speaking of family, the ladies of the RBO, Oasisians caught up on International Women's day. We share a few notes. A few Rotary tidbits are strewn all across the e-zine. We hope you like.

We live in a complex and interdependent world, so nothing is ever quite the same as before. Even after the storm has passed, how the new normal will look like is uncertain, but it does tell us that some of the changes we have had to make are actually beneficial.

The Rotary International President's message

Dear fellow Rotarians:

We have been through trying times together. We have helped the world cope with uncertainty and adapt to rapid change. Now is the time for us to dream big.

It is time for us to take on major challenges, to do more and grow more, and most of all, for us to care for and share with others. This year, we note all the ways that we Serve to Change Lives. Service is the rent we pay for our time on earth and we will expand Rotary service as we “grow more and do more.”

We will grow through “Each One, Bring One.” If every Rotary member could bring just one more person to Rotary, there is no limit to how much we can grow. We will do more by putting a special emphasis on empowering girls, so young women can have improved opportunities worldwide.

We will also feature Rotary Days of Service, so that all members share in our good works around the globe and look for new ways to serve beyond their backyards.

It is our attitude that defines service. We all have a great opportunity to lead by example and to inspire each other to participate in projects that have a measured and sustained impact.

The District Board has assumed important responsibilities and I thank them for this hard work. They have made a commitment to help grow Rotary, adapt to the digital future and make Rotary more appealing to younger generations.

Your good work will help us serve our communities and help Rotary thrive so we can Serve to Change Lives.

Kindest regards,

Shekhar Mehta
Rotary International President, 2021-22



Rtn Shekhar Mehta & his Ann

The tradition about Rotary themes

The tradition of crafting a theme in the Rotary world is credited to Percy C. Hodgson, Rotary's president in 1949-50. When Hodgson addressed the International Assembly in 1949, he impressed upon the incoming leaders that they had a “glorious opportunity to impart Rotary knowledge” and that “lack of Rotary knowledge can be a deterrent to the successful operation of a Rotary club.” Hodgson's 83-word theme, was substantially longer than today's punchier themes, but it captured his hope that incoming leaders have the essential knowledge of Rotary. This desire to celebrate and support annual programs of service has continued and here is the list of Rotary themes since 1956.



Rtn. Percy Hodgson, at the 1951 Rotary Convention in Atlantic City.

The District Governor's communique

Dear Changemaker President,

Hearty Congratulations to you and your team of Club officers on assuming office to 'Serve to change Lives'. Sabiha joins me to wish you and all your members a glorious Rotary year 2021-22.

All of us, I am sure, are delighted to be on the anvil of yet another Rotary Year of service to humanity together with strengthened fellowship and friendship. Each & every one of you is a Changemaker - and this is your platform.

Remember always what R I President Rtn. Shekar Mehta emphasises; "it is not the magnitude of what we do that matters, it is the attitude with which we serve that matters". It is with this commitment that Rotary International has served humanity for the last 116 years and has thus far impacted millions of lives globally.

At the stroke of 12 midnight of 30th June this year again, marks the onset of a new Rotary Year in RI District 3190. There will be change of guard both at the Club and the District level.

With that comes the newer vision, aspiration and renewed focus on various projects and programmes that will be rolled out to address the needs of the community and thus serve the cause of Rotary.

I am sure you have all your Club plans & programmes firmed up to ensure another meaningful & a purposeful Rotary year. In this process, please engage all your members, their respective spouses and in fact, their entire family to partake in the activities of the Club throughout the year to augment fellowship among the families. Empower your team & every member to embark on projects & programmes that will make a difference to the society as we Expand our Reach, increase our Impact, Enhance Participation Engagement and Increase our Ability to Adapt.

After a lot of deliberation our District team has come up with various plans & goals, we seek to achieve this year. These goals can be achieved only through your active participation to make them happen.

'HOSA BELAKU' - is a special project so dear to me. Under Hosa Belaku my dream is to implement projects encompassing all the 7 focus areas of Rotary with special emphasis on girl empowerment to help the underprivileged belonging to the rundown neighbourhood in Namma Bengaluru. Let us join hands & work together in our goal to change lives of these underprivileged neighbours in the course of next 365 days, qualitatively.

Each & every day of this year should be a day we dedicate to be the Changemakers in the lives of our fellow human beings. Once this year is through, we should be able to look back with pride & say "Yes, I am indeed a Changemaker Rotarian and I made this dream come true."

'SAHAYOGA' is yet another programme that encourages your Rotary Club to partner with another Bangalore based Rotary Club to tie up with an outside Bangalore based Rotary Club to extend your helping hand to serve the local community. This I am sure yields enormous Rotary dividend to everybody's satisfaction.

Dear Changemaker, collaborate with your partners in service, NGO's, CSR partners to increase the bandwidth of your offering to serve the community. As Changemaker our priority in the Rotary year 2021-22 is to Serve to Change Lives by engaging with our fellow Rotarians, their families, communities we serve, the stake holder we work with and see to that we Empower all of them and then work in Collaboration to Celebrate Rotary.

Wishing you & all your members once again, a wonderful Rotary Year to "Serve to Change Lives"

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn.Fazal Mahmood & First Lady Rtn.Sabiha Fazal
District Governor 2021-22 | Rotary International District 3190.



Rtns Fazal Mehmood & Sabiha Fazal

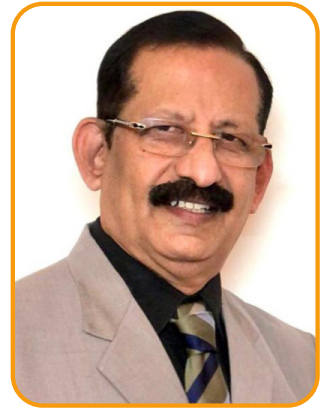
The Zonal Governor's note (Zone E)

Since its founding in 1905, Rotary International has grown exponentially and so has its impact around the world. RIDistrict 3190, comprises of around 150 clubs with more than 6000 capacitated members who are driven, passionate and devoted to this mission, I feel humbled to be the one taking over as the Zonal Governor of Rotary International District 3190 and I am grateful to the District Governor and the advisors. As I stand on the verge of responsibility, I am overcome with a sense of honor and privilege but most importantly I feel committed not only to the office I'm taking but also to the cause of being the change maker.

The RI District 3190 fraternity represents a diverse set of perspectives, ethnicities, professional backgrounds and experiences, where these differences are considered an asset. A sustainable, significant and permanent change, having a positive impact on the community and society at large, can be brought about only when we come together as Change Makers.

"If nothing changes, nothing changes." - Courtney C. Stevens

Be the change you wish to see! We are the Change Makers!



Rtn M J Mahadeva Gowda

The District Secretary's wishes

Dear Change Maker Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis President Rtn. Ramana Annavarapu,

I bring warm greetings from our DG Rtn. Fazal Mahmood and First Lady Rtn. Sabiha Fazal on the occasion of your team Installation.

Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis is one of the vibrant club in our Rotary district. Within few years it has achieved laudable accomplishments. This year when we have Indian leader Rtn. Shekar Mehta in helm of affairs at Rotary International as world leader, it's our duty to live his dreams.

I sincerely appeal all the members of RCB Oasis to actively participate in all the district programs and events in full strength. This Rotary year 2021-22 as we look at growing Rotary, Developing Next Generation of Leaders, Involving Family at Rotary and partnering with other major organisations to do good in the world, we are sure that Change Maker President Rtn. Ramana Annavarapu and team will continue to keep the flag of Rotary Bangalore Oasis flying high.

We deem it our privilege and honour that RCB Oasis members are serving to change lives. Wishing President Rtn. Ramana Annavarapu and his team a wonderful Rotary year ahead.



Rtn Keshav S

YiRS,
Rtn. Keshav.S | District Secretary
RI Dist.3190

The Assistant Governor's message

Dear Rotarians, Anns and Families of Rotary,

Hearty Congratulations and compliments to ROTARY CLUB OF BANGALORE OASIS for their continuous efforts to serve the society. It is very nice to see people from different walks of life gathered together to form this club. Your progress in the last couple of years is remarkable and deserves to be recognized.

Being a new club, your involvement in District projects like Rotary Vana and Tab distributions shows us that this club has a lot of enthusiasm to do more to the society. I am delighted to be a part of this club. Let us continue to do our best similarly this year and SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES.

Ann Rtn. Ramya Madhusudan joins me in wishing all the very best to the upcoming President Rtn. Ramana and his team for their endeavors towards common cause of society.

I hope they will continue to reach greater heights and set new benchmarks for future leaders of their club.

Best Regards
Rtn. Madhusudhan.J



Rtn Madhusudhan

RBO Charter night : Charter President has a few words

Two years of Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis

On the eve of Rotary club of Bangalore's charter night on 24th June 2021, two years since its inception on 24th June, 2019, our charter President Rtn. Hemant Sharma reminisces.

Fellow Rotarians of RB Oasis,

Our Rotary Club is about to complete two years of existence in a few days. Most of this time has been during the unparalleled challenge of the Chinese virus, or more correctly, the Covid-19 pandemic.

As a fledgling institution, it is up to us, the pioneers, to establish practices that will determine our Club's culture and traditions.

Looking back, I find that we have done very well in serving the community, especially by arranging for the feeding of poor, stranded migrant labor for 60 days/ 2 months during the lockdown last year. The venue was the Govt School, where raw materials (rations, wet & dry) were received, meals were cooked and distributed among the needy. We achieved this through good coordination with the Panchayat authorities and the untiring zeal and efforts on the ground by RBO members, with Rtn Anand at the forefront.

We also contributed to creating greater awareness for cleanliness among the business community in the shopping areas of Rajanukunte and are fortunate in sharing a wonderful relationship with "People's Trust", Sriramanahalli. This NGO has been doing yeoman' service for the overall development of the rural community in villages located within the catchment area of RBO since 1982.

In association with them, we had organized the first village ramble of RBO, Gramathon, on the ground of People's Trust also hosted the Pink Express- mobile breast cancer awareness & detection camps jointly with RB PalmVille on two occasions.

RBO members can be justifiably proud of our initiative to increase the green cover on a hilltop behind the Rajanukunte High School by setting up a nursery, and tree plantation, with President Paramaguru taking the lead. The District Governor has consented to develop it as a District Rotary Vana, and an MOU has been signed with the Panchayat authorities. This aspect of environment development will continue to remain a feather in RBO's cap over the years.

It is heartening to note that few RBO members have assumed higher leadership roles at the District 3190 level. But we also need to keep a focus on membership growth and development. RBO's very survival depends upon membership growth as it's a truism that an organization either grows or dies.

There are three specific ways for growing membership, Viz.,

- Seeking new members for RBO
- Retaining the current RBO members
- Sponsoring a new Rotary Club as a satellite club.

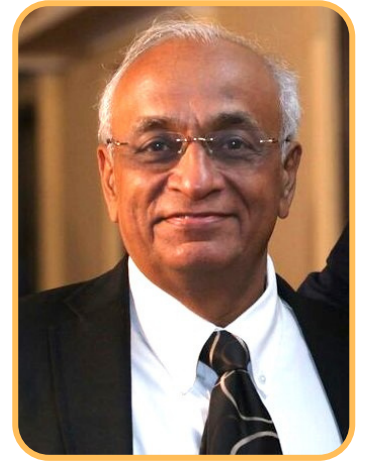
Currently, we are passing through difficult days of the second wave of Covid -19. I am delighted that RBO has come forward to provide oxygen support to rural patients jointly with the Panchayat authorities and Peoples Trust.

In the end, I invite your attention to ruminate/reflect on the following words of Rtn Cliff Dochterman, President of RI, 1992-93, on "Who is a Rotarian?"

"A real Rotarian is a person who takes special pride in his or her business or profession. You can count on them to be fair and honest. Their word can always be depended upon. They are always willing to step forward when help is needed. They will always show up at the club functions. They give support to TRF every year. They encourage the club president and the committee leaders who are doing their best to make the club interesting, alive and relevant. That is a real Rotarian."

Wishing you all the very best in the coming Rotary year!

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Hemant Sharma | Charter President, 2019-20



**Charter President Rtn
Hemant Sharma**

Did you know?

Rotary primarily was a friendship and business reciprocity organization for about two years; then the club added a third objective to perform civic service.

RBO Charter night : From my perspective

Two years of Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis

As our club celebrates its second charter night, we have one of our most valued and experienced Rotarian plus charter member, Rtn. M.J. Mathews sharing his perspective on RBO's second birthday. Thank you Rtn Mathews for your thoughtful and inspiring words.

The last two years of our club reminds me of the following two stanzas from Walt Whitman's poem - "O Captain! My Captain".

O Captain! My Captain! Our fearful trip is done,
The ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won,
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;

O Captain! My Captain! Rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribboned wreaths—for you the shores a-crowding,
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;

Our Club is comparable to a sailboat, right now, with only a few of its sails unfurled, representing our few super active members who are the real FORCE behind our Club. As you all know, our Club chartered its course on 24th of June 2019 (Rotary year 2018-19) under the able leadership of Captain Rtn. Sharma, our Charter President.

First year of our sailing under his captaincy was through the comparatively safer territorial waters to make sure that the boat's architecture was okay and the boat was seaworthy. After this successful run, captain, Rtn. Sharma could bring our boat safely to the dock.

So I dedicate the first stanza of the above poem to our captain, Rtn. Sharma.

During the first year Rtn. Sharma directed the Club's energy and attention to two important community service aspects – Education and Community Health. **Education** not only improves an individual's personality, but it also brings changes in society and helps it become a civilized society. Education enables them to stay connected to their norms and become a grounded civilian. From this perspective, our club adopted Rajanukunte Panchayat High School and improved its infrastructure by revamping the school building, providing benches, improving its digital lab and empowering its students with Ka- Naada (multilingual) computer key boards.

Besides this our Club facilitated the establishment of a digital library in Rajanukunte Panchayat building, in collaboration with Presidency University. This was another step in the direction of empowering the local community. Today, this facility is a boon to the local students and youngsters to prepare for their competitive exams.

The second focus of our Club in the first year was in the area of **Community Health**. The objective was to focus on people in the community and their role as determinants of their own and other people's health. From this point of view, the cancer detection camps organized by our Club in Rajanukunte Panchayat area for the women of the surrounding villages was a project that made an impact in the local community.

During the onset of the COVID pandemic, the daily wagers lost their livelihood and many families dealing with poverty needed help for transitioning into a state of self-reliance. In this regard, our Club has done a tremendous service by providing the migrant laborers and local daily wagers a fillip with respect to their food requirement. This enabled many families to slowly find solutions to be self-sufficient.

There may be very few Clubs in RI Dist 3190, which have succeeded in chartering a Rotaract Club, and a Rotary Community Corps simultaneously in the 1st year of inception. RBO is one that achieved this unique honour. Again this was possible due to Rtn.Sharma's foresight and futuristic vision. To cap it all, the "Gramathon" organized during the first year was a unique fund raising strategy experimented by our Club.

After the first year run, when the boat was docked at the harbor, our current year Captain Rtn. Paramaguru took over the reigns of the boat and ventured out to the high sea. Daring the choppy waters and the looming storm – the pandemic.



**Charter member Rtn.
M J Mathews**

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RBO Charter night : From my perspective, contd...

Rtn. Paramguru captained the boat very well like a seasoned sailor and brought it back to the dock safely, realizing that, to take on the choppy waters, the ship actually needs a few more unfurled sails representing the active Rotarians in our Club. I dedicate the second stanza of the poem quoted above to Rtn. Paramguru. The general principle of alleviating poverty by facilitating self-sufficiency has a long history.

According to a great philosopher, most meritorious of all, is to anticipate charity by preventing poverty, namely, to assist the reduced brother, either by a considerable gift or loan of money, or by teaching him a trade, or by putting him in the way of business; so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding up his hand for charity. This is what is encapsulated in the old saying "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life time".



Our Club's current year vocational training project in collaboration with "Ashalaya" of Katherine Nivas Sisters is a project designed on this principle and is really a high-impact project amongst the jobless youth from the lesser privileged sector in and around Rajanukunte.

In continuation to the above quoted adage, suppose the man had never tasted fish, and seriously doubted whether it was a palatable or wholesome form of nourishment; would it be practicable to induce him to make the exertion necessary to acquire the art of fishing?

Unless you previously caught and cooked fish for him, presented it to him, and overcame his reluctance to eat it? Perhaps not. So in this regard our Club has "cooked the fish and fed" the local jobless youth by enabling 8 of the 11 trainees to find suitable placement. No doubt the beneficiaries of this project are going to make an impact in their own lives and in their community.

Kudos to President, Rtn. Paramaguru, Rtn. Vikram, Rtn. Ramana and Rtn. Paul.

In contrast to community health, **environmental health** focuses on the physical environment and its impact on people's health. In this regard, this year our Club directed its attention on preserving mother nature through its "Greening the Hillock" project in Rajanukunte Panchayat area and this project is a feather in the cap of our Club besides the vocational training project mentioned above. It may be mentioned here considering the relevance of this project it has been declared as one of the Signature project of Rotary District 3190.

COVID response initiative of our Club in collaboration with People Trust and PHC Rajanukunte and the Panchayat is another relevant community service of our Club this year.

In retrospect, Rtn. Sharma and Rtn. Paramaguru deployed their leadership skills as required for each year and future-proofed our Club against all odds, handholding it to a path of growth. Now, it is the turn of Rtn. Ramana to take our Club for a one year long voyage to his marked destination. I am sure he will unfurl and fold up the sails as required and save it for steering the boat after every storm so that the boat will reach its ultimate port in good shape. To achieve this, I am sure that he will strive to reinforce the camaraderie among the members and put in place a club leadership plan for the next five years. I wish Rtn. Ramanna all the best for a wonderful Rotary Year.

Before I conclude, I would like to salute, our two leaders Rtn. Sharma and Rtn. Paramaguru and their frontline warriors, on behalf of all the Club members.

"There are heroes who walk among us
Never looking for glory or praise
You are the persons like that to us Oasians.
The most selfless men by far"

So, Rtn. Sharma, Rtn. Paramaguru and your frontline warriors, Rtn. Paul, Rtn. Ramana, Rtn. Vikram, Rtn. Anand and others, we would like to thank you all for being the heroes that you are.

Regards,
Rtn M.J Mathews

Did you know?

Men With Friends, The Blue Boys, The Conspirators, and The Round Table. were the names that were considered for this organisation before the name Rotary was chosen.

The outgoing President shares his thoughts

After a really scintillating stint in a year that was packed with challenges, Rtn. Paramaguru Sambandam shares his thoughts as he makes way for a new president. Slow claps!

Dear friends,

First things first - Let me take this opportunity once again to thank each and every Rotarian who put 'Service Above Self' and demonstrated in every possible way that we definitely are 'People of Action' during this difficult times on all fronts.

I had mentioned during the previous messages during the course of this Rotary year to build and consolidate our Club. Yes we did achieve quite significantly on this, given the conditions by involving Rotarians, Local administration, People's Trust (NGO) and the Community as partners in our Community Services activities.

We worked together as a closely knit group in all the projects we have delivered so far and in turn are recognized as a respectable organization within the community at large.

I would like to emphasize this by saying that this is made possible because of the collective and collaborative team efforts of all the concerned partners.

As time passes we start understanding each other, which in turn brings us closer and this will serve as the rock-bed foundation for the years to come and cherish.

On the 4 pillars of Rotary - Fellowship and Friendship, Membership, Projects and Foundation Giving, I could only gracefully admit that they are getting strengthened as we move forward into the next Rotary year.

Our family members had opportunities to have a few get-together moments in person as well as virtual where the Fellowship and Friendship activities are always a part of our life given any conditions. As I had mentioned earlier, we could not progress well in adding members to our club but this should be taken as our top most priority in the years to come. I request each one of us to kindly keep in mind the words of our RIPE Rtn. Shekhar Mehta's words 'Each One Bring One'.

On the Project front, we did execute several projects touching 6 out of 7 Rotary Focus Areas with support from other clubs and as well as contributing towards the District Projects within our capacity. Our signature projects on Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening, Happy Schools and Rotary Vana will be on our ongoing list of projects year after year. The Rotary Foundation's motto of 'Doing good in the world' largely relies on the contributions from individuals and I am sure everyone of us did our part to make it stronger.

Our gentle pledge was to introduce at least ONE member and get involved in at least ONE Community Project of interest and contribute at least ONE Hundred US Dollars to the Foundation could not be achieved for various known reasons and this should not stop us in achieving it in the next year.

On the Public Image side, we had display boards conveying Covid related messages to all the villages in the community through Government vehicles.

On the RCC front I would like to sincerely thank the RCC President Usha and her team on their stellar contribution and wish the team to gain strength year after year.

On Rotaract and Interact, our soft targets were to add 2 on each category but given the conditions we could add one Interact Club even though we had done all the ground work to meet our target.

I would have not asked for more than having an extremely experienced board comprising of experienced Past Presidents and committed Rotarians who are supportive and have contributed in collective decision making and supporting me. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to all of them as well as the members.

Together as Rotarians, we did Open Opportunities for ourselves to serve the community this year and in the following year we will be Serving to Change lives in such a way the community at large will be benefitted.

I would like to sincerely thank our Secretary and PE Rtn Ramana Annavarapu for his all round involvement and wish him and Rtn Aparna the incoming first lady all the very best for the upcoming Rotary Year.

Rtn. Yaso Padala echoes my sentiments and shares her best wishes to all.

Hurrah ! We Oasisians deserve a big round of well deserved applause for making this Rotary year a very eventful one.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Paramaguru Sambandam | President, 2020-21



**Rtns. Paramaguru Sambandam
and Yaso Padala**

From the RBO President's desk

We welcome our brand and shiny new President for the year 2021-22, Rtn. Ramana Annavarapu. Here is his message.

Fellow Rotarians of RBO,

It is indeed an honour and a privilege to serve as President of our young club. The past year has taught me a lot and I hope that I can bring all this learning to bear as I take up this responsibility. There are many accomplishments we can be proud of as a club and I thank both our Charter President, Rtn Hemant Sharma, and our second year President, Rtn Paramaguru, for their untiring efforts to bring our club to this place.

The last year has been incredibly challenging for us, thanks to the COVID pandemic, and just as we thought the worst was behind us, we have been hit by a dreadful second wave of infections and the difficulties we faced seem to be here to stay for the upcoming year as well. There are fears of a third wave as well and we will need to stay vigilant to ward off the threats it may pose.

There are a few things I would like us to focus on during the coming year and I am sure that they will help us overcome whatever challenges and obstacles we come across.

One of the cornerstones of a successful club is our membership. It is important to maintain our levels of engagement with each other and develop a strong sense of friendship and fellowship amongst ourselves. We will try and incorporate activities that are meaningful to each of you and help build the bonds of friendship. With the sense of belonging comes a feeling of wanting to introduce your friends and family to this wonderful club of ours and thereby grow our membership. Let us promise ourselves that we will play a part, however small, in fulfilling the dream of RI President Rtn Shekhar Mehta to grow membership of Rotary International to cross the threshold of 1.3 million.

We have executed several projects during the past couple of years and I am happy to note that almost every member has participated in at least one project in some way or other – by giving their time, by making financial contributions and/or by giving us their encouragement. I would like to encourage all members to share their skills in leading projects as well. The burden of project leadership has fallen on a small number of members and this creates limitations on what we can achieve. I again urge everyone to spare some time to take the lead in a project of your choice.

In all the work we do for our community, we need to acknowledge that it is important to develop relationships and partnerships with organizations outside our club. I would like to commend both of my predecessors in acknowledging this and building strong relationships with organizations such as People's Trust, Ashalaya Trust and, most importantly, the Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat, to help us drive our agenda forward.

We will continue to leverage our relationships with these organizations – not to mention the RCC, Rotaract and Interact Clubs sponsored by us – and look for new partners, as we plan to expand the scope and reach of what we can do for our community. Joining hands with other clubs to execute projects will also be a key priority for us.

We will achieve a lot together during the upcoming years and will have plenty of time and opportunity to enjoy ourselves by way of celebration. We will celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, successes and festivals. Celebrating these together will help strengthen our bonds and keep us focused on our next success.

I am confident that everything we do in the club this year will help change lives of those around us.

Aparna joins me is wishing everyone a satisfying year ahead.

Regards,

Rtn. Ramana Annavarapu | President, RBO



**Rtns. Ramana Annavarapu
and Aparna Annavarapu**

Rotary Foundation - Interesting facts

- The Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri made the first contribution to the Rotary foundation in 1917, was \$26.50
- The Rotary Foundation has spent over \$3 billion on programs and projects to support humanitarian efforts and scholarships through its 100 year history.

The Secretary's note

Jane Fonda-the hollywood actress of yesteryears once quoted on the subject of Secretaries - "You can run the office without a boss, but you can't run an office without secretaries". So true! A warm welcome to our new Secretary for the year Rtn. Sujatha Jagannatha.

Dear Rotarians of RBO,

It is an honour to be a part of the most active club of district 3190. I am excited to take up the role of Secretary. I am sure all Rotarians of the club would stand with us to make this year a memorable one. My wish is to create a historical year 21-22 in the books of our club.

We all are aware of the current situation on the Covid pandemic, It is also unfortunate that we are not even able to meet in person for more than a year now. With this behind us, let us move forward and just think how much we can do in this year to help save this wonderful planet from this pandemic by doing our bit.

We Rotarians have been able to eradicate the deadly polio from mother earth, so why not Covid? Yes, each one of us should strive hard to uproot and wipe out this deadly virus from the greatest planet, Mother Earth in whatever capacity we can.

Guys, while Covid is taking our energy out, let us also try to keep sometime for a little bit of fun and joy. Lets' do this while we serve to change lives in parallel during this upcoming year of 2021-22. Lets' make it a memorable one by building and strengthening our friendships by being true and making everything fair and beneficial to all concerned.

Rtn. Sachin joins me in wishing you all a great Rotary year 21-22 filled with fun while we all serve to change lives in the newest Rotary Year the best way we can.

With warm regards,
Rtn. Sujatha Jagannatha | Secretary, RBO



Rtn. Sujatha Jagannatha

Our congratulations go to...



PHF recognition and District role

Rtn Sarabjeet Singh is now a PHF + 1 donor by contributing to the Rotary Polio Fund. He also has a District role as - **District Director Technology**. Many congratulations.



District role

Rtn Paul Mundackal has a District role as - **District Agricultural Technologies Committee member**. Many congratulations.



District role

Rtn Paramaguru Sambandam has a District role as - **Co-Chairman Urban Forestry**. Many congratulations.



District role

Rtn Anand Kumar has a District role as - **Chairperson Vyparamitra**. Many congratulations.

RBO Board members for 2021 - 22

We present the new RBO board members for the year 2021-22. We anticipate that their skills and experience will be an asset to our board to take it forward in these challenging times.



Ramana Annavarapu
Role: President



Paramaguru Sambandam
Role: Imm. Past President



Open Position
Role: President Elect



Sachin Gururaj
Role: Vice President



Sujatha Jagannatha
Role: Secretary



Aparna Annavarapu
Role: Treasurer



Open Position
Role: Sergeant-at-arms



The Avenue Directors

Moving on to the other members in the 2021-22 team. Let us meet the avenue directors, the chair members, committee and sub-committee members. As they share their plans on the way forward for the current year, let us give them all a warm welcome by extending our support and wishing them and all of us the best this year.



Lizzie Lewis

RBO Club Role: Club Service | Bulletin & E-zine

- Collaborate with the administration committee to schedule the bi-monthly club meetings.
- Build camaraderie by planning fun activities to bond with the club and on occasion other clubs.
- Commemorate diversity by celebrating identified festivals.
- Go on at least one family trip (try for two).
- Responsible for the RBO digests. Liaise to bring out the periodic bulletins with respective RBO members.
- Continue with the Anns outings for Oasisians.



Vikram Samsi

RBO Club Role: Vocational Service

- Extend the Ashalaya partnership with the help of People's Trust Foundation for the next batches of candidates from the area around Rajanukunte .
- To develop a plan of action for Skill Development in the areas of wellness / health / yoga in partnership with eminent institutions in Yelahanka.
- Career guidance / counselling for school / college students of Government School and Presidential University , Rajanukunte .
- Introduce the 4 way Test to children in our community.
- Industrial visit for Rotarians and families (conditions permitting).



Dinesh Narayan Shriyan

RBO Club Role: Community Service

- Encourage members to take up new project ideas per club processes.
- Synchronise our projects with the district goal plus use advise of district experts where possible.
- Try and mix / match projects by low budget viz. Blood donation & health camps, Koti Naati, etc. & medium budget viz. crystallising Hillock project and school support projects.
- Project COVID 2nd Wave Response which includes providing of masks, sanitizers, thermometer, oximeter, face shields, PPE kits, Oxygenators & establishment costs, plus vaccination drives.

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The RBO Avenue Directors, contd...



Arun Bhagra

RBO Club Role: International Service

- Establish a sister club relation with two international clubs to foster cross-country understanding, build goodwill and later, execute collaborative projects.
- Motivate RBO members to register for the 2022 RI convention. It will be held at Houston, Texas, from 4th -8th June, 2022.
- Support International Service activities of the District like International friendship exchange, International cultural programs, International Nights and celebration of International days.
- Create awareness about RFGs (Rotary Fellowship Groups), RAGS (Rotary Action Groups) and Rotary's international global rewards program.



Sriram Govindarajan

RBO Club Role: Youth Service | Tech & Social Media

- Charter at least 1 Rotaract Club this year.
- Sponsor a Sports activity / activities in a School or College.
- Day outing for Government School Children - Industrial Visit.
- Empowering Sessions from various personalities in the City for School/ College Students.
- Managing updates to the RBO club Facebook page, YouTube channel and other social media as agreed.
- Designing and maintaining repository of content / images for easy access by members.

Committees, Chairs & Sub-committees



Ruby Singh

RBO Club Role: Public Image

- Promote RBO to the community by sharing news of and about the club's service projects and events.
- Identify signage and put it up in specific village areas for awareness of immediate issues.
- Advocate the merits of Rotary and RBO to the public by newspaper inserts to join the organization / club.
- Press releases to newspapers to strengthen our ability to make an impact in communities.
- Plus other ideas that we are thinking of implementing.

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Committees, Chairs & Sub-committees - I



Paramaguru Sambandam

RBO Club Role: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) | Fund Raising

- Establish CSR contacts with at least three Corporates for project partnering.
- Organize a “ Signature Fund Raising ” event.
- Organize a second fund raising event in the year (Raffle Ticket, Cycling Event etc.
- Get involved in fund raising events organized by other clubs like Cultural evenings / Musical Nights and the like.



Anand Kumar

RBO Club Role: TEACH

- Responsible for the five projects under TEACH - Teacher support, E-learning, Adult Literacy, Child Development and Happy Schools for the schools within the Rajanukunte community that we are responsible for.
- Continue with the ongoing programs and initiatives like distribution of tabs, Ka-Naada activities, etc.



Hemant Sharma

RBO Club Role: Membership

- Seeking and finding new members for the Rotary club of Bangalore Oasis (RBO).
- Retaining the current/ existing RBO members.
- Encouraging members to bring guests to club meetings or inviting them to participate in our service project/s.
- Encouraging early participation in service projects.
- Sponsoring a new Rotary Club as a satellite club.



Vinay Kumar

RBO Club Role: Club Administration

- Managing all of RBO's regular club meetings and fellowship activities.
- Be in charge of meetings calendar and maintain members' attendance.
- Will be responsible to identify topics and guest speakers for these meetings and send out invites to all concerned as required.
- Identify and action on joint meetings with other Rotary clubs to encourage collaboration and bonding.

Committees, Chairs & Sub-committees - II



Sarabjeet Singh

RBO Club Role: Club Trainer | RBO Foundation Chair

- Plan induction training programs for new joiners.
- Plan and advise on specific topics to be incorporated into the club's regular meetings.
- Encourage members to contribute to the the Rotary Foundation (TRF).
- Help prepare meaningful proposals for Grant projects (both Global and Local).
- Support and guide project teams in reporting against any Grants projects as per TRF guidelines and requirements.

Rotaract, Interact and RCC leaders

**YET
TO BE
ELECTED**

Yet to be elected

RBO Club Role: President - Rotaract, Presidency College

- Brings together people of ages at the university to participate in all RBO service activities to exchange ideas, develop the community and have fun through service.
- Ideate and conduct independent programs and events along with other rotaract clubs and independently as well.
- Ensures commitment and continuity in projects jointly undertaken.



Usha Narayanan

RBO Club Role: President, Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Rajanukunte

RCC President is the lead for all community projects undertaken for the upliftment of Rajanukunte community alongwith sponsor club Rotary Bangalore Oasis. RCC members will also play a key role in supporting all local RBO club projects.



Anjali T.K

RBO Club Role: President - Interact, Govt School, Rajanukunte

- Join together with the parent RBO club and the panchayat to tackle the issues in the Rajanukunte community.
- Carry out hands-on service projects with parent RBO club.
- Develop leadership skills, decision making process and working as a team.
- Most of all have fun in the process.

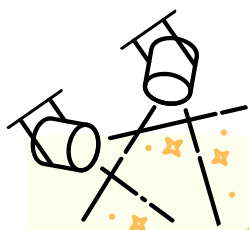
Governor's Official Visit - March 3, 2021

The Governor's Official Visit (GOV) is one of the most significant events of a club in the Rotary year. The RBO's GOV took place on the 3rd of March 2021. This event gave us an opportunity to talk about and showcase the club programs, events and activities to the District governance team comprising of the Governor DG Rtn BL Nagendra Prasad, Dist Secretary for Samskruthi Naadu, Rtn Arun Belur and Assistant Governor for our club, Rtn Mukund Pandurangi. The avenue directors and the chairs presented the projects and plans and these were well received and appreciated by the dignitaries. The GOV was a well-attended event by the Oasis family members.

We also took this opportunity to confer the nation builder and vocational awards. The Nation builder award was conferred to the English teacher of Rajanukunte High School Mr. Venkatesha and the Vocational Service awards were conferred on Sister Bindu of Ashalaya Trust and Mr Prakash of People's Trust.



Spotlight on two new members



DINESH NARAYAN SHRIYAN

Classification : Finance

Dinesh Narayan Shriyan is a retired Assistant General Manager from the Reserve Bank of India.

Post his retirement, Dinesh wants to use his time for the betterment of his community by being a Rotarian.

Dinesh has two children. Son Varun, who is a banker and is married to Sruthiya, another banker. Daughter Diksh is a Research Associate, based out of Mumbai.

Dinesh enjoys walking and watching movies in his free time. His service interests lie in the field of Basic and adult education. Dinesh and his family live in Shriram Suhaana apartments in Yelahanka.



RAMYA VINAY

Classification : Entrepreneur

Ramya Vinay, after completing her Masters in business Administration from the New Horizon college of Engineering worked for various companies like Havells, Northern trust and Kotak Securities.

She now supports her spouse Rtn Vinay Kumar with their business and they are both entrepreneurs, owning and managing Arjate Farms Private Limited.

Ramya Vinay's family consists of three people and their one being their school going daughter Hasini Vinay who is 8 and a half years old

Ramya's interests include dabbling in Art and enjoys being out in the nature doing a bit of gardening.

RBO Projects

Rotary Vana | The plantation & hillock development - Updates

The hillock in Adde Vishwanathapura "adopted" by our club which later turned into a district signature project called Rotary Vana to address the new Rotary Focus Area "Supporting the Environment", is being continually getting cleaned of weeds and bushes by RBO members and other volunteers. This is our commitment. All of our Rotarians along with RCC and Community volunteers supported by People's Trust, gets into action every Sunday morning between 7.00 and 9.00 am to clean up the area before the rainy season plus also spend time with nature. This is our way of giving back to mother earth. This time is also made use of to check the watering status. The Bhoomi puja for Rotary Vana was performed by our DG and well attended by many supporting clubs of District 3190, the Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat members, the community and the local administration.

This district project which is on a huge scale has a well phased plan laid out by the district. The Landscape Design Intent shows the size of the project and its picturesque view. After a few meetings at the DG's office, the project is moving forward with the involvement of other clubs of the district. This project holds a special place in our hearts.



Ashalaya - an update

On the Skill Development and Vocational Training front, the first batch of students identified by Rotary Bangalore Oasis and NGO People's Trust, have completed their respective courses. They are ready to be employed and take on jobs in the respective fields they have been trained.

Our partner NGO - People's Trust played a major role in identifying the right candidates for all of these courses offered by Ashalaya. RBO plans to identify and recognize the best performers in each stream of course when the current situation normalizes.



Jnana Deevige - Gift-a-tab

Jnana Deevige is a project to gift a tab to 10th standard government school students. This is a seven inch tab with preloaded content per the Government syllabus. These tabs are rotated each year with outgoing students handing them over to the incoming students. This is a joint project between RBO, Rotary Club of NCC Heritage and Platinum City plus the Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat.

A total of 120 tabs were distributed to three different schools. All tabs have been distributed to the students and the activity was completed successfully.



RBO Projects - I

Ka-Naada Multi lingual key board Project | an update

This project gained momentum after the Covid crisis and the schools reopened . The equipment were reinstated and eight new keyboards were added to the existing set. Accesses were provided to extensive curriculum like Khan academy, LMS including Ka-Naada Gurukula. Mr. Guruprasad organized training for the teachers of Rajanukunte high school on how to use the keyboards, other functional information and what applications / tools that can be embedded. To take this project to the next level, a meeting was held at the DG's office with the District Literacy Chair, Rtn Guru Nagesh. With the persistent efforts of Rtns Paul, Anand and Sarabjeet and Mr Guru Prasad of Ka-Naada Phonetics Pvt Ltd, to take this project with a definite objective at a district level and a bigger impact is bearing fruit. A Language Lab has now taken shape and will serve as a pilot for demonstrating to the District to take it to a larger scale under India Literacy Mission. Hon. MLA S R Viswanath paid a visit to the Language Lab.



Language EdTech Lab
Government High School, Rajanukunte

"Enliven Indic Languages, Empower Students"

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SUPPORTED BY **Rotary** Club of Bangalore Oasis

TECHNOLOGY PARTNER **Ka-Naada Phonetics Pvt Ltd**
One keyboard for many Indic languages

Breast Cancer Awareness and Detection Camp

RBO in association with Rotary Palmville and People's Trust conducted a very scientific and technologically advanced yearly camp. Early 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. Around 40 women were screened and a few were taken in for further diagnostics / treatment as needed.



Gift-a-Lab(oratory)

As part of the India Literacy Project, Gift a Lab(oratory), is basically a Science lab in a box. It has an intrinsic purpose and value when reached out to Government High Schools of both Urban and Rural areas. This lab in a box is for high school students between 8th grade and 10th grade, mapped to all the concepts covered in their syllabus. The Lab covers over 200 of these concepts. Our club RBO is supporting the District Project by sponsoring 5 kits to 2 Government High Schools. We are waiting for the kits to be delivered by the District

Gift a Lab Science Lab-in-a-Box to Government and Aided High School

150+ Experiments

8th to 10th Grade

200+ Concepts

RBO Projects - III

MHM Project - an update

The Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) project supported by RBO is progressing well with the activities planned for the months of May - June 2021. Many online sessions have been conducted for various support groups.

Rotary Oasis is partnering with other clubs in Dist 3190 to make villages in Rajanukunte Panchayat - our home base community, to an almost zero menstrual waste area. This is aimed at all the women folk and girls residing in the adopted villages of People's Trust and Rajanukunte Panchayat. We are doing this by conducting awareness programmes on benefits of reusable menstrual cloth pads and menstrual cups and making the products available at subsidised prices. This is an on-going project, these planned activities will continue.



Covid-19 (second wave?)

This Project with the support from Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat, People's Trust and the Community has taken a shape in the form of providing Emergency Oxygen Support to the Needy in and around Rajanukunte and will be functional from 1st week of June.

Rotaractors' of Presidency University did their part to beat the Covid wave by donating 1000 masks to be distributed to the villages around Rajanukunte. Our partner People's Trust sensed the requirement of the masks and donated 500 masks to the Panchayat which were distributed to people in need.

Oxygen Facility Available at Ambedkar Bhavan Rajanukunte(Opposite To R K Hospital)
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Contact
 Rajanukunte Panchayath War Room PDO -974 312 5987
 Rajanukunte Panchayath War Room Helpline -959 172 7862



Covid-19 awareness

This project addresses the need to create awareness amongst the villagers on how to prevent Covid infection. Signages are placed on prominent locations like the Primary Health Care Centre and Panchayat office and all the vehicles utilized by the Panchayat so the message reaches out to all the villages in Rajanukunte Panchayat.



Meetings and Event participations

A monthly update of all the meetings, club and other, district events, ICGF's and programs that the RBO members participated in.

MARCH 2021

March 03, 2021 - The Governor's Official Visit

March 15, 2021 - Bhoomi Pooja for the Rotary Vana.

Performed by the District Governor. Well attended by many supporting clubs of District 3190, the Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat members, the community and local administration.

March 20, 2021 - RBO club meeting

For the first time in this Rotary Year, our regular club meeting was held at the Rotary Vana in the open, communing with nature. Rotarians enjoyed the ambience and appreciated the effort put in by the RBO Rotarians and volunteers so far for this project.

March 21, 2021 - ICGF Youth Services

Our Rotarians participated in the ICGF - Youth Services. These ICGFs provide an opportunity for Rotarians of different clubs to connect with other Rotarians for a common cause.

March 25, 2021 - Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat, Makkala Grama Sabha function

Makkala Grama Sabha is an annual function organized by Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat with the Government High School students. They enacted the local administration functioning. Students posed as general public shooting questions at the Officer who was also a student. The programme was very interesting and informative. During this event 400 masks were distributed to the school children.

March 27, 2021 - Participation in district projects (2 projects)

Kamadhenu - Handing over of cows to the needy at a village near Mandya.

Handing over of 25 toilets at Mangala village in Bandipur forest to the respective households. On the DG's special request the invite was extended to all the clubs irrespective of their contribution to participate in these two District Signature Projects.

March 28, 2021 - District board meeting participation

The District Board meeting gave us opportunity to talk about Rotary Vana Project briefly to the District Board members and to the participating Skyrocketer Presidents.

APRIL 2021

April 02, 2021 - RBO club meeting | Speaker meet

Wing Commander Naganathan C (Retd) spoke on Access Bars, a gentle, non-invasive technique which works on releasing both physical and mental blocks stored within the body and helps to facilitate greater ease in all different areas of life. This topic was apt with the current situation we are going through and members participation in knowing the technique was a good sign.

April 16, 2021 - RBO club meeting | Know your Rotarians meet

Rtns Dinesh and Reshmi spoke about their career, Business and family. This type of a meet is organized once in a quarter for the Rotarians of Oasis to know more about their members in terms of their interests along with other interesting details about them.

MAY 2021

May 15, & May 20, 2021 - Club Assembly

Club Assembly was organized to chose the DGND 23-24 RBO candidate.

Meetings and Event participations (contd.)

MAY 2021 (contd)

May 21-23, 2021 - District Training Assembly

District Training Assembly is once in a year Event organized by the District Training Team to give an insight of various Avenues of Services and the Focus Areas. All various avenues of trainings were well attended by the Board members of RBO.

May 29, 2021 - ICGF for Community service

RBO Rotarians participated in the ICGF - Community service.

JUNE 2021

June 12, 2021 - ICGF for International service

RBO Rotarians participated in the ICGF - Community service.

Interact Installation - Government High School, Rajanukunte

RBO has sponsored the Interact Club of Govt High School, Rajanukunte. This Interact Club was installed on April 1st. The Charter certificate was presented on 1.4.21 along with the installation of office bearers.

The club leadership team consists of President - Anjali T K, Secretary - Yashodha S, Vice president - Dinesh.

The student board of directors are Meghana C, Manu, Bindushree, Uma S and Sunil B Vaddar.

Rtn Mohan gave a brief introduction about Rotary, Rtn Anand Kumar completed the orientation part to all the students. The vote of thanks was given by Head master Kantharaju. We are happy to welcome our youngest members into the RBO family



The Rotaract update

The Rotaract Club of Presidency University (RCPU) is headed by Rtr. Bijoy Antony C and Secretary Rtr. Sumayya Samreen. Though the rota-year is mostly a virtual year, RCPU were part of the organising clubs for many events throughout the year.

RCPU started off the year by hosting the 1st Rotaract Zonal Meet with games and fun filled activities. They also participated and had a joyous evening with the parent Rotary Bangalore Oasis, on the first Family meet on 1st August, 2020.. This was followed by the Independence Day celebration with RBO.

As our international service avenue we had partnered with clubs from all over India and Mexico on the occasion of World Humanitarian Day where a poetry slam was organised. We had also partnered to spread awareness about Peace. We had shared our club picture on Instagram with the hastag 'BE THE #PEACEMAKER'.

Rupantra was a project in the MHM Committee where RCPU were the partner club to bring awareness on Menstrual health in the villages of Rajanukunte.

Members from our club participated in a Webinar on 'Studying in USA' by speaker Mr. Vikramaditya Chakrapani Sharma who is a 'Master Trainer in GRE'.

RCPU was awarded the 'Promising new club' and we also got a special recognition for the rota-year 2019-20 during the Panthers Awards Ceremony held in January 2021.

President Rtr. Bijoy Antony attended the GOV in March which was held at Prestige Oasis by the parent Rotary Bangalore Oasis. RBO also conducted a blood donation camp and RCPU was happy to support them. We had over 40 units of blood that was donated.

RCPU has also been a part of other events, projects and Webinars such as 'Union Budget 2021-21: Impact on Renewable Energy to meet Climate Goals', Email Construction, Women of Vision and Queer Activism.

RCPU in association with Sanctity Ferme and Zen Yoga Shala conducted an online workshop on yoga in the month of May.

Rtr. Kaushik and Rtr. Bijoy were also part of the Rotary War group and were helping the patients register for the BBMP allotted beds.

Rotary Community Corps (RCC)

RCC is Action on the ground in Execution of ideas. RCC goals can only be achieved through partnership in investing in Community based projects.

The journey started with joining hands with the Panchayat, Rotary Oasis and The Menstrual Health Management (MHM) program headed by Rtn Nisha Bellare and Rtn Usha Gowri.

The Covid situation might have prevented the active ladies from stepping out of their homes but the men were out there in the hillock. Harish, with his volunteers, Paul with his gloves and tools, Thimma Reddy chasing the gardeners not of course, the Chaaiwalli was a regular sight. This sight brought many a cheer to the toiling souls.

Addressing the newly selected Rupantaras, was a trip down memory lane and it highlighted the three main take aways for the use of Cloth pads. i.e Economic, Eco-friendly and Hygienic.

This was followed by the distribution of Aaram pads and the RCC joined the team at Adde Vishwanathapura.

On Gandhi Jayanti, Oct 2nd - It was the cleanUp drive with the PDO and RCC members.

RCC is also proud to announce awards and accolades received for their contributions. Mr. Venkatesh, the school teacher from Rajanukunte Government School and the President Mrs. Usha Narayanan. Congratulations them and to the team.

Whether it is the Environment or the Society, we the RCC, are committed to ongoing responsibility to achieve enduring positive change and serve humanity.

A few quotes on service

- "The only true gift is a portion of yourself." – **Ralph Waldo Emerson**
- "We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own." – **Ben Sweetland**
- Look up and not down. Look forward and not back. Look out and not in, and lend a hand." – **Edward Everett Hale**
- "This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again." **Paul Harris**

Oasisianns Unplugged - The IWD catchup

With the pandemic playing havoc on all aspects of our lives, a brief respite in March offered the Oasisianns an opportunity to hang out for a quick lunch on International Women's Day. Where else but at Olde Bangalore, a favourite with all our ladies.

At the outset, let us congratulate ourselves for braving through the covid challenges so far. We were in touch via zoom and had fun (even though virtual). One memorable occasion was the lunch meet at Olde Bangalore on International women's day 8th March. This should be a regular celebration luncheon every year. Hope the difficult times will be short-lived and we would be able to resume our normal meetings and family get togethers in the near future.

Stay home and stay safe. Wish you all the very best.

Rtn. Yaso Padala
The outgoing first lady 2020-21



My aim in joining the Rotary was to make friendships and connections as we moved to a new and unfamiliar part of Bangalore. It has been my good fortune to land among some wonderful people and I would like to think that these friendships that I am making will be lifelong. The Oasisianns had a great start by meeting monthly for some lovely, enjoyable outings. Unfortunately Covid and its ensuing lockdowns has put a stop to these. We were lucky that we managed to squeeze out one meeting in March this year. It was such a welcome break to get out and meet everyone. I have to hope that we will soon be able to get back to meeting in person, but until this happens, lets try and keep our connection alive virtually. Look forward with hope for the coming year.



Rtn. Aparna Annavarapu
The incoming First Lady 2021-22

And here are some pictures from our luncheon. We had a great time and missed all the other ladies who could not make it on D-day. Next time for sure! :) And a big shout out to our lovely Annet Ananya who joined us that day.





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Please email us - rotaryoasis@gmail.com

We also appreciate extreme praise! :)
Thank you for your time.