# HARMONY

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President's Message

Greetings,

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things" - Mother Teresa

Rotary is a great platform for like minded individuals to dream of things that were near- to impossible and still make it happen. One such story is the eradication of Polio. If there is one thing that every Rotarian is proud of is the fact that together each one of us contributed to the phenomenal achievement of eradicating polio from the face of the Earth. Barring a few regions we are proud that Polio has been eradicated from all countries. This would not have been possible without the dedication, foresight, planning, advocacy and support from the Rotarians.

24th October is observed as the World Polio Day and Rotary clubs across the world have created mega events to create awareness and put a spotlight on Polio. District 3190 also had a series of events with a candle light walk and huge banners, rides etc. We are happy to have participated in the same and thank all the Rotarians who took part in the events.

October has been a phenomenal month for our clubs with lots of events, talks and service activities. I look forward to more exciting days and thank each and every member for their support.

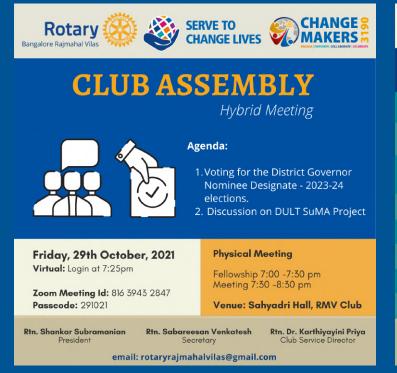
Rtn. Shankar Subramanian President 2021-22



# Events in October, 2021



# MONTHLY CALENDAR



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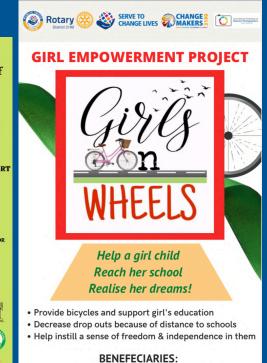
# Calendar of Events for OCTOBER

Friday, 1st -	Speaker Meeting - Inclusion with Sign Language	
Saturday 2nd -	ject meet: Relief Distribution for the under Privileged in ward 18/19 - 3pm aptop donation - 3pm	
Sunday, 3rd -	Jt. Project meet: Sevaa Vandanaa - 9:30 am - Bangalore Medical College Jt. Project meet: Project Warmth - 12 noon - Koramangala	
Friday, 8th-	Club Assembly (Physical meet)	
Sunday, 10th -	Jt. Project meet: Launch of Girls on Wheels Photography competition	
	Holiday: Dussehra	
Saturday, 23rd -	ICGF Vocational Service	
Friday, 29th -	Family Meet-Up (Physical meet)	
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# **Events in October, 2021**









# **CLUB ACTIVITIES**

#### Speaker Meeting - Inclusion with Sign Language by Radhika Poovayya | Friday 1st, 2021

The deaf are left out of our society as there is low awareness on sign language which is the only mode of communication for them. In developed countries, the scenario is different with sign language interpreters present in schools / colleges and other forums. This helps the deaf person to feel included and achieve his/her potential in all walks of life.

September is celebrated as Deaf Awareness Month. In an effort to bring more awareness among our club members and community, our club member Rtn. Radhika Poovayya, Director of Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing, addressed us on the importance of Inclusivity with Sign Language.





### Club Assembly (Hybrid) | Friday 8th October, 2021

At the club assembly the Project Directors updated members on the projects done so far and President Shankar Subramanian talked about those scheduled ahead.

#### Launch of Girls on Wheels Photography Competition | Sunday, 10th October, 2021

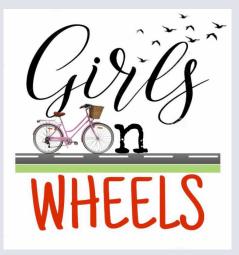
International Fellowship of Rotarian Photographers (IFRP – India) along with Rotary International District 3190, Girl Empowerment – Dist. 3190, and Public Image – Dist. 3190 launched a fundraiser on October 10th, 2021, by hosting a global photography competition, which will go on until December 15th, 2021.

The net proceeds from the registration fees of the photography competition from the participants will be deployed for funding the "Girls on Wheels" program under RID 3190 initiative. The project aims to provide 1,000 bicycles to school going girl children in the rural areas.

This will empower the girl children to continue their education, thereby making a difference in school drop-out rates

The photography contest aims at bringing out creativity and highlighting various themes of girl empowerment. It is open to all photographers and hobbyists.

Category/Themes: Open Colour, Monochrome, Wildlife, Travel, Girl Empowerment Deadline: Midnight 15th December 2021 <u>https://ifrp.ypsbengaluru.com/</u>



# **Club Activities**



Polio Awareness Drive | 24th October 2021

A polio awareness campaign, under the disease prevention and treatment focus area, was arranged from Freedom Park by the district. Our club members, headed by Rtn.
Anita Shah, participated in the World Polio Day drive and Rtn. Shanmugam's participated in the motorcycle rally for End Polio Now signature campaign, flagged off from Town Hall. Rtns. Usha Medina and Sundar Prakash helped in the eye screening camp held as a part of the World Polio Day campaign, at the Samsung Opera house.





### Rotary Action Group for Avoidable Blindness | 24th October 2021

Rtn. Usha Medina and Rtn. Sunder Prakash attended the inauguration of the new RAG for Avoidable Blindness.

#### Club Assembly (Online) | Friday 29th, 2021

A special club assembly was held to cast the vote for the DG Nominee Designate 23-24.

The DULT-SuMA project progress and details were discussed with the club along with the Diabetic Retinopathy camp launch.

# **Service Activities**

#### Laptop donation | Saturday 2nd, 2021

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, we also handed over a laptop to Ms. Supriya who is doing her second year Chemical Engineering. Supriya is the daughter of a home guard who was deployed on Covid duty. She had difficulty in attending college which was online, and she did not have a laptop nor could her parents afford one. We thank Mr. Hari Reddy who helped source the laptop for her.



#### Ration distribution | Saturday 2nd, 2021

We distributed blankets and groceries to the underprivileged under Project Warmth and Zero Hunger to 20 beneficiaries in and around ward 18/19 with the support of social worker Teja.

We thank the following Rotarians for the support during the project: Rtn. Ravi Arora (for organising all the groceries) Rtn.Kirti Mehta Rtn. Padmanabha Rao Rtn.Sarangan V.T. Rtn.Rajaram Krishnamurthy

It was distributed by two-wheelers in the small bylanes of ward 18/19. We would also like to thank Ms. Renu Appachu founder NGO Jagruthi, for sponsoring the groceries and Ms.Teja from NGO Sangama for identifying the beneficiaries.



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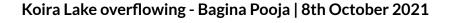
#### Project Warmth | Sunday 3rd, 2021

We partnered with other Rotary Clubs, for the project - Project Warmth. The inauguration of the Project was held at Cafe Reset, Koramangala.

### Sevaa Vandanaa | Sunday 3rd, 2021

30 Covid Warriors were felicitated by our club as part of a multi-club project for their tireless work of saving 1000's of lives in the pandemic from the District 3190's vocational service program.

Rotary



Koira lake was full and overflowing due to the good rainfall received in the month of October. On this happy occasion of the Koira lake overflowing post our rejuvenation efforts, the farmers and their families at Koira held a Bagina pooja to mark this event. The Devanahalli Tahsildar graced the occasion.





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# **Service Activities**



Volunteering at the PHC for Covid-19 Vaccination drive | October, 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.



Many citizens have got vaccination from private hospitals and other PHC also.

Total population of Ward18/19 is 63,156

Total vaccinated till Nov 01, 2021 is 52,400 at PHC

83% of Ward 18/19 has received at least one jab from PHC

Total vaccination in Oct 2021 is 4,450

#### **Rotaract awards**

For the first quarter of the Rotary year, all our Rotaract clubs -Rotaract club of Rajmahal Vilas, Rotaract RIMS and Rotaract Presidency won Gold recognition.

Rotaract RIMS in partnership with Rotaract Aagneya conducted a Run for Hunger on 10<sup>th</sup> October, an initiative to collect funds to feed the underprivileged. Several of our Rotarians including President Shankar participated in the run.

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES	Community Based Clubs	University Based Clubs
_	Rotaract Bangalore West	Rotaract Club of MES College
Platinum Recognition	Rotaract Club of Bangalore	Rotaract Club of Mount Carmel College
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Jayanagar	
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Seshadripuram	
	Rotaract Club of Koramangala	
	Rotaract Club of Palmville	
	Rotaract Club of Vidyaranyapura	
Gold Recognition	Rotaract Club of Banashankari	Rotaract Club of AIMS Institute of Higher Education
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Basaveshwaranagar	Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Golden Rock	Rotaract Club of Govt. First Grade College Ramanagara
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore JP Nagar	Rotaract Club of KLE PHARMA BLR
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Junction	Rotaract Club of PES University
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore North West	Rotaract Club of Presidency College
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Orchards	Rotaract Club of Ramaiah Institute of Management Studi
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore RajMahal Vilas	Rotaract Club of Surana College
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore SouthWest	Rotaract Club of Surana College Peenya
R	Rotaract Club of Bengaluru Nagarbhavi	
	Rotaract Club of Yelahanka	
Silver Recognition	Rotaract Bangalore East	Rotaract Club of Bishop Cotton Womens Christian Colleg
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Aagneya	Rotaract Club of R.V.C.E
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Midtown	Rotaract Club of S.S.M.R.V. Degree College
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore R.T. Nagar	
	Rotaract Club of Bangalore Uttarahalli	
	Rotaract Club of Bangaluru United	
	Rotaract Club of Bengaluru HSR	
	Rotaract Club of Care	
	Rotaract Club of Madhubhan Greater Jayanagar	

# Rotary is an international community that brings together leaders who step up to take on the world's toughest challenges, locally and globally.

The eradication of polio is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts. Along with our partners, we have helped immunise more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. We have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good.

#### The History

Take a look at the recent history and major milestones of polio.

#### 1894

The first major documented polio outbreak in the United States occurs in Vermont; 18 deaths and 132 cases of permanent paralysis are reported.

#### 1905

Swedish physician Ivar Wickman suggests that polio is a contagious disease that can spread from person to person, and also recognises that polio could be present in people who show no symptoms.

#### 1908

2 physicians in Vienna, Karl Landsteiner and Erwin Popper, discover that polio is caused by a virus.

#### 1916

A major polio outbreak in New York City kills more than 2,000 people. Across the United States, polio takes the lives of about 6,000 people, and paralyses thousands more.



#### 1929

Philip Drinker and Harvard University's Louis Agassiz Shaw Jr. invent an artificial respirator for patients suffering from paralytic polio — the iron lung.

#### 1955

A vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk is declared "safe and effective."

#### 1960

The U.S. government licenses the oral polio vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin.

#### 1979

Rotary International begins its fight against polio with a multi-year project to immunise 6 million children in the Philippines.

#### 1985

Rotary International launches PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated privatesector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of US\$120 million.

#### 1988

Rotary International and the World Health Organization launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. There are an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries.

#### 1994

The International Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication announces that polio has been eliminated from the Americas.

#### 1995

Health workers and volunteers immunise 165 million children in China and India in 1 week. Rotary launches the PolioPlus Partners program, enabling Rotary members in polio-free countries to provide support to fellow members in polio-affected countries for polio eradication activities.

#### 2000

A record 550 million children – almost 10% of the world's population – receive the oral polio vaccine. The Western Pacific region, spanning from Australia to China, is declared polio-free.

#### 2003

The Rotary Foundation raises \$119 million in a 12-month campaign. Rotary's total contribution to polio eradication exceeds \$500 million. Six countries remain polio-endemic – Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan.

#### 2004

In Africa, synchronised National Immunisation Days in 23 countries target 80 million children, the largest coordinated polio immunisation effort on the continent.

#### 2006

The number of polio-endemic countries drops to 4 - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Pakistan.

#### 2009

Rotary's overall contribution to the eradication effort nears \$800 million. In January, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledges \$355 million and issues Rotary a challenge grant of \$200 million. This announcement will result in a combined \$555 million in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

#### 2011

Rotary welcomes celebrities and other major public figures into a new public awareness campaign and ambassador program called "This Close" to ending polio. Program ambassadors include Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu, violinist Itzhak Perlman, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates, Grammy Award-winning singers Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley, and environmentalist Dr. Jane Goodall. Rotary's funding for polio eradication exceeds \$1 billion.

#### Poem - by Itr. S. Bhavna, Interact Rajmahal Vilas

#### The Angel

Once a time, There was an angel Who would fly past you And apply some hair gel.

She would cheer you up Cuddle you like a pup Take care of you like a mother Which can be done by none other.

The orphaned children Would enjoy her company She would join with them And create a symphony!

But once, the day came When she had to leave the world The children cried in vain When they heard their mother was going away.

So, the world fell Into a dark whirlpool Where there was no happiness No joy and no glee

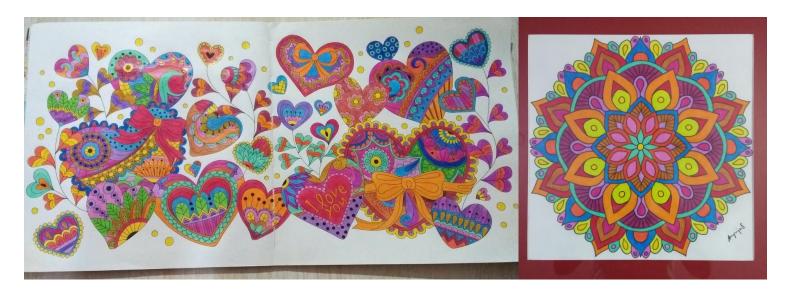
Everyone was waiting too see What would become Of the world without the angel They realised the importance of her And were also surprised that only one person could handle the world!

Then back the angel came To the pleasure of all They celebrated the moment With a gala ball!

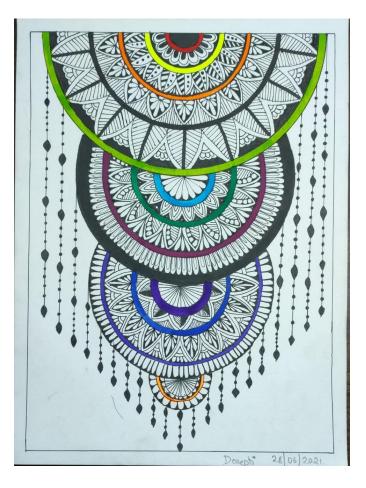
Then the world rejoiced with the angel and lived happily ever after.

# HARMONY SHOWCASE

## Artist's corner



Mandala artwork by Ann Itr. Anupriya Sarangan daughter of Rtn. Sarangan V.T.



Artwork by Ann Itr. Deepti Padmanabha daughter of Rtns. Shashikala K. & Padmanabha Rao.

# **Registration for District Conference Open**



# **Birthdays in October**

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

8th - Rtn. Anil Sharma's Birthday 8th - Rtn. Surendra Singhvi's Birthday 10th - Rtn. Anil Ganna's Birthday 21st - Rtn. Rajesh and Anitha Kunder's Wedding anniversary 22nd - Rtn. Arvind Chanchani's Birthday 22nd - Rtn. Vinod Singh's Birthday 23rd - Rtn. Pushpalatha's Birthday 27th - Rtn. Nirmala's Birthday 29th - Rtn. Saragan's birthday

# Editor's Note

Hope you all had a wonderful festive season. Our club has been vibrant as usual, spreading cheer through our various service and club activities, all documented here in this bulletin. Through our Harmony Showcase, we continue to engage with the Rotary family at large, and this edition showcases many of our Interactor's talents.

Thank you all for your support,

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Deepa Padmanaban Bulletin Editor

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