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## THE ESSENCE OF ROTARY

*“Service Above Self” is what they said  
Your motto in Rotary, through night and day  
Such lofty ideals, I thought to myself  
Will I measure up or be washed away.*

*For a year or two I watched proceedings  
Meetings and speakers came and went  
Enjoyable? Surely, educative as well  
but my restless mind would not relent.*

*For all the bonhomie and friendly chat  
Warm embrace and firm handclasp  
Like an elusive mirage, just out of reach  
The essence of Rotary, I couldn't quite grasp*

*Then came a promotion on to the board  
Ideas spewed forth, a project conceived  
plans drawn up, a schedule detailed  
A target, now to be achieved.*

*And now to work, striving, a mighty effort  
Sally forth boldly, hand in hand  
Orchestrating our efforts, the club's president  
A quietly assertive leader of the band*

*Each for his part, ever ready to lend  
A shoulder to lean on, a sympathetic ear  
In times of self-doubt, the clarion call  
“It SHALL be done... never fear!”*

*And the work completed, the project to fruition  
Backslapping, grins on all our faces  
For the moment, at least it seemed to me  
That I held a hand with all the aces*

*And suddenly, then up in the sky  
Through all the layers of work and fun  
The essence of Rotary, in letters of gold,  
“One for all... and all for one!”*

**- Rtn. PP Dr. Ajay R. Kamath**

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## OUR CHIEF GUEST FOR THE DAY



**DGE Rtn. Major Donor M. Ranganath Bhat** is a Mechanical Engineer and an alumnus of NITK, Surathkal. After a brief stint in industry, he joined his family business of motor freight transportation. Now he runs his own business of tyre retailing and wheel alignment services.

He has been an insurance Surveyor/loss assessor for insurance companies and a valuer for banks and financial institutions.

'Ranga' as he is popularly known, joined Rotary in 1989 and is a second-generation Rotarian. He was president of Rotary club of Mangalore North (1997-98) and Assistant governor (2000-01). He has been a Rotarian for the last 30 years and is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

**He will be the District Governor for the Rotary District 3181 during Rotary year 2020-21.**

Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat is also Honorary Secretary of the reputed Canara High School Association, a 128-year-old organization that owns and runs 15 Canara Institutions from Kindergarten to Post-Doctoral studies and has over 11,000 students.

He is married to Rajani. They have a daughter Rohini and a son Rohit who after a 7-year stint at L&T ltd joined his father's business and is married to Dipti. They are blessed with a grandson Vihaan.

Rtn. Bhat is an avid photographer and cyclist.

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## CLUB DIARY: 29.08.19 - A STORY OF LOCKS AND KEYS



The speaker of the day was a revelation, his personality and confidence rocked the stage. The invocation was delivered by Rtn. Kevin Vas. Rtn. Aditya Pai read out the names of the contributors for the flood relief efforts who they were recognised by President Jathin Attavar. The speaker John Fernandes was introduced by Rtn. PP Isaac Vas who mentioned that in addition to being an MBA, he was also a basketball coach who had trained his daughter. He conducted career guidance programs and his claim to fame was being a third-generation locksmith. His family manufactured locks till mass manufacture of locks from Aligarh flooded the market.

John Fernandes then took to the stage, He began by mentioning that their business had been in existence for 115 years. His great grandfather set it up. They shifted from manufacturing to key duplication due to market conditions. They managed to stay ahead of the competition by constant upgradation to modern equipment and pricing their services reasonably. They catered to more than 200 customers per day. When he was at the crossroads after his 12th he chose to venture into commerce and into the family business.

**He narrated interesting stories of how people had been robbed because of being careless about whom they handed their keys to.**

He warned the gathering not to trust anyone with their keys and to personally duplicate their keys. He said that most burglaries using copied keys were inside jobs by trusted employees. He also spoke of car accidents when kids copied the father's car cupboard keys and went for a joyride. School cupboards were sometimes opened with complicity from attenders. He pointed out that it's possible to replicate smart keys and that mechanical keys had the advantage that unless you had a physical copy it was difficult to replicate.

He spoke of how they had 22 machines of which 8 were completely computerised. He advised the gathering to go through a toll-free number when replicating their car keys. **When asked about Biometric locks he said that such locks must have a service center in mangalore, otherwise the owners might end up sitting outside their house if the lock malfunctions.** When asked if the cops came to them regularly, he said that during a major bank robbery in Uppinangady, officers came to their shop as a part of the investigations.

Rtn. Vinod D'souza delivered the vote of thanks, the meeting concluded with the national anthem.



PDG Rtn. Suryaprakash Bhat, Governor Rtn. Joseph Mathew, Rtn. Sumit Rao-Zone 3, Asst. governor and Rtn. Geethanand Pai - Zone 2, Asst. Governor **met his Holiness the Dalai lama to invite him to the District conference.** They met him at the Gateway hotel on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **29.08.19 - BLOOD DONATION CAMP HELD AT BESANT COLLEGE OF PG STUDIES**

Under the District Project - 'Save the Life' initiative, a blood donation camp was organised at Besant college of PG studies. Rtn. Vinod D'Souza arranged this camp in association with Rotaract Club of Besant College and Indian Red cross.



78 students registered their names to donate blood. We could collect 32 Units of Blood as 46 students were rejected due to low haemoglobin count / or were on antibiotics.

The camp was inaugurated by RCM President Rtn Jathin Attavar.

Mr Devanand Pai, Correspondent- Besant Institutions, Rtn Aditya Pai, Director-Community Service, Rtn Vinod D'Souza, Chairman- Rotaract and Rtn R K Bhat, Chairman- District Project were present at the camp. Mr. Satish Kumar Shetty, Principal of Besant college coordinated the function. **This camp was of significance as there was a shortage of platelets due to increased Dengue cases in Mangalore.**



## 30.08.19 - Installation programme of Rotaract club of PG studies in Management, SDM College.

After the Invocation & Lighting of the lamp by dignitaries, Faculty in charge Dr. Jomon Lonappan read out the Rotaract club report for the academic year, 2018-2019. **Rotary President Rtn. Jathin inducted the President Rtr. Shamith Shetty into office by collaring and handing over gavel.**



Rotaract Chairman Rtn. Vinod D'Souza

& Youth Service Director, Rtn. Kevin inducted the other Office Bearers. Rotaract President Rtr. Shamith Shetty gave his acceptance speech. As part of green Initiative Saplings were handed over to Rotaract President by Rotary President. College Director Dr. Seema Shenoy addressed and thanked Rotary Club of Mangalore for its continued guidance & support followed by message by Youth Service Director Rtn. Kevin & Rotaract Chairman Rtn. Vinod D'Souza. Vice President Rtn. Archibald Menezes and Rtn. Prof. Gopinath were present on the occasion.

Chief Guest Past President Rtn. Yatish Baikampady gave an inspiring speech. Besant Rotaract President Rtr. Kavyashree gave her felicitations. RCM president Rtn. Jathin Attavar delivered his Presidential address.

The programme came to an end with the singing of the National Anthem.

*- Report by Rtn. Vinod D'Souza*



Press meet was held on 30.08.19 to brief the media on the upcoming Rotoquiz.

## RCM'S JOURNEY OVER THE YEARS

**19<sup>th</sup> Aug' 1949** - 18 leading citizens of Mangalore met at Canara Club to listen to aims and targets of the Rotary movement. The man responsible for this get-together was **late M. Venkatesh Pai** and the speaker was Hon. JLP Roche Victoria, then District Governor. **Formal inauguration and first meeting of the Provisional Club** was held at 5.30 p.m on **1<sup>st</sup> Sept 1949**, at CPC Hall, Kodialbail and Rotary's constitution and bye-laws were adopted. **VS Kudva** was the first President, while **MV Pai** was the first Secretary.

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1949** - **Formal inauguration** of our Club by **Rtn. Governor G. Wignaraja** at "Mohini Vilas". Also present was **Rtn. MA Billimoria**, the Secretary of our sponsor Club, Rotary Club of Coimbatore.

**26<sup>th</sup> Jan 1950** - **Admission of our Club to RI** under Charter 7427.

**7<sup>th</sup> May 1950** - **Charter presentation ceremony at CPC Hall**, Rtn. MA Billimoria - Dist. Governor Nominee, presented the charter.

**15<sup>th</sup> May 1950** - **First bulletin of the Club** was issued highlighting the details of the charter presentation ceremony. The first editorial sub-committee comprised of **Rtn's M. Venkatesh Pai, PRR Punja and H. Krishnamurthy**.

**1958-59** - **Rtn. K V Kamath** - Inter-City meeting of Clubs organized. RC Udupi was sponsored.

**1959-60 - Rtn. M S Kamath** - First symposium on traffic safety held. 100 "Halt & Proceed" sign boards donated.

**1960-61 - Rtn. A Umanath Rao** - "Book Bank" introduced at erstwhile KREC(NITK), Suratkal.

**1961-62 - Rtn. MD Adappa** - "Treat a TB Patient" scheme, where every Rotarian adopted the treatment of a TB patient.

**1962-63 - Rtn. AA Bailur** RC of Mangalore Charitable Trust registered.

**1963-64 - Rtn. Dr. KP Ganesan** - First Interact Club formed at St. Aloysius school.

**1964-65 - Rtn. Dr. MP Pai** - Physiotherapy centre built at Wenlock Hospital.

**1965-66 - Rtn. KP Kasturi** - Rotary Children's park completed.

**1968-69 - Rtn. U. Rajaram Mallya** - District conference held. **Rtn. Dr. KP Ganesan** was the District Governor.

**1969-70 - Rtn. M. Baba Pai** - Constructed a primary school building at Kinya.

**1971-72 - Rtn. Dr. M Srinivasan** - Land adjacent to Children's park taken into possession.

**1972-73 - Rtn. MR Prabhu** - Children's traffic training park completed. Dist. Conference held in Mangalore.

**1973-74 - Rtn. Dr. C.R. Kamath** Eye bank established and handed over at Wenlock Hospital in memory of PDG late Dr. MD Adappa.

**1974-75 - Rtn. Dr. K S Prabhaker Rao** - Silver Jubilee celebrations.

**1975-76 - Rtn. MD Kushe** - Interact Club started at Canara school, Urva.

**1976-77 - Rtn. B. Damodhar Prabhu** - Family welfare center started at Attavar.

**1977-78 - Rtn. K. Ram Mohan Rao** - RI President Jack Davis visits Mangalore. Dist. Conference held at Mangalore.

**1978-79 - Rtn. M. Ganesh Pai** - Artificial limbs donated.

**1979-80 - Rtn. Suresh Mallya** - Nursery school building constructed at Shishu Nilaya, Jeppu.

**1981-82 - Rtn. C V Kamath** - Classroom constructed and donated to Govt. School, Kinya.

**1983-84 - Rtn. S S Kamath** - Medical camps held every month.

**1985-86 - Rtn. Chandrakant Purushotham** - A large scale eye camp conducted in Mangalore

**1986-87 - Rtn. Dr. S R Ullal** - RVC started at Kinya.

**1987-88 - Rtn. U. Vishwanath Mallya** - Classrooms built for the school at our adopted village.

**1988-89 - Rtn. Dr. A.V. Shetty** - Two new classrooms built at a school at the adopted village, Kinya.

**1989-90 - Rtn. B M Sanjeeva Rao** - Sponsored RC Hillside.

**1992-93 - Rtn. Prakash Prabhu** - Construction of Bal Bhavana at Kadri.

**1993-94 - Rtn. K A Jalan** - had pipe lines laid at adopted village.

**1994-95 - Rtn. Dr. KL Agarwal** - Water bed donated to Wenlock Hospital, Orthopedic ward.

**1995-96 - Rtn. Dr. Vidyadhar Shetty** - Dist. Conference held Physio center built at Mangala Jyothi Integrated school.

**1996-97 - Rtn. Srikanth Kamath** - Fogging machines donated to City Corporation for Malaria eradication. Furniture donated to Navachethana school.

**1997-98 - Rtn. Arthur Gonsalves** - Donation of Accident- Relief van to police dept. in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Independence.

**1998-99 - Rtn. Percival Fernandes** - Additional classrooms constructed for Navachethana school.

**1999-00 - Rtn. Suryaprakash Bhat** - 50<sup>th</sup> Club Anniversary celebrated. Foundation stone laid for our Mega project to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of our Club. Mobility training camp organised for visually handicapped. RC Mangalore launches its own website.

**2000-01 - Rtn. Dr. RL Kamath** - Mobility Training Centre for visually handicapped. Modernisation of Physiotherapy Dept. at Wenlock Hospital.

**2001-02 - Rtn. Nagaraj Palke** - Expansion of Navachethana School. Conducted District Seminar.



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### Program Today

05.09.2019

### CLUB ANNIVERSARY

Dinner meeting  
 Anns invited

### Program Next Week

12.09.2019

### “Onam with our Rotaractors”

Tea meeting  
 Anns invited

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## THE FUNNY BONE

by Rtn. PP Dr. Ajay Kamath

A Marine colonel on his way home from work at the Pentagon came to a dead halt in traffic and thought to himself, "Wow, this traffic seems worse than usual. Nothing's even moving."

He notices a police officer walking back and forth between the lines of cars so he rolls down his window and asks, "Excuse me, Officer, what's the hold up?"

The Officer replies, "The President is just so depressed about the Impeachment thing he stopped his motorcade in the middle of the Beltway and he's threatening to douse himself in gasoline and set himself on fire. He says his family hates him and he doesn't have the \$33.5 million he owes his lawyers. I'm walking around taking up a collection for him."

"Oh really? How much have you collected so far?"

"So far only about three hundred gallons, but I've got a lot of folks still siphoning!"

### CLUB PULSE

29.08.2019

Club Strength	108
Present	73
Absent	35
Percentage	68%
% after Make-up	

22.08.2019 68%

15.08.2019 68%

### WEEKLY MEETING

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## BEYOND 3181

By Rtn. PP Dr. Narendra Kamath

### RC Peenya, Bangalore



The decades old program is to be noted for continuation in a dedicated, organised manner. Thousands have benefitted from the Jaipur foot provided by the annual program, of course a free one.

Logistics demand funds, time, synchrony, and is flawless. A choultry houses patients, one relative and staff of Jaipur foot foundation. Shelter, food, and late physiotherapy is provided here.

The adjacent school has the Orthopaedic and Physiotherapy OPD's, calliper measurement rooms, workshops, fitment areas and early physiotherapy clinics. It's an emotional sight to watch amputees, & disabled lose their handicapped status, and walk back with a sense of gratitude & completion. Tears of joy are evident all over.

Rotarians have acquired a divine status here.

### TIME TO CELEBRATE.... Birthday Greetings



Rtn. U Narendra Nayak  
2<sup>nd</sup> September



Rtn. PHF PP M Ganesh Kamath  
3<sup>rd</sup> September



Rtn. PHF PP Ranganath  
Shenoy A K  
5<sup>th</sup> September



Rtn. PHF Dr Pramod Kumar  
5<sup>th</sup> September

### ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO

Rtn. Sunil Rao  
and  
Ann Suman  
30<sup>th</sup> August

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