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SERVING
HUMANITY



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We forge
new, real
futures:

We are neighbours,
community leaders,
and global citizens
uniting for the
common good. With
you, we can
accomplish even
more.

JOYN

Join to

Change



PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Rtn. Brijesh K.P

President

What is Rotary? It is different for each one of us and each one would have a different answer. For me, being part of this great organization is a great opportunity to give back to Society what I have received.

A man lives for himself. He thinks and acts to make his own self secure, comfortable and happy. His natural instinct of self-preservation makes him behave this way. But, he becomes truly human only when he puts the need of others before his own without any expectations. To go beyond one's own self and serve others is true HUMANITY.

By accepting to lead the Rotary Club of Texcity for the year 2016-17, I feel like a new door has opened up for me to look forward to newer possibilities to SERVE HUMANITY. I am also excited to be leading one of the greatest clubs in the district with the best officers and directors

standing by me with all their support and guidance. Because there is beauty in knowing that we are surrounded by those who care, those who are passionate, and it is this love of our people that unites us.

We, as a team, would be a great workforce fully engaged in pursuing the purpose of change in Society.

On the anvil, are a number of drives that I have in place and already making headway in. One of them is JOYN. JOYN is something close to my heart. It embodies the pure form of bringing in positivity and change into lives.

I take this opportunity to request all our members to "JOYN" the change that we would like to bring in to make a difference in the society. Let's continue to impact one another, let's have another young beginning, and let's enjoy this new term.

~ JAIHIND

Dear Friends,

It is with the unstinted support and valued guidance of my fellow Rotarians that I have reached this new chapter, and thanks to all my predecessors, our club has grown stronger and flourished over the years making things much easier for us by creating a strong foundation to work on.

There's an old saying: "Do not pray for tasks equal to ur powers; pray for powers equal to ur tasks".

Keeping in line with the above words, I will devote my time and myself to the obligations and the duties of this post.

EDITORIAL

Ann. Amritha S Lund

Editor



Greetings!

Obstacles and reasons to avoid responsibility will always be there, But those who accept it, always find a place in the hearts of the world, always to be remembered for the good they do.

There were three ships which were nearby when the Titanic sunk.

One of them was known as the -*Sampson*. It was 7 miles away from the Titanic and they saw the white flares signaling danger, but because the crew had been hunting seals illegally and didn't want to be caught, they turned and went the opposite direction away from the Titanic. This ship represents many people like us, who are so busy looking inward at our own lives that we can't recognize when someone else is in need.

The next ship was the -*Californian*. This ship was only 14 miles away from the Titanic, but they were

surrounded by ice fields and the captain looked out and saw the white flares, but because the conditions weren't favorable and it was dark, he decided to go back to bed and wait until morning. The crew tried to convince themselves that nothing was happening. This ship represents those of us who often say - "I can't do anything now. The conditions aren't right for it and so we wait until conditions are perfect before going out."

The last ship was the - *Carpathia* This ship was actually headed in a *opposite* direction 58 miles away from the Titanic when they heard the distress cries over the radio. The captain of this ship knelt down, prayed to God for direction and then turned the ship around and went full steam ahead through the ice fields. *This was the ship that saved the 705 survivors of the Titanic*

I wish and hope that more of us could be *Carpathians* in life, unlike more Sampsons and Californians; and this world could be a more beautiful place to live in.

Lets join hands and Serve Humanity!

Join to Change

RI PRESIDENT MESSAGE

John F. Germhas
RI President



2016-17: ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

RI President - John F. Germhas has chosen Rotary Serving Humanity as the theme for 2016-17. Noting Rotary's unique ability to bring together committed professionals to achieve remarkable goals, Germ believes that "now is the time to capitalize on our success" as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward to be an even greater force for good in the society

ROTARY FORWARD TO BE AN EVEN GREATER
FORCE FOR GOOD IN THE SOCIETY

DIST. GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Rtn. MD. Dr. Prakashchandran
Dist. Governor



Dear Leaders,

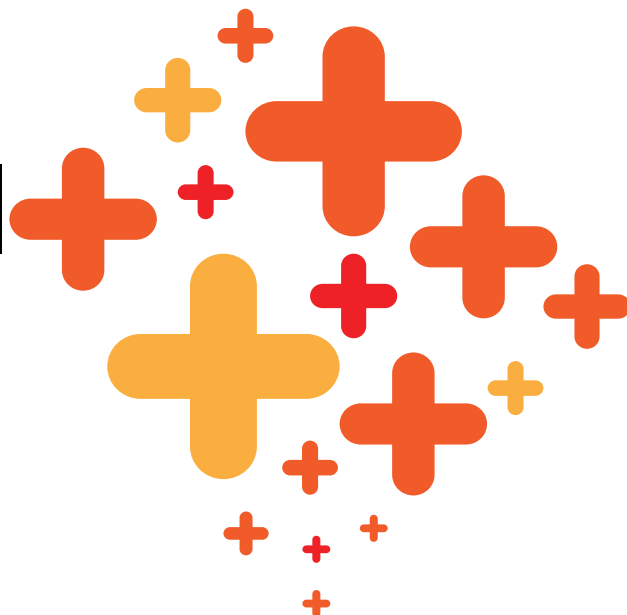
Wish you and your team all the best for the Rotary year 2016 17. It is my pleasure to work with you all to serve humanity. We must be proud to be a Rotarian not because we are in an organization which has a long history of more than 110 years but we are in an organization which is extending a helping hand to needy people all over the world.

Each one of you has heart and soul to serve the suffering heart. Together we can extend our service beyond our limit. We are gifted with so many gifts this is our time to return the gifts back to the society. Thousands of our sisters and brothers are suffering around us how can we sleep peacefully at home if they are waiting for our help outside the world. Kindly with your team members, do the best to the community. One year will go fast but our duty is to change it in to a memorable one.

You are my key.

I TRUST YOU ALL. WITH PRIDE I AM HAND-
ING OVER THE KEY TO YOU. "ROTARY
SERVING HUMANITY"

SCHOOL LITERACY SPORTS TEACHING SKILLS HYGIENE



PRESENTING SECRETARY

Rtn. MPHF. Badrinath Kota
Secretary



A quite, composed person with lots of vision - Badrinath Kota. A Mechanical Engineer by qualification but involved in the family business - Kota Naira Jewellers.

He has a Diploma in gemology from GII and Gemological Institute of America . He has been the Director of Thattil Jewelers Sharjah 1990, Kota Jewelers 1996 and is currently the Director of Naira Jewellers 2013.

His better half Janaki is a talented jewellery designer. They have two children Anchana and Aadhithya - product designers from Srishti School of Design, Bangalore. Badri has a passion for car racing and loves food but at the same time believes in following a strict regime of fitness.

KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT



Rtn. Brijesh K.P, a person with experience, a person you can depend on, a person that will put in 110%, and in short, one of those rare personalities of whom one would have only good things to say about. Dynamic and well-read, Rtn. Brijesh K.P. radiates positivity. The best goto person to put any problem into perspective.

His strength lies in having a clear understanding that every opinion matters backed by strong judgement. A graduate from PSG College of Arts & Science, Rtn. Brijesh, is the Co-founder of Signatures Designs & Communications Pvt. Ltd., and Fibroin Technologies Pvt Ltd., a Branding and Digital Solutions Provider for companies in India and abroad. His insight and resourcefulness has helped those who have been associated with him gain a sense of what it takes to be a leader. Perfectly complementing him, is his better half, Ann. Sindhu Brijesh, who matches her pace with him in his values and belief systems. Blessed with two talented and adorable children, Annet Danush and Annet Anushka, they paint the picture of a perfect family.

Rtn. Brijesh's father, Late Shri. K.P.K. Nair, had been involved in various philanthropic causes, and it was only natural that Rtn. Brijesh follow in his revered father's footsteps and carry forward his legacy of involvement in humanitarian deeds. We have full faith and confidence in our new President and wish him good luck in all his noble endeavours and look forward to sharing his enthusiasm in reaching out to the society.

AWARDS GALORE - DISTRICT AWARDS

- :: Vocational Service
- :: RYLA
- :: Vocational Centre
- :: Excellent Contribution in Club / Vocational / Youth Service
- :: Promoting WASH in Schools
- :: For Sponsoring Children back to school and becoming a STAR Club
- :: Annets Club Contribution
- :: Ann's Participation & Ann's Club Support
- :: TRF Contribution
- :: Awarded to MD R.S Maruti for the distinguished service rendered as the Governor's Group Representative.
- :: District Governor's Citation for actively working to be a gift to the world

JOY in what you do

- JOYN to promote Literacy and Hygiene in Government
- JOYN to reach and relevance
- JOYN to integrate & Share your beliefs
- JOYN to Learn
- JOYN to Grow
- JOYN to Change
- JOYN to make a difference



ROTARY OUTSIDE ROTARY

ROTARY HAS TOUCHED MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIFE...

I was invited to join the Rotary Club of Coimbatore exactly 36 years ago. I was advised to attend as many meetings of the Club to become familiar with the process of Rotary and with the Rotarians. I did enjoy these meetings very much because most of the members were the leaders of business and industry in the city. Being a Management Consultant by profession I thought this was a great opportunity for me to improve my profession. But soon I realized that the acquaintance should not be unduly used for promoting own business. This was my first lesson in Rotary !

Within the first few months of joining the club quite surprisingly the president of the club Rtn.MR Venkitaraman asked me to be a

guest speaker in one of the weekly meetings on a subject of my choice. I chose the subject 'Motivation' . This was my first presentation to a Rotary club and I wanted to make it an elaborate one little realizing that the allotted time was just 20 mts ! After the meeting there was a question-- answer session for nearly half an hour ! I never knew that an innocent topic like 'Motivation' could generate so much discussion ! I also was made to understand that there were many areas to be specially explored in depth to do justice to the topic! Proven theories were questioned and I understood that an MBA is no match to the collective wisdom of Rotarians ! This was the first time Rotary touched me professionally !

This process continued throughout my Rotary life till today ! And over the years I understood that I was the real beneficiary of this process of Rotary ! Planning and implementation of Rotary projects require a thorough analytical approach and effort to ensure sustainability. This has helped me undertake projects with greater clarity of purpose and a socially inspired vision. Rotary's emphasis on 'Empathy' in understanding and resolving the issues and analyzing problems totally has given me a new leadership quality . No doubt, this has helped me to become a successful problem solver and a strategy specialist ! Kudos to Rotary!

Rtn. PDG. K.S. Pillai

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Throughout Last year the Stock markets in India have had a bearish trend but Texcity has had a fantastic bull run under the presidentship of Rtn Jose C Abraham .Congratulations to him for having completed a great year of service to the Society which would have given him excellent returns by way of satisfaction of having served the society spending his time and effort. Rotary Club of CBE Texcity has all the ingredients of a Strong

Vibrant Club-members and their families have fun being Rotarians, Active Family Involvement in Club Service Activities, Service projects based on the needsof the Society, Smooth Transition in leadership every year, Strategic Plan and Leadership Plan inPlace, Active Involvement of Rotarians in management and participation of District Events, sizeable contribution to TRF every year.

This year the Club is to be lead by a leader whose vocation warrants creativity and innovative thoughts. Rtn Brijesh KP shall surely use his vocational expertise to lead the Club in a unique manner which will take texcity to greater heights with the able support of his secretary Rtn. Badrinath Kota and his team of Office bearers. All the very best to the new team.

Rtn. Manivanan
Asst. Governor

DISTRICT OFFICERS FROM TEXCITY FOR 2016-17



Rtn. MD. Maruti RS
Regional Chair for RYLA



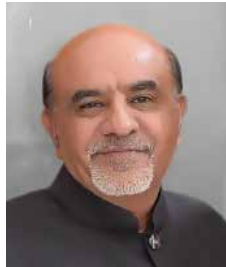
Rtn. Ramesh Nichani
Regional chair- Rotary Friendship Exchange



Rtn. MPHF. K I Antony Johnson
Director Dist. Priority



Rtn. Nanjan Balu
District Trainer



Rtn. Suresh Lund
District chair International Service



GOVERNING HANDS 2016-2017



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Rtn. PHF. K Senthil Kumar
Vice President



Rtn. MD. Jose C Abraham
Immediate Past President



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Director Youth Services



Rtn. MPH. K I Antony Johnson
Director Dist. Priority



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Director TRF



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Director International



Rtn. PHF. Vijay CR
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Sr. Sergeant AT Arms



Rtn. PHF. Karthikeyan CK
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Ann's Chairperson



Ann. Amritha S Lund
Editor - Magazine



Annet. Karthik Ram K
Annet's Chairperson

Can Learning Be Fun?



The Animal School: A Parable

Once upon a time the animals decided to do something decisive to meet the increasing complexity of their society. They held a meeting and finally decided to organise a school.

The curriculum consisted of running, climbing, swimming and flying. Since these were the basic behaviours of most animals, they decided that all the students should take all the subjects.

The duck was excellent at swimming, better in fact, than his teacher. He also did well in flying. But he was very poor in running and he was made to stay after school to practice. He had to drop swimming in order to get more time in which to practice running. This continued till his webbed feet were so badly damaged that he became only average at swimming. But average was an acceptable grade in the school, so nobody worried about that except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of her class in running, but finally had a nervous breakdown because of so much time spent in practicing swimming. The squirrel was excellent at climbing until he developed a psychological block in flying class, when the teacher insisted he start from the ground instead of from the tops of trees. He was forced to practice flying until he became muscle-bound and received a 'C' in climbing and a 'D' in running.

The eagle was the school's worst discipline problem; in climbing class, she beat all of the others to the top of the tree but she insisted on using her own method to get there.

The above parable calls for serious reflection on the notion of learning. It is taken for granted that every child should learn mathematics, science, history, art, music and language. It is time we realised that an average child is not interested in all of these subjects. We have yet to come across a child who is not happy to get a 'free period'.

When children are coaxed, goaded and forced into learning they turn out to be indifferent scholars who scrape through school and college and become dull office workers, uncreative teachers, mediocre engineers, and unimaginative factory managers.

We have to encourage our children to enjoy what they learn. This is possible if we

Expose our child to a wide variety of experiences including music, plays, sports, museums, travel, reading, dance, games, food, puzzles, ethnic activities....and get them interested in these subjects.

Encourage our kids to have interests of their own. If they show curiosity about a hobby, area of study, sport, or instrument, encourage and support them.

Talking to our child about the things we read and hear, especially the things you find interesting.

Ask our kids how they feel about various issues (current events, relationships, values). Allow them to have opinions without passing judgment. Ask our children to help us understand why they feel the way they do.

Provide our child with free time. Children need plenty of free time to discover and explore. Don't jam pack their schedule with errands and activities. Give our child time for free play, day dreaming and roaming around in the back yard.

Last but not the least Let them know that school is important and **enjoy learning!**

There is JOY IN learning!

We can Join in making learning an enjoyable experience!