

HARMONY

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President's Message

Greetings,

It has been an action packed July and August with meaningful online meetings and service activities. We continue to make a difference in the community with tireless service by our Rotarians led by Rtn.Sundar Prakash, Rtn.Usha Medina and Rtn. Rajaram Krishnamurthy in Ward 18/19 of Bangalore in supporting the vaccination drive. As July and August are the right months for tree plantation we focused on Environment related activities . Highlight of August has been the signing of Sister Club agreement with (Sekondi Takoradi). We hope to build new bonds and connect the continents through service activities and friendship. We have seen an active social media engagement (Facebook/ Instagram/Twitter) thanks to Rtn.Tanya Raj. One of the areas our club has been known for is the avoidable blindness project and we are participating in the campaign to get more sight ambassadors. I request all our members to sign up to be a sight ambassador as well as spread the message in your network.

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We are in the process of embarking on some meaningful projects like Special education Teacher Training , Mobile PHC , Afforestation as well as collaborating with our other clubs to do more projects

Rtn. Shankar Subramanian
President 2021-22



Events in July & August, 2021





Rotary Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas
cordially invites you to the

26th Installation of Office Bearers
by
Rtn. Fazal Mahmood
District Governor 3190

in the presence of

Rtn. Keshav S. District Secretary	Rtn. Mahadev Goorda Zone Governor
Rtn. Rashmi Tankesali Assistant Governor	Rtn. Mahadev Dambal Zone Secretary
Rtn. Bharath Asuri President 2020-21	Rtn. Shankar Subramanian President 2021-22
Rtn. Rajagopal Hegde Secretary 2020-21	Rtn. Sabareesan Venkatesh Secretary 2021-22

Friday, 16th July, 2021

Zoom Meeting Id: 884 2205 5214 Login: 6:45pm
Passcode: 16721 Meeting: 7 -8:30pm

Dress code: Formal
RSVP: Sabareesan Venkatesh - 9620845151




Bangalore DownTown

invites you to their First Joint Speaker meeting for the RY 2021-22

freedom beyond judgement

DATE : FRIDAY,
23RD JULY 2021
TIME : 7 PM



Ramya Ranganathan
LIFE AND LEADERSHIP COACH, TED-X SPEAKER

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 817 3742 7049
Passcode: DownTown

PARTNER CLUBS:
ROTARY BANGALORE CENTRAL
ROTARY BANGALORE GREENPARK
ROTARY BANGALORE KALYAN
ROTARY BANGALORE RAJMAHAL VILAS
ROTARY BANGALURU HARMONY
ROTARY E-CLUB BANGALORE GREEN CITY

MONTHLY CALENDAR





WORKING IN TEAMS
Joint Meeting

Friday, 30th July, 2021
Login at 7:15pm




Zoom Meeting Id: 889 4762 8781
Passcode: 30721



PDG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani

Participating Clubs

Rotary Bengaluru Basavanagudi	Rotary Bengaluru Manyata
Rotary Bangalore Cubbon Park	Rotary Bengaluru Oasis
Rotary Bangalore DownTown	Rotary Bengaluru Platinum City
Rotary Bengaluru Harmony	Rotary Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas
Rotary Bangalore Lakeside	Rotary Bengaluru South Parade

Calendar of Events for AUGUST

Thursday, 5th - Into the Wild: Wildlife Moments. Joint meeting with Rotary Fellowship of Wildlifers for Conservation and International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers

Saturday, 7th - Project meet: Distribution of Ration kits at the PHC

Friday, 13th - International Youth Day with Rotaractors

Saturday, 14th - ICGF Club Service, Anantha, Palace Grounds, 5pm - 9pm

Sunday, 15th - Project meet: Tree Plantation - Joint Project with Rotaractors

Thursday, 19th - World Photography Day: Speaker meeting

Friday, 27th - Club Assembly / Fellowship Meeting (To be decided)

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Events in July & August, 2021

Rotary
Rotary Club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas

Rotary
Rotary Club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas

International Fellowship of
Rotarian Photographers

INTO THE WILD: WILDLIFE MOMENTS




Rathika Ramaswamy
Wildlife Photographer

Zoom login: **856 1711 0339**
Passcode: **50821**

5th August, 2021 at 7pm

www.rotaryfellowshipforwildlife.org/

honeycomb | Photostop

Rotary
Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas

International Fellowship of
Rotarian Photographers

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REELS OF WONDERS

Weekends for shutterbugs

On the occasion of
WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY
join us for the webinar

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th, 2021
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SPEAKERS:





SHANKAR
SUBRAMANIAN

PEEVEE

SELVAPRAKASH
LAKSHMANAN



For registration visit: www.photostop.in
✉ namaste@honeycombindia.net | ☎ 99012 73816
#reelsofwonders2

Rotary
Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas

Rotaract
Club of Presidency College

Rotaract
Club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas

Rotaract
Club of Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies

“SANKALPTARU”

A joint initiative of sister clubs
Rotaract Club of Presidency College
Rotaract Club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas
Rotaract Club of Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies

In association with
Rotary Bangalore Raj Mahal Vilas
Rotary Community Corps Koira Lake
InnerWheel Club of Bangalore Raj Mahal Vilas

On the occasion of
**75th INDEPENDENCE DAY
Celebration**
At
Koira Village, Nandi

An exclusive community service project in the areas of
protecting the environment by planting 200+ fruit bearing
saplings, economic development of small farmers of
Koira village and club service project such as
Independence Day Ride and fellowship.
Date: 15th August, 2021 | Timing: 9 30am

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#ProjectSankalptaru #RoPC #RaCBMV #RaCRIMS #RCBRMV #RCCKL #IWCBRMV

Rotary
Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas

SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES

CHANGE
MAKERS
3190

ENGAGE | EMPOWER | COLLABORATE | CELEBRATE

Thank God it's Friday Fellowship Meet



Hybrid Meeting

Friday, 27th August, 2021
Virtual: Login at 7:25pm

Zoom Meeting Id: 894 9802 6397
Passcode: 27821

Physical Meeting Venue:
RMV Club
CA 3, 15th Cross, 3rd Main,
HIG Colony, RMV 2nd Stage,
Bangalore-560094

RSVP: Rtn. Sabareesan: 96208 45151 ; Rtn. Ravi Arora: 9342217497

26th Installation

Installation of the Office Bearers for the RY 21-22 | 16th July, 2021

The 26th Installation of Office Bearers of Rotary Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas took place virtually on Zoom, with the District Governor Rtn. Fazal Mahmood as the installation officer. A comprehensive report of the club for the RY 2020-21 was presented by 2020-21 secretary Rtn. Rajagopal Hegde in his Secretary's report. The club bulletin was released by our AG Rtn. Rashmi Tanksali. 10 new members were officially inducted of which were 6 women members.

CLUB OFFICERS

Club President	Rtn. Shankar Subramanian
Immediate Past President	Rtn. Bharath Asuri
President Elect	Rtn. Vinod Singh
Secretary	Rtn. Sabareesan Venkatesh
Treasurer	Rtn. Chhaya Navandar
Vice President	Rtn. Pranjit Dutta
Jt. Secretary	Rtn. Ravi Arora
Sergeant-at-arms	Rtn. Rajagopal Hegde
Club Mentor	Rtn. Rajesh Kunder

DIRECTORS

Director, Club Service	Rtn. Dr. Karthiyayini Priya
Director, Vocational Service	Rtn. Pranjit Dutta
Director, Community Service	Rtn. Sanjay Krishna
Director, International Service	Rtn. Muralidharan R
Director, Youth Service	Rtn. Deepa Padmanaban
Director, Membership Development	Rtn. Rajaram Krishnamurthy
Director, The Rotary Foundation	Rtn. Kirti Mehta
Director, Club Projects	Rtn. Usha Medina
Director, Environmental Projects	Rtn. M.S. Raghuveer
Director, Additional	Rtn. Mahadev Dambal

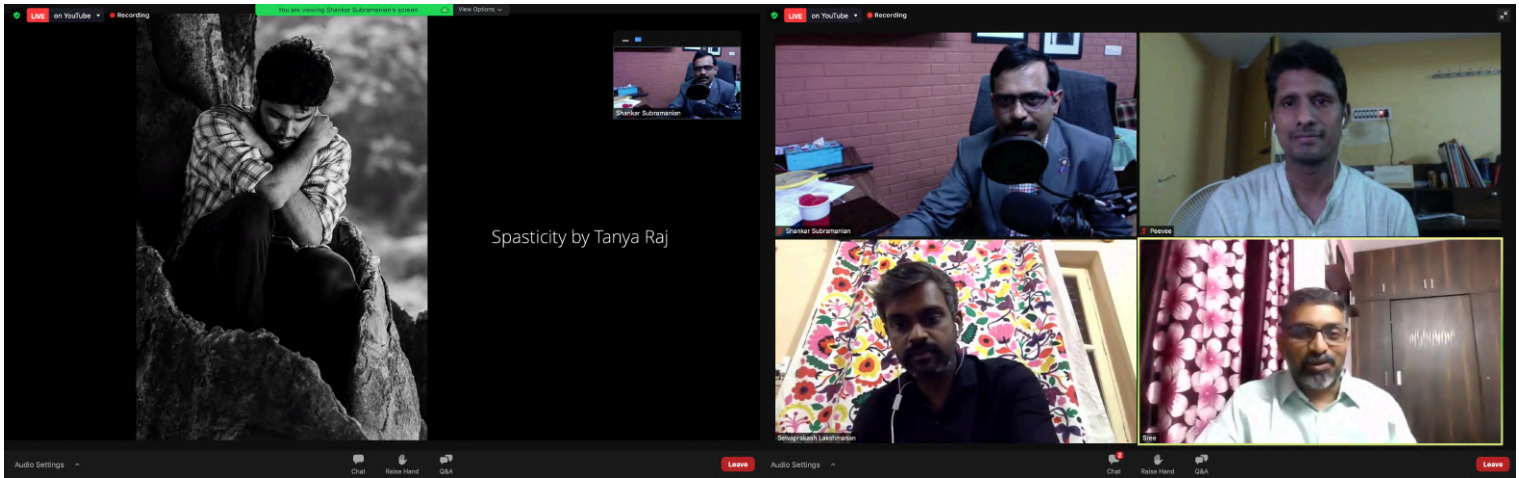


CHAIRS

Chair, Public Image	Rtn. Ravi Ganapathy
Chair, TEACH/WINS	Rtn. Sarangan
Chair, Pulse Polio	Rtn. Anil Sharma
Chair, Fundraising	Rtn. E-Suhail Ahmed
Bulletin Editor	Rtn. Deepa Padmanaban

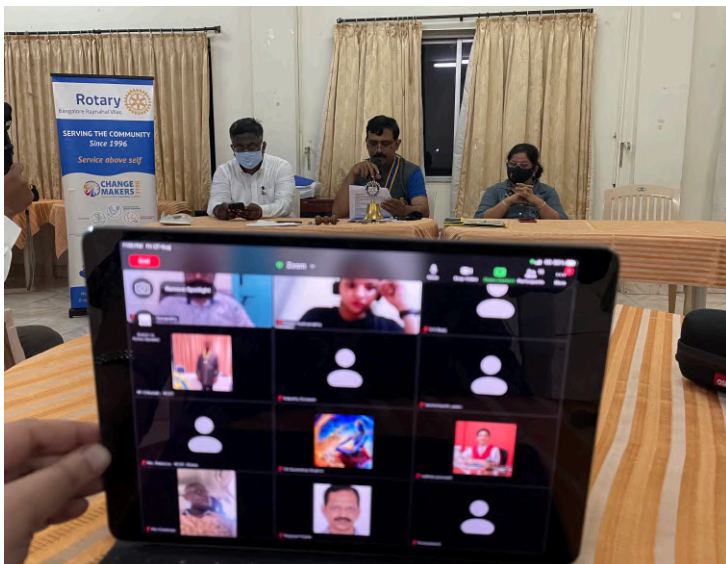
Photography for a Cause | 19th August 2021

On the occasion of International Photography Day, RB Rajmahal Vilas collaborated with international fellowship of Rotarian Photographers and Honeycomb for a session on photography as a catalyst of social change and a tool of heritage conservation. Three renowned photographers from Bangalore, our very own President Shankar Subramanian, along with Selvaprakash L and PeeVee spoke on the topic.



Thank God it's Friday - Fellowship Meet | 27th August 2021

First Hybrid meeting of the year. The meeting was graced by our AG, Rtn. Rashmi Tanksali. President Rtn. Shankar briefed the club members - those present physically and virtually - on the activities done by the club so far as well as the projects envisioned for the months to come in the RY 2021-22. This was followed by a few words by the AG. Actively participating members in the months of July and August, were recognised for their selflessness and service. The meeting ended with a cake cutting to celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries of which fell in the month of August.



Zero Hunger Project - Distribution of Ration kits | July 14th

A short-term support of dry food packets to 200 women in need was supplied via an NGO, Margadarshi Rural Development Society in Tumkur, Sira dist.

Tree plantation drive | 18th July 2021

Environmental projects Director, PP Rtn. Raghuvver coordinated a tree plantation event at Nelamangala - The Green Path - Sukrishi Farm. The saplings of sandalwood and coconut trees had been kindly sponsored by Rtn. Ravi Arora and Rtn. Raghuvver.



Rotary Sundara Vana - Tree Plantation | 25th July, 2021

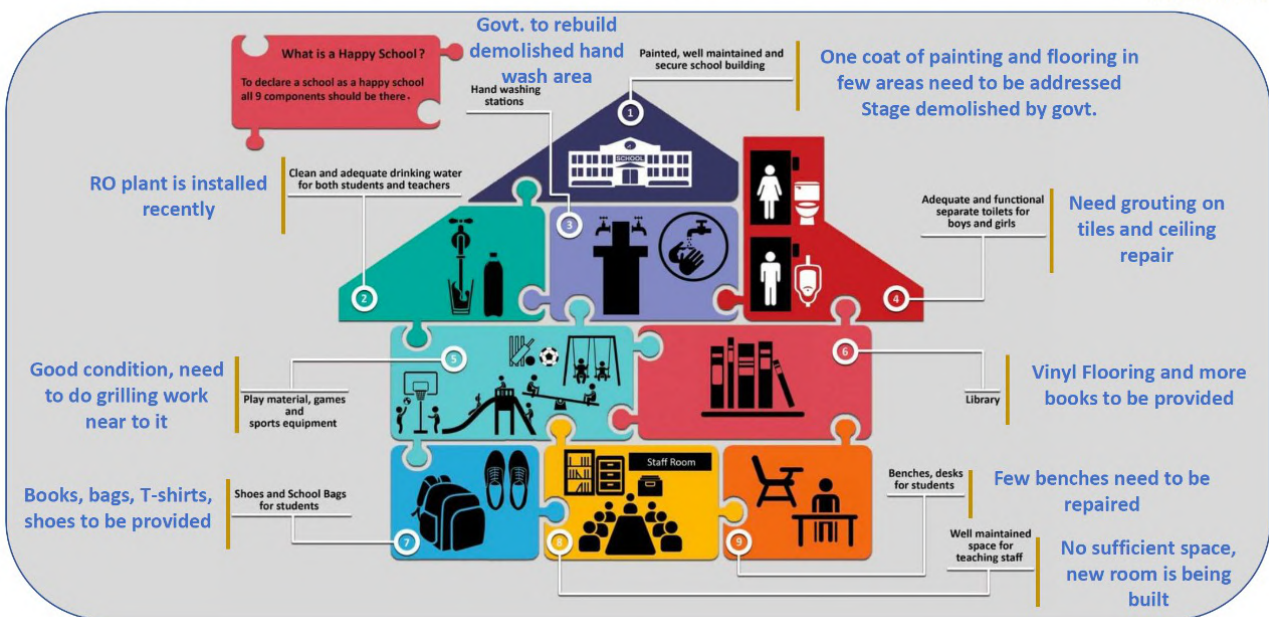
5000 indigenous saplings were planted at Kommasandra Village Government land, as a part of the Rotary HSR and Rotary Rajamahal Vilas joint project with CSR funding from iValue. The Chief guest for the event was DGE Rtn. Jitendra Aneja and Guest of Honour DGN Rtn. Uday Bhaskara.



TEACH - Happy Schools Joint Project with RB HSR | July, 2021

As a part of the Rotary Literacy Mission Program - TEACH, to upgrade the infrastructural and co-scholastic facilities in schools to make them secure and happy learning places for the students RB Rajmahal Vilas with Rotary Bangalore HSR club, has contributed towards a Happy school project via CSR funding.

Happy School – Survey Update (Haralakunte School)



Service Activities

Inauguration of Tailoring Training centre for women at Suragajakkanahalli | 5th August, 2021

The Inauguration of the joint CSR project between RB HSR and RB Rajmahal Vilas, to set up a Tailoring Training Centre for Women, was graced by chief guest DG Rtn. Fazal Mahamood and Guest of Honor, Rtn. Frank Coelho, Director Public Image.



Zero Hunger Project - Ration Kits for PHC staff | 7th August, 2021

We distributed ration kits to the staff of the PHC who have been working diligently over the many months supporting the vaccination drive. Rtn.Sunder Prakash sponsored 39 Ration Kits on the occasion of his Spouse Ann. Malini's birthday.



Covid relief | 6th August, 2021

An oxygenator purchased by the club in the month of June, with the intention to lend to those in need on a rental basis - was lent out on August.



ICGF Club Service - Mitratva | 14th August, 2021

RB Rajmahal Vilas participated in the Club service ICGF, where a girl empowerment project, 'Girls on Wheels' conceptualised by our club was launched. The project aims to support girl students in rural schools with 1000 bicycles.



Rotary **CHANGE MAKERS** **CHANGE LIVES**

Mitratva ICGF CLUB SERVICE

Saturday, 14th August 2021; 4:00 pm
Ananta, Gate 9, Palace Grounds, Bengaluru

1ST Event of RY 2021-22

Felicitation of WAR WIDOWS

INTERESTING PROGRAMS

Sumptuous Food

Program: 4.00 pm - 7.30 pm; Dinner: 7.30 pm onwards

DISTRICT DIRECTORS - CLUB SERVICE
Rtn. B Kori Gowda Rtn. Nageshwar Vijapur

Registration: ₹ 800/-

Hurry!!!
Limited in-person registrations on a First Come First Serve basis

To register contact:
Rtn. John Daniel ☎ 9243101670
Rtn. Ravindranath N ☎ 9036834935

Bank Account Details to make registration payment:
Account Name: Rotary Bangalore Malgudi
Bank: Federal Bank, Vijayanagar Branch
Account No.: 16430200003094 IFSC: FDBL0001643

EVENT MANAGED BY
Rotary Bangalore President **Rotary Bangalore Malgudi** **Rotary Bangalore**

All COVID norms will be followed at the event.
Participants are required to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour



Sankalpataru - Tree plantation drive at Koira village | 15th August, 2021

On the occasion of the 75th Independence day the Rotary Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas, Rotaract clubs of RIMS, Presidency and RajMahal Vilas along with Innerwheel club of Rajmahal Vilas and the new Interact Club of Rajmahal Vilas, participated in a flag hoisting ceremony organised by the Rotary Community Corps Koira Lake. During the event 240 coconut and other fruit bearing tree saplings worth Rs.40,000 were distributed to farmers who have their fields near the lake.





Signing of MoU with Sister club in Ghana | 15th August, 2021

RB Rajmahal Vilas was one of 15 clubs from RI Dist. 3190 and RI Dist. 9102 to sign a MoU with a sister club in Ghana. The agreement was formally signed and recognised between our club - Rotary Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas, RID 3190 and Rotary Club Of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana, RID 9102, on the 15th of August 2021. The agreement is to :

- Promote friendship and understanding.
- Coordinate and cooperate with each other regarding projects and/or activities of mutual interests. Encourage visitation either individually or in groups.
- Exchange messages, information, and such other publications pertaining to Rotary Activities.
- Where feasible, engage in joint activities and joint projects in the pursuit of the Objectives of Rotary.

SISTER CLUB M.O.U
Rotary Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas, India, RID 3190
AND
Rotary Club Of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana, RID 9102

Conformable with the object of Rotary to encourage and foster the advancement of International understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service do hereby enter into a Sister Club Agreement to manually undertake the following:

- Promote friendship and understanding.
- Coordinate and cooperate with each other regarding projects and/or activities of mutual interests.
- Encourage visitation either individually or in groups.
- Exchange messages, information, and such other publications pertaining to Rotary Activities.
- Where feasible, engage in joint activities and joint projects in the pursuit of the Objectives of Rotary.

This M.O.U takes effect from 15th August, 2021 upon its signing by the duly designated representatives of the clubs and shall be effective for a period of three (3) years, renewable upon mutual consent of the clubs.

IN CONSENT WHEREOF, the Presidents of the two (2) Rotary Clubs representing their Respective clubs have hereunto affixed their Signatures this 15th August, 2021.

ROTARY BANGALORE RAJMAHAL VILAS **ROTARY CLUB OF SEKONDI-TAKORADI**

Shankar Subramanian *Shadrach Kojo Chikatah*
 RP SHANKAR SUBRAMANIAN RP SHADRACH KOJO CHIKATAH

Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES CHANGE MAKERS 3190

MOU among 30 Dynamic Rotary Clubs Ghana (RID9102) & India (RID3190)

Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES CHANGE MAKERS 3190

International Services Team – Sister Club Project between India and Ghana

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International Services Team – Sister Club Project between India and Ghana

RB Rajmahal
 Chartered in RY1995
 66 Members
 Environment, Health, Literacy, Youth, Water and Sanitation

RC- Sekondi-Takoradi
 Chartered in RY1970
 48 Members

Rotary International Services District 3190 and 9102 wish all the 30 Clubs and about 1250 Vibrant Rotarians ALL THE BEST For Sustainable Projects for both the Communities in the larger good of the World!

Avoidable Blindness | 25th August, 2021

The Club supported the Inauguration of Diabetic Retinopathy Vision Screening Centre as a joint project between RID 3201 and RID 3190 by sponsoring eye screening equipment.



Volunteering at the PHC for Covid-19 Vaccination drive | August, 2021

As a continued effort, three of our Rotarians have been at the Vaccination Centres everyday with additional Rotarians helping regularly at the Sanjaynagar Urban Primary Health Centre, facilitating crowds and the public to get vaccinated.

We also set a record number of vaccinations at our Sanjaynagar PHC - 622 jabs - at the Ward 18 office, the PHC and at the Shastri Memorial Hall.

In 3 days alone 1400 jabs given in Ward 18/19.

August vaccination = 10,380
Total vaccinations till August 31st = 38,242

**END
COVID
NOW**

Service Activities

Zero Hunger Project - Ration Kits for the specially abled | 30th August, 2021

The club distributed ration kits to 20 families who had a person/s with disability in the Bhoopasandra, Nagashettihalli areas of ward 19. The Beneficiaries were identified by social worker Theja. 50% of the provisions were provided by *Jagruti*, an NGO, and remaining was provided by our club. Rotarians Ravi Arora, Sarangan and Paddy assisted in the door to door distribution through two wheelers as access to these places was not possible by car.



Motivational Talk | 31st August 2021

Our President Rtn. Shankar Subramanian also gave a team building and motivational talk to the staff of the Sanjaynagar PHC on 31st August, 2021.



District awards

IPP Bharat Asuri and several members of the SkyRockers Team received awards from the district for various projects during the district award function on Aug 1st.

Itr. Deepti Padmanabha donated Rs. 4000/- towards the Avoidable Blindness Project, which she raised by selling her paintings to friends.

RB Rajmahal Vilas co-sponsored an **Interact District 3190 project 'Engage to Empower series'** for high school students between 12 to 16 years of age. The series of talks aims to enhance emotional awareness among the participants to help them better manage their emotions such as fear, anxiety, anger etc. and takes place on the last Friday of each month over 5 months starting from July.

RB Rajmahal Vilas along with several other clubs across the country **cohosted National RYPEN**, from Aug 2nd to Aug. 12th for students between 10 to 15 years of age. The event was led by Rotary club of Thane Central.

New Interact club -

We have chartered a new community- based Interact club Interact Club of Rajmahal Vilas on 28th July, 2021.

The installation ceremony is planned for September 19th.

We have an all-girls PST team -

President - Itr. Deepti Padmanabha

Secretary- Itr. Sanjukta Nair

Treasurer- Itr. Vibha Sabeerasan

The rest of the Board of Directors for the year are:

Club Service Director - Itr. Ayman Ahmed

International Service Director- Itr. Omar Syed

Community service director- Itr. Anirudh Jagannath

Vocational Service Director- Itr. Abheek Dutta

Youth Service Director - Itr. Anupriya Sarangan

(We welcome more members -any student from grade 8 to grade 12 residing in ward 18/19- to join the club. Those interested can get in touch with YSD Rtn. Deepa Padmanaban.)



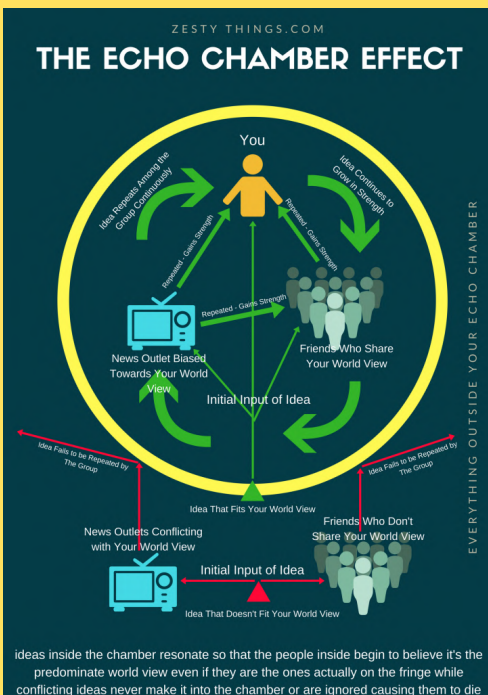
Social media bias

Of late, social media has been intertwined further and further with news outlets and information networks, to the point where people are now using social media as their regular source of information. This has many dangers, as social media is not regulated or filtered for reliability and welcomes all opinions without reservation. Social media is like a chaotic ocean that contains everything that anyone could have said or thought.

When people use social media to receive information, it can often lead to strong selection bias. Anything can pass of as the truth since there is no verification, and people decide for themselves which sources can be deemed trustworthy. It is no surprise that they are often wrong in those judgements, which leads to misinformed perceptions and selection biases of information.



The two main forms in which this selection bias happens, according to C. Thu Nguyen, a Philosophy professor, are echo chambers and epistemic bubbles. An epistemic bubble restricts the information available such that there is only one possible truth that is circulated within the bubble.



For example, if a group on some social media platform perpetuated the belief that vaccines are harmful, a person in that group would constantly see support to that belief and almost nothing to the contrary. Without any alternate explanations that offer a different possibility, this person exists in a bubble where only the possibility that vaccines are harmful can be true. Unless this 'bubble' breaks and allows for alternate explanations to be seen, it is very unlikely that they would change their beliefs.

Echo chambers, on the other hand, occur due to the priming bias, i.e., the first evidence one is exposed to influences how one perceives any other views or evidence after that. People can be exposed to opposing views in an echo chamber; however, they reject these opposing views in favour of the first one.

Echo chambers also attack the sources of these opposing views and view them as untrustworthy. This leaves the belief promoted in the echo chamber to be the only trustworthy one that they accept. An example might be a flat-earther forum, where people claim that the earth is flat. Not only is everyone on the forum staunch in this belief, but they also believe that the claim of the earth being round is a government conspiracy.

Views from people outside this forum are treated as attempts to deceive or brainwash them and are automatically discounted. For a person to come out of the echo chamber, they need to have their trust in other sources restored. Simply having evidence for opposing views is not enough if the source of the evidence is not trusted. In fact, attempts at persuasion with such evidence might only make them more wary of these opposing views.

To bring someone out of an echo chamber, one must act only in good faith, without attempting to change their beliefs. Only after they are comfortable enough to trust your good intentions would it be possible to broach the subject with them. Without trust, there is no way to get through.

There is no perfect strategy to decide which sources are trustworthy and which are not. However, the one thing we can trust are our own senses (In normal circumstances of course). If all the members of the flat earth forum were put into a rocket and sent out into Earth's orbit, whatever they may have heard in the echo chamber would immediately become inconsequential, as what they would see with their own eyes would override all of it.

by Annette Akshar Jagannath,
son of Rtn. Deepa Padmanaban

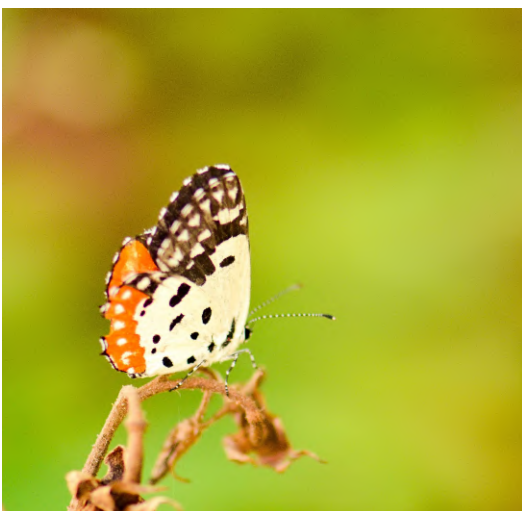
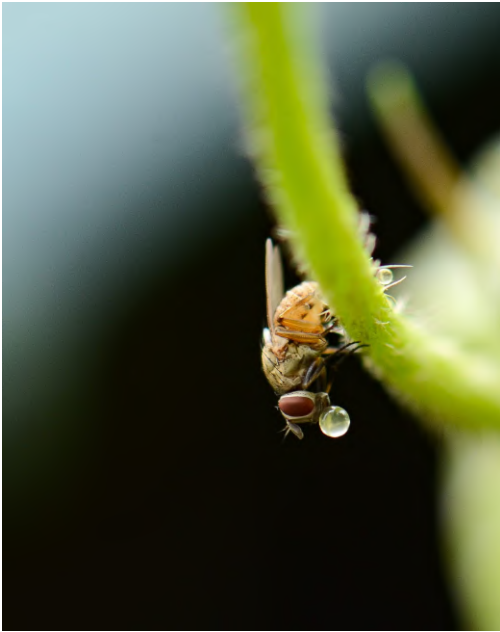
Artist's corner



Acrylic paintings by Annette Aanya Singhvii,
daughter of Rtn. Surendraa Singhvii

HARMONY SHOWCASE

Artist's corner



Photographs by
Rtn. Muralidharan R.

Birthdays in August

We would like to wish all the members who have their birthdays and wedding anniversaries in August, a wonderful and special day.

6th – Rtn. Dr. Prakash Satihal's Birthday

13th – Rtn. Sudhir Kumar Bajaj's Birthday

18th – Rtn. Lakshmikant Yadav's Birthday and Anniversary

20th – Rtn. Col. Haridas & Sujata Haridas' Wedding Anniversary

21st – Rtn. C. A. Anzar's Birthday

22nd – Rtns. Usha & Shankar's Wedding Anniversary

22nd – Rtn. Dr. Adari Vasudev Srinivas & Sunanda's Wedding Anniversary

23rd - Padmanabha (Paddy) Rao's Birthday

25th - Rtn. Sanjeevi Singh's Birthday

29th – Rtn. Shankar Subramanian's Birthday

Editor's Note

We are into the second month of the Rotary year, and our club has already engaged in many projects and activities, which we have covered in this bulletin. It is also heartening to see the response to our call for contributions from Rotarians, Annettes and Rotaractors. We hope to continue receiving more contributions from the members.

Stay safe and healthy,

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Deepa Padmanaban

Bulletin Editor

