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the **RBO** Digest

Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis
GOV Report 2021-22

Celebrating the visit of
District Governor Rtn Fazal
Mahmood to our club



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Editorial

Dear fellow Oasisians,

Welcome to the GOV edition of the RBO Digest.

As the Covid situation is easing up (fingers crossed), we are seeing infection rates dropping, mask mandates being relaxed a little, people cautiously venturing out to eat at restaurants and a few of us planning vacations with adequate safeguards.

Postponing things and waiting for the pandemic to get over to action them is not the way anymore. We need to live our lives the way it is now with proper planning and precautions. Having something to look forward to in these times can help alleviate stress and break the monotony in this new way of living.

So, it is with these thoughts swirling around in our heads we are putting together this much awaited GOV edition of the RBO Digest.

We have messages from our President Ramana Annavarapu and Secretary Sujatha, and these are followed by a list of RBO branded projects executed by our club. Yes, there are projects that we participated in with other clubs as well. PDG KS Nagendra shares a very engaging story about the Four-way test. Do read.

The RBO fact file details information about our club and members. A calendar of events where details of all our meetings conducted so far are mentioned is also available for you to read through. Throughout this Digest we have Rotary fun blurbs to tell you interesting details of the wonderful organization we all belong to. It gives us a great deal of pride and awe reading these and we hope it does to you too!

A new entrant in the digest this time is the Rotary themed quiz for all you quizzing fanatics. Oh yes! Answers are provided. Per usual there is an update from Rotaract, our comrades in arms in the Rotary world. We hope you enjoy reading what we have curated for you all this time.



With that said, we hope that all of us are doing better. Dealing with this very long stress of the pandemic plus the frustrations arising out of certain situations, we are all prone to burnouts, detachment and fatigue. Some experts opine that talking about these feelings with people around us is the best way to process and deal with it. To take care ourselves holistically, they also recommend that we start with simple exercises like stretching, yoga or walking outdoors. Focusing on footsteps and the sounds around helps you relax. Taking a few deep, slow breaths when you feel stressed can signal your body to calm down, that you are okay. Meditation is another known power stress reliever. And the most important of all, having enough sleep. All of these go a long way in creating a positive impact on our physical, mental and social wellbeing. Many of us have already started this and are seeing the results, so we thought we'd share with you too.

And finally, here is an important newsflash from Rotary International - Rotary memberships have increased to 1.4 million after more than 20 years! Isn't that just amazing. This warrants a huge hurrah from all of us.

And on that cheerful note, we will leave you to enjoy the RBO Digest!

Cheers,

Lizzie Lewis.

President's Note

Hello Rotarians,

I trust all of you are keeping well and feeling safe. It is indeed a relief that the feared third wave has not yet materialized, though we should continue to be on our guard.

Let me congratulate our Immediate Past President, Rtn Paramaguru Sambandam, for accepting the tremendous responsibility of leading the club again in 2022-23. It is his sense of commitment to the club and its continued growth that leads him to take this significant step and I laud him for it.



We have added three members to the club since the beginning of the Rotary Year and are poised to add at least 10 more during the remainder of the year, with a healthy pipeline of members. We also continue to maintain good gender diversity in our club with a far better share of lady members than the District as a whole and most clubs. It is difficult to better the women-only clubs, but I believe we are better off in that regard than almost any other club in the District.

Our processes continue to get better with time as we debate and discuss improvements to them in the Board and implement the improvements as we go along. These discussions demonstrate how members in the club feel empowered to suggest and implement changes in the way we operate with the primary motive of making things better.

We have also started taking baby steps to ensure that the respective Avenue Directors and Committee Chairs take ownership of the committees they lead and operate more independently. This is a good sign for the club leadership in the years to come.

Our commitment to deliver service projects in the area with the support of our partners continues unabated. During the past couple of months, we have initiated a new partnership with Raksha Healthcare, a hospital that has recently been opened in Rajanukunte. I am extremely happy to report that this partnership has already delivered three projects for the people in our area. Our partnerships with the Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat and People's Trust continue to be strong. We are also working to strengthen our relationship with the Ashalaya Trust further. Members will note that we initiated a partnership with Ashalaya last year with the objective of leveraging their vocational training offerings for youth from our area. We will continue to look for ways to leverage Ashalaya for the benefit of the members of our community.

Our club has been very active in delivering a variety of projects already this year and I look forward to many more such in the coming months. Our signature project – Rotary Vana – is back to picking up steam with funds coming from other clubs in the district already. We will continue to seek additional funds from other clubs and corporates to continue to drive this agenda forward.

The Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening camp is also back on the rails and we are planning to conduct another camp at People's Trust shortly. We will likely conduct a total of two such camps during this year

The Language Lab set up at the Government High School in Rajanukunte with the help and support of Dr Guruprasad, founder of Ka-Naada Phonetics, is also fully functional now after many stoppages due to pandemic related school closures. This can become the model for other rural schools in Karnataka (and even other states) to provide learning support in the local language for children.

In addition to the above signature projects, we have also participated in multi-club projects like Zero Hunger, ECO-ISTHRI, Girls on Wheels, Project Warmth. Projects like Nutrition Evaluation of undernourished children of the area, Blood Glucose testing on World Heart Health Day, multiple Blood Donation Camps and a customary Cleanliness Drive on Gandhi Jayanthi have ensured that we have kept ourselves busy all the time.

We also have multiple projects in the pipeline mostly around empowering the members of the Rotaract Club and Interact Club we have sponsored in the past couple of years. Our Fundraiser, the Gramathon, is back in our radar after a break of a year due to the pandemic.

I would like to take a few minutes to thank all our club members for the support they extended to Aparna and me during a family emergency we had to endure – thankfully all is well now. I would also like to extend my condolences to Rtn Sriram and Ann Saranya as they mourn the loss of Saranya's mother.

Yours in Rotary,

Venkataramana Annavarapu
President

The Rotary emblem was printed on a commemorative stamp for the first time in 1931, at the time of the Vienna Convention

This picture represents the first service project executed by Rotary – a comfort station in Chicago in 1917



Secretary's Note

Warm greetings from the secretary's desk

It was a great start for Rotary Oasis, and we did become a oasis for many in the vicinity in particular where we could save many lives with a few blood donation camps under the leadership of Dinesh, Project warmth from the warm hands of Rotarians, Diabetes checkup camp!!! and not so on, happy to express the initiation on the zero hunger project helping a few for their daily bread.

Not to forget the support from People's trust and our other partners in service.

I feel, people will start envying us, being a small club with the kind of achievements current year, Our Vana project directly helping save the environment with lot of participation and the support from district 3190 and other clubs. How can we even forget Oasis support to the Girls on Wheels.

It is high time we stop calling ourselves young and new club, we have more in pipeline and a lot more to do in the year 2021-22

Thank you all for their support and encouragement.

Sujatha J



Rotary's primary motto is "**Service Above Self.**"

There's a secondary motto: "**One profits most who serves best.**"

The country of Nauru has the **least number of Rotarians** of any country in the world, 11. Formerly known as Pleasant Island, Nauru is in Micronesia in the South Pacific. Its nearest neighbour is Banaba Island in Kiribati, 182 miles to the east.

Projects

Rotary Vana



Rotary Vana is a District 3190 initiative to develop a eco-friendly park for the use of the residents of the area. After significant due diligence an MOU was entered into with the Rajanukunte Gram Pachayat for the development of this park. After a Bhoomi Pooja was conducted in March 2021 by IPDG, Rtn Nagendra Prasad, the project was held up due to the second wave of COVID. In the meantime, our club

has continued to maintain the trees planted in the area thanks to the tireless efforts of a team of dedicated Rotarians (Rtn Paramaguru, Rtn Dinesh and Rtn Paul) along with RCC members (Harish, Thimmareddy and Usha).

In addition to the cleanup and maintenance, a tree plantation project was undertaken on July 25. Approx 70 grown up plants were planted jointly with National School Alumni, Rotary Yelahanka, BMSIT Rtrs, Oasisians and Panchayat. Great effort was put in by everyone and well appreciated.



The Rotary Vana project is now taking shape with donations from the District Trust Fund, Rotary Club of Bangalore Peenya and Rotary Club of Bangalore Vidyanarayapura. The perimeter fencing work for the Vana is finally under way and we are hopeful that more clubs will join to make this a truly wonderful retreat that can be used by one and all.

Zero Hunger



At a project led by District First Lady, Rtn Sabiha Fazal, Rtn Aparna provided packets of cooked food to the needy at the Jayadeva Hospital. Rtn Dinesh was also at her side providing much needed support.

As part of the Zero Hunger program initiated by District 3190, RBO executed a project to provide ration to the inmates of Vidyagokula Trust - Singanayakanahalli (Home for Needy) especially small Children. This project was led by Rtn Dinesh and fully funded by him. Rtn Paramaguru, Rtn Yaso and Rtn Paul were present during the distribution of food grains.



Blood Glucose Testing – Defeat Diabetes Campaign



On the occasion of World Heart Day, The Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India (RSSDI) teamed up with Rotary India, the Art of Living, Torrent Pharma and BeatO to conduct over one million blood glucose tests across the country and create a world record of maximum number of tests done on a single day. RBO participated in this initiative by teaming up with Raksha Healthcare, Rotaract Club of Presidency University and People's Trust to

conduct about 400 tests in our area. The overall goal of one million tests was exceeded on the day.

“RSSDI along with its Co-Organizers Rotary, tested 1064989 persons at 10258 sites in India on 29th Sep 2021 setting a world record for conducting maximum number of blood glucose tests in one single day.

The above figure is verified and validated by Asia Book of Records today. “



Nutritional Evaluation Camp



A Nutritional Evaluation Camp was organized at the Government Primary school on August 9. The program was attended by Panchayat President, Veeranna, Vice-President, Smt Ambica, CDPO officials (Priya and Sweta), Dr Avinash (Raksha Healthcare), Rtn Paul, Rtn Paramaguru, Rtn Dinesh, Rtn Aparna and Rtn Ramana.

After the welcome address, Invocation song, lamp lighting and customary speeches, 41 children (out of 42 identified by the authorities) were evaluated during the camp. A detailed report is being prepared by Dr Avinash and will be shared tomorrow. Some of the children are being recommended for further care and this will be provided by the CDPO.

It was recommended by Dr Avinash that we prepare nutrition kits for distribution to all 41 children. The cost for this will be shared by the Panchayat and us. Cost of the kits will be finalized shortly and communicated to members for further action.



Cleanliness Drive



RBO conducted its third annual cleanliness drive on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti this year. This has now become a tradition for the club and is a good way for all of us to remember the Mahatma. A team of volunteers, Rotaractors, RCC members and Club members got together to remove dry waste from and to de-weed some areas of the Rotary Vana site.

Blood Donation Camps

A blood donation camp was organized at the People's Trust campus on August 22 to celebrate the 92nd Birth Anniversary of their founder. Our Club participated in the program and provided water and refreshments to the donors and volunteers. A total of 120 units of blood were collected at this camp – truly remarkable!



The second Blood Donation Camp for the year was conducted by the club at the Shiram Suhaana apartment complex. Rtns Paramaguru and Dinesh spearheaded this camp which was supported by the Rotary TTK Blood Bank. A total of 31 units were collected at the camp. Soon to be Rotarian, Sriram Maharana was instrumental in bringing about 11 blood donors to the camp.

Another Blood Donation Camp was held at Raksha Healthcare Hospital in Rajanukunte to commemorate Kannada Rajyotsava Day on November 1, 2021. Blood donors from the area donated a total of 47 units of blood during the session. The camp was supported by the Rotary TTK Blood Bank. Raksha Healthcare provided the space and logistics support.



Children's' Day Celebration at Vidyagokula Orphanage

On the occasion of Children's' Day, Rtn Poornima, Dinesh and Ramana distributed stationery items (notebooks, pencils, erasers, etc.) to the children at the Vidyagokula Orphanage run by the Vidyagokula Charitable Trust



Project Warmth

The Rotary Club of Koramangala had initiated this joint project to distribute blankets to the homeless and needy and give them much needed warmth during the upcoming cold season. Blankets were procured from a supplier in Pathankot after much evaluation and shared with participating clubs based on their contributions. The project was launched in the presence of Rtn Frank Coelho at Koramangala.

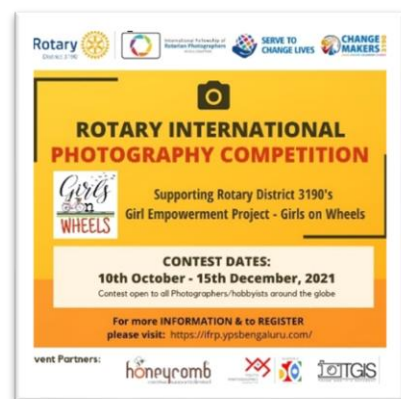


Our club procured 20 blankets as part of this initiative and distributed them to the homeless in Rajanukunte and Yelahanka as part of a couple of late evening drive-by events. Due to the sensitive nature of the distribution and with a view to protect the identity of the homeless persons to whom the blankets were distributed, photographs of the distribution were not taken.

Girls on Wheels

The Girls on Wheels project started the process of fund raising with the launch of a Photography competition. The competition is expected to run through the middle of December.

At this point more than 20 clubs have signed up to be part of this project. The team is currently discussing logistics of collecting donated bicycles that can be refurbished and then distributed to the beneficiaries. A separate thread is also discussing the process of identifying beneficiaries for this project. The project aims to distribute 1000 bicycles to 6th and 7th standard girls in rural areas that find it difficult to go to school because of distance from their homes.



ECO ISTHRI



We procured 3 ECO-ISTHRI gas iron boxes for distribution to beneficiaries in our area. The beneficiaries were identified by Rtn Paul and Rtn Ramana and the iron boxes have been funded by Rtn Hemant, Rtn Paul and Rtn Ramana.

The ECO-ISTHRI boxes were distributed to the beneficiaries on August 28 after a demonstration of how they should be operated.



Language Lab

Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis, is proud to continuously support the Language STEM Lab from the year 2020 at the Government High School Rajanukunte using multilingual Indic keyboard called Ka-Naada, developed by Dr. Guru Prasad of M/s. KaNaada Phonetics Pvt. Ltd. This is first of a kind lab geared at addressing the Digital Literacy needs of our youth in rural areas in mother tongue and a child can type right from Standard 1. This lab facilitates functioning under various conditions with/without electricity as well as internet.



The subjects covered are English, Kannada, Social Studies, Science, Hindi and Mathematics. Learning Management System (LMS) called Kolibri which operate content in offline mode is also in place. Teaching also includes programming concepts in animation. Our Club would like to provide Language STEM Labs to about 1000 schools by CSR or Global Grant route as part of Rotary India Literacy Mission Program T-E-A-C-H.

Gift A Lab



RBO distributed one Science Lab Kit to the Govt. High School, Kakolu and two kits each to Sai Shankar Vidya Shala, Sriramanahalli and Govt. High School, Rajanukunte respectively.

This science kit helps children with hands-on experiments in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. It is simple, fun, inexpensive and involves items that you come across in daily life. This kit is

a comprehensive one and covers about 200+ concepts from the 5th grade upwards. Most of the components are low cost and commonly available even in rural areas and are easily replenished even in remote areas. The science kit encourages children to tinker and build new applications of the concepts - they also encourage children to touch, feel and build without the fear of breaking any expensive items. A detailed manual in Kannada is provided as part of the kit. Since the components are cheap and commonly available, the teachers can give it to the students without fear.



The Science Lab kit will be extremely valuable and handy for teachers as well as students.

Independence Day Plantation Drive

On August 15, RCC President Usha organized a tree plantation drive at the Adde Vishwanathapura Lake bed. A number of volunteers turned up to support the tree planting activities. Trees were planted to help protect the lake area.

Club Meeting Calendar

Jul 3	Club Assembly
A Club Assembly was held on Zoom on July 3. At this meeting all Directors presented their plans for the year to the members.	
Jul 30	Joint Speaker Meeting (PDG Rtn Dr Sameer Hariani)
A joint club meeting was held with PDG Rtn Dr Sameer Hariani as the guest speaker. The topic was Working in Teams. A total of 10 clubs participated in this meeting. Dr Hariani shared many insights into the setting up of teams within a club to achieve its goals.	
Aug 6	Club Meeting
The first regular club meeting of the year featured two “Know Your Rotarian” sessions where Rtns Ramya Vinay and Paul Mundackal spoke about their professional and personal interests as well as shared a few snippets about themselves. These sessions are conducted by our club once a quarter to help members know and understand each other better	
Aug 26	Joint Speaker Meeting (Hari Marar)
A joint club meeting was held along with Rotary Bangalore Cantonment with Mr. Hari K Marar, MD and CEO of Bangalore International Airport Limited as the speaker. Mr. Marar talked about how Bangalore’s Airport has achieved its success and also laid out and discussed some of the plans for the future.	
Sep 3	Club Meeting
The main topic was Fellowships. Rtn Sanjay Krishna, Director Fellowships, Rtn Sunil Telkar, Chairman for the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians and International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers and our own Rtn Sachin Gururaj, Rotary Means Business shared their thoughts about the usefulness of participating in fellowships.	
Sep 17	Joint Speaker Meeting (PDG Rtn KS Nagendra and Rtn VR Ramesh)
A Multi-club meeting was held to demystify Global Grants and District Grants. The discussion was in the form of an “Intimate Chat” on the topic between PDG Rtn KS Nagendra and Rtn V R Ramesh and helped clarify doubts in the minds of Rotarians who attended the meeting. A total of 11 clubs participated in this joint meeting hosted by RBO	

Oct 8	Club Meeting
The first club meeting of October was used to provide updates on club activities and projects. Upcoming District events and club participation in them were discussed. Project updates were shared and the team was informed that two additional members were on the verge of joining the club	
Oct 29	Joint Speaker Meeting (Capt. Raejus Job)
A joint club meeting with an external speaker was held on October 29. The speaker, Capt. Raejus Job, is an expert on Drones and shared his perspectives on how this disruptive technology can impact our daily lives while creating plenty of job and investment opportunities	
Nov 13	Club Meeting with Family Meet and Diwali Celebration
The club had its first in-person meeting combined with a family meet to celebrate Diwali. The meeting was graced by the presence of our Zone Governor, Rtn Mahadev Gowda as well as President, President-Elect and President Nominee from Rotary Club of Bangalore Vidyaranyapura. The meeting agenda was also celebratory in nature and IPP Rtn Paramaguru shared details of District Awards received during the year 2020-21. Four new members were pinned and one PHF (from 2020-21) was recognized. The newly anointed President Elect was also pinned at this event.	
Nov 26	Club Meeting
The meeting featured two “Know Your Rotarian” sessions where Rtns Hemant Sharma and Poornima Galiveeti shared insights into their personal background and their personal interests. This was the second such set of sessions for the year with the first having been conducted in August. Two prospective members, Sudershan Dubey and Dr NL Avinash attended the meeting and provided a brief introduction to themselves for the benefit of club members	
Board Meetings	
Board Meetings were held on Jul 10, Aug 13, Sep 18, Oct 17 and Nov 19	

Newsflash

After more than 20 years of stagnation around 1.2 million members in the global membership count, a breakthrough has been achieved and the current global membership has exceeded 1.4 million members as of Oct 2021



Quiz

Q1: What is the full name of the Founder of Rotary?

Q2: When was Rotary founded?

Q3: What Rotary Program Do These Pictures Remind You Of?



Q4: Identify the program associated with the letters in the picture



Q5: Who was the FIRST ever Lady District Governor of our Rotary District 3190?

Q6: From which year were Women allowed to join Rotary as Rotarians?

Q7: Identify the *3* prominent Rotary related personalities in this following image



Q8: Following are a few words commonly associated with Rotary. Unscramble them to arrive at the correct words

- a) *LROCAL*
- b) *UJNDRAO*
- c) *AYESTGTR*
- d) *LWOHFIELSP*
- e) *EERVCS*

Q9: In the history of RID 3190, who is the *only* Rotarian who has held the post of a District Governor twice?

Q10: Decipher the Pictograms

- a)
- c)
- e)
- g)

- b)
- d)
- f)

h) What do the pictogram answers represent?

RCC/Rotaract/Interact Update

The **RCC** got off to a good start with a Tree Plantation activity at the Adde Viswanathapura Lake Bed on Aug 15. Children from the Rajanukunte Government High School including some members of the **Interact Club** participated in this activity along with other volunteers. More projects are in the pipeline.

The new office bearers of the **Rotaract Club of Presidency University** were installed by PDG Rtn Manjunath Shetty on September 18, 2021, and was also attended by DRR Rtr Anurag Patwary, PDRR Rtr Naveen Senna, ZRR Rtr Kiran and ZRR Rtr Tarun.

The Rotaract club adopted the children at the Aksharamale Education & charitable foundation, Yelahanka for one year under project Adhyapana, and conducted a class on spoken English on October 2, 2021, and distributed stationery kits to the children.

The Rotaract club also participated in projects with RBO – Defeat Diabetes, Blood Donation Camp at Shriram Suhaana and Cleanliness Drive

Welcome to our new Members



Rtn Sriram Maharana. He lives in Harohalli (close to Shriram Suhaana Apartments) and has a UPVC Fabrication business. Sriram is committed to serving the community and has already spent many years doing so.

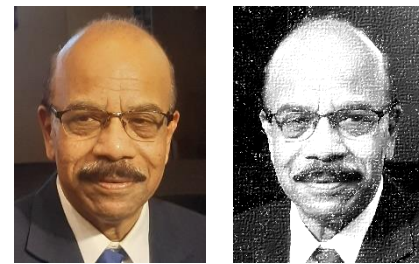


Rtn Poornima Galiveeti. She lives in Rajanukunte and is the Faculty Coordinator for the Rotaract Club of Presidency University. She is currently pursuing her PhD. Her passion for service, especially teaching, make her a tremendous asset to the club

The Man in the Mirror

The 4-Way Test: a dialogue between Rtn. KSN & the Man in the Mirror
 Rtn PDG K S Nagendra Recipient of Citation for Meritorious Service and
 Service Above Self awards from TRF

Member of Rotary Bangalore West, Bengaluru, India



KSN: I said a dialogue on the 4-way Test and why are you laughing?

M in the M: Well, you and your Rotary friends must have heard these many times over. 'I am disillusioned' one of the many Rotarians puts forth his point and adds 'looks like we have the 4-way Test only for preaching' but the same doesn't seem to apply to those preaching it. Not just that, in Rotary any action that is to be questioned your first query would be 'is this the way the 4-way Test is applied? The way most of you use the tenets of the 4-way Test, rather than build it into your system, is what brought the smile – no offence.

KSN: I get it, but according to you what is the 4-way Test?


M in the M: We simply overlook the fact that 'Values are our personal choice not something enforced but we own them'. Over the years by defining, calibrating and choosing it becomes our character and we believe in them and so much so with the 4-way test.

KSN: can you recall your first thoughts, when you heard about the 4-way Test and did you ever think it is not practicable?

M in the M: I was inducted into Rotary Bangalore West during 1985-86 and the first set of Rotary related material I received was a framed membership certificate; a Rotary pin and the 4-way Test print. I had no information; no knowledge about the story and significance of the 4-way Test and I had the least idea that it would so strongly support my own value system, as I grew. I don't know what I owe it to – may be my parents; my upbringing; my own thought formation – I always felt that this is the kind of philosophy that is to be followed.

KSN: what have been some incidents that you can directly narrate to practice of these tenets?

M in the M: Being in Industry / business, there have been many tests and many questions from time to time – when it would have been easier to wriggle through the situation by not being truthful, but I found that more we stuck to our value system, more success we found. During the early '90s we had received a large order from one of the public sectors and we had wrongly estimated cost of one of the components that was part of the assembly and because of this mistake we would end up losing a large sum of money rather than gain anything.

 FOUR-WAY TEST <small>FOUR QUESTIONS – 24 WORDS</small>	
THE UNIQUE STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS	PROCESS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED OUTCOMES THAT ARE ETHICAL, FAIR AND BENEFICIAL TO ALL
IS IT THE TRUTH? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarity Transparency Fact checking Ethical behaviour 	That we do our homework to collect information and to apply critical thinking by asking questions to know the difference between facts, beliefs, assumptions, and opinions as well as know what we don't know.
IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion Empathy Acceptance Belonging Accountability 	That we use empathy to see other points-of-view in the context of the problems to be solved and the goals to be reached.
WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust Do good Feel good Have fun 	That the process is civil, and there is a feeling of respect and openness to ask the "dumb" question, they can lead to creative and innovative answers. Also, people prefer to work with people they like, respect and trust.
WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What if scenarios Trade-offs Being creative and innovative Better decision making 	That these are the conflict transformative answers and decisions that can lead to mutually satisfying solutions, that are sustainable and scalable. This can be an iterative process as we learn more from doing and continuously improving with time.

We could have used a spurious make; substandard make or bribed the inspector but had the courage to inform the GM on the shortfall in the project but by force went ahead with the supplies. Once the order was executed the esteem of our standing went up with the entire purchase & project divisions of this customer and even today, we are one of their preferred vendors. This is a very small anecdote, but the impact of good values practiced over the years can be seen today, when the youthful and second level management continue with strong ethical principles, as they own it and all our stake holders respect us for what we are, unwavering in our value system.

KSN: with respect to Rotary what have been some incidents that you can narrate to these tenets?

M in the M: Rotary is a very unique platform, which talks of Vocation; Excellence in Vocation; Ethics in Vocation & Service with the same insistence and all of us should be proud of this. A small incident that I would like to recall is during the year 2013-14, when I was the District Governor. One of the Rotarians made a Major Donor contribution, during the closing month. Due to the Rotary year ending pressures, the contribution went thru' the common pool, rather than his individual name thus depriving him of major donor recognition. Both of us the contributor and myself realized the error after nearly 18 months. To sort this, I thought it was my duty to make the payment on behalf of this Rotarian and complete the responsibility. As it was not a small amount, the Rotarian was good enough in asking me to refrain from making this payment. However, when I completed my obligation and when this Rotarian received his major donor recognitions, his expression is something that I would always cherish. Adherence to the profound statements as in the 4-way Test, is to own it; practice it and also be proud of the same.

KSN: well in both of the above incidents, you did follow the tenets but resulted in an outflow which could have been avoided otherwise.

M in the M: True but our actions are guided by our values. They help us choose between right and wrong. When we have a weak value system, in such testing times we opt for the easy way out. But the right values strengthen us and make us cherish the path that we have tread.

KSN: looks right but all of us have seen people who follow such tenets suffer many times and those who take short cut being successful.

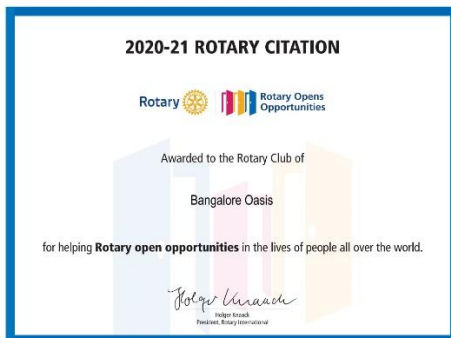
M in the M: let's stop making wrong connections & conclusions. There are many ways to be successful – you can choose the right values; you can be creative; you can help as many as possible and you can walk your talk. It is always a personal choice and you can choose the easier but not so correct way. Both of us know that when it happens you will always avoid looking at me in the mirror.

Remember that the 4-way Test are the reinforcing tenets of your ethics; of your value system which is the foundation on which your character gets built and will make you wear your Rotary pin with true pride.

Awards and Citations

Our Club achieved the goals required to receive the RI Citation for the year 2020-21.

At the annual District Awards function held at the Anantya grounds our Club was recognized with a Gold Citation from the District. We also received the Gold Award under the Small Club (City) category for our work in the Community Service area. Our Club was also recognized for executing projects in 6 of the 7 Rotary Areas of Focus.



Quiz Answers

1. Paul Percy Harris
2. February 23 1905
3. WinS – Wash in Schools
4. RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
5. PDG Rtn Madhura Chatrapathy
6. 1987
7. Rtn Paul Harris, Rtn Shekhar Mehta and Rtn Fazal Mahmood
8. a) Collar, b) Adjourn, c) Strategy, d) Fellowship, e) Service
9. PDG Rtn S Nagendra
10. a) Disease Prevention and Treatment
b) Maternal and Child Health
c) Peace Building and Conflict Resolution
d) Basic Education and Literacy
e) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
f) Community and Economic Development
g) Supporting the Environment
h) The seven Areas of Focus for Rotary

RBO Fact File

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- Date of Charter June 24, 2019
- Membership Count 26 (10 Women)
- Website www.rotarybangaloreoasis.org
- Social Media RBO on Facebook
- President Rtn Venkataramana Annavarapu
- Secretary Rtn Sujatha J
- Meeting Day First and Third Friday at 7:00 pm
- Meeting location Rajanukunte Grama Panchayat Board Room
- Club Id 90313
- District ID 3190
- Sponsoring Club Rotary Club of Bangalore
- GSR Rtn Ramkumarr Seshu
- Charter President Rtn Hemant Sharma

Major Donor

- Rtn MJ Mathews

PHFs

- Rtn Anand Kumar HR
- Rtn Arun Bhagra
- Rtn Sarabjeet Singh
- Rtn Hemant Sharma
- Rtn Sachin Gururaj
- Rtn Sujatha J
- Rtn Paramaguru Sambandam

RBO Member Classifications

1. Anand Kumar H R Civil Engineers & Contractors
2. Aparna Annavarapu Homemaker
3. Arun Bhagra Arbitrator & Conciliator
4. Dinesh Shriyan Retd Banker
5. Hemant Sharma Power Industry, PV Solar Integration & Solutions
6. Jayaram Rangan Engineer
7. Lizzie Caroline Lewis IT, Web Content Specialist
8. M J Mathews Corporate Executive
9. Mohan Kumar Financial Planning
10. Pammy Bhagra Homemaker
11. Paramaguru Sambandam Property Management
12. Paul Mundackal Environmental Engineering
13. Poornima Galiveeti Teacher
14. Ramya Vinay Homemaker
15. Reshmi Nair Ghosh Classical Dance Master
16. Ruby Singhh Advertising Consulting
17. Sachin Gururaj IT professional
18. Sarabjeet Singh Management Consultant
19. Shuchita Sharma Homemaker
20. Sriram Govindarajan IT Professional, Web Specialist
21. Sriram Maharana UPVC Fabricator
22. Sujatha Jagannatha Quality management
23. Venkataramana Annavarapu Retd. Software Professional
24. Vikram Samsi Ex Banker
25. Vinay Anand Agriculture Consulting
26. Yaso Padala Homemaker

RBO Board Members

Office Bearers

President	Venkataramana Annavarapu
Immediate Past President	Paramaguru Sambandam
Vice President	Sachin Gururaj
President Elect	Paramaguru Sambandam
Secretary	Sujatha Jagannatha
Treasurer	Aparna Annavarapu
Sergeant at Arms	Sriram Maharana

Directors

Club Service	Lizzie Caroline Lewis
Youth Service	Sriram Govindarajan
Vocational Service	Vikram Samsi
Community Service	Dinesh Shriyan
International Service	Arun Bhagra

Committee Chairs

Public Image	Ruby Singhh
Membership	Hemant Sharma
Service Projects	Dinesh Shriyan
Foundation	Sarabjeet Singh
Club Administration	Ramya Vinay
Social Media/Tech	Sriram Govindarajan

Advisors

Club Advisor	MJ Mathews
Club Mentor	Paul Mundackal
Club Trainer	Sarabjeet Singh

Trustees

Chairman	Hemant Sharma
Secretary	Paramaguru Sambandam
Treasurer	Aparna Annavarapu
Trustee	Vikram Samsi
Trustee	Sachin Gururaj

Club Members in District Roles

- Rtn Sarabjeet Singh District Director (Tech)
- Rtn Paul Mundackal RCC Chairman
- Rtn Paramaguru Sambandam Co-Chair - Urban Forestry
- Rtn Anand Kumar HR Chair - Vyapari Mitra

In 1979, Rotary began a project to immunize six million children against polio in the Philippines. This led to Rotary making polio eradication its top priority. In 1988, Rotary began the PolioPlus campaign with an initial fundraising pledge of \$120 million. Providing Vitamin-A supplements during polio immunization has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 – the "plus" in PolioPlus.



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