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A team they say it's as good as its members. The same applies to a Rotary club too. And how good our club is, was demonstrated at the official visit of the DG Vinod K Kutty on 11th of last month.

My heart swelled with pride, by the amazing arrangements made by the hosting team and the innovative theme for the evening - 'The White House'. We can only reach the highest height, if we encourage each other. Leadership is both a research area and a practical skill encompassing the ability of an individual or organization to "lead" or guide other individuals, teams, or entire organizations. For me too it's being on a learning curve, and to be honest, I am enjoying it immensely. The support you have shown and you all willing to walk with me, enthruses me to do more.

I was at first a reluctant, the task at hand looked overwhelming.

I must confess that I underestimated the camaraderie and the potential of our members. This club is such that anyone can be the President, and he will deliver a meaningful and a memorable Rotary year.

We as a team can really achieve excellence in service. For excellence to become a habit, we need to define a shared approach to working together. We need to practise it over and over until it becomes second nature. Texcicians should continue to think big and work as a team. We have so much to be proud of and so much to be thankful for. Our children are doing us proud. Their meaningful projects and the execution of the same is something to be applauded.

There is a lot more to do and the Texcity Juggernaut will roll along with its merry members always putting out their best.

Live and let live

EDITORIAL



October was a very eventful month for us at Texcity. Of course, we were getting set to celebrate the festival of lights; but the other reason for excitement was the official visit of District Governor Vinod Kutty to Texcity. It came up during the evening function, that what may clubs take a year to do, Texcity has done in just over 3 months! This issue is dedicated to 11th Oct 2017, the day the Governor came a-calling. In this issue, enjoy the visuals of the White House theme which had the Texcicians present themselves in better than their Sunday Best.

Lately, I have been hearing a lot about how stress is affecting our lives, leading to unpleasant health conditions. A little stress at work may actually do you good - helping focus and preparing the body for action. Some studies even suggest that it can improve memory. But prolonged stress leads to physical and mental problems. Experts say almost all of us can benefit from social and emotional support to deal with stress. A network of friends and family can help a great deal to cope with problems. "Cast a wide net", suggests an expert - because one size does not fit all when it comes to social support. When you are a member of a good Rotary Club, you will find friends you can discuss different things with. So, while one friend may give you great work advice, another can help you deal with parenting issues, and so on. Look for people you can trust and make your life easier.

What better place to look than Texcity? A great bunch of people with amazing ideas. Consider yourself lucky for having taken the decision to join Rotary to make your life meaningful and twice lucky for joining Texcity. A great way to destress is to organise fun get-togethers where everyone has a great time. Join a team of hosts and for a monthly fellowship meet, enjoy the camaraderie and destress your life!



^ Vocational Training : Computer training in Tally and photoshop provided by trainers appointed by Texcity on 28.10.17

v Club assembly on 25.10.17



^ Texcity projects featured in Rajasthan Patrika

v Classification Talk on Pain Management by Rtn Dr Senthil Raju on 4.10



ANN'S CLUB PROJECT- OCT

Report by Padmini Anns President

Damanur is a village tribal in the interiors of Annakatti. A place steeped in poverty that has not seen the joy and benefits of having electricity in their homes. Texcity Anns were present there in solidarity with the Rotarians for Texcity's mega project of constructing more than 65 houses for the poor. Our Ann Prabha Mahaveer gave sarees, Ann Neetha Narendran presented sweets and Ann's club provided fruits to all the 80 families who attended the function.



< In continuation of the Eye examinations done at Brindavan School, 32 children were brought to Vakil Eye Clinic for complete and thorough examinations. 16 children were provided spectacles free of cost. The clinic has decided to bear the cost of Rs. 28,800.



> Our 4th Ann's meet was a stunning event hosted by our lovely Ann Sumithra. It was full of fun and frolic with the gorgeous Anns dressing up in ghagras and cholis joining for a fantastic and memorable Dandiya night. A fabulously organised affair, there were games, professional dance teachers and a sumptuous dinner which made it a unforgettable evening for the Anns. Ann Geeta's birthday was celebrated. Our gracious Ann Charu was declared the Ann of the month.



^ With all credit to Mrs. Sunaina and Aggarwal family, the second Ann's project took shape. A donation of school uniforms, bedsheets and snacks was done in On-nampalayam village.

ANNETS ACTIVITIES



< Texcity Annets Club has contributed Rs.15,000/- for the construction of a toilet at Mutathuvayal tribal school for the girl children over there. About 100 young girls would be benefited by this.

Rs.3000/- has been contributed to Ms.Priyadarshini of Krishnamal college towards her college fees

GOVERNOR'S VISIT



The Governor's Official Visit to Textcity is always one of the highlights of the year. This year it happened in the first half of the year and President Rtn Mahaveer and his team were all set to receive DG Rtn Vinod Kutty on 11th October 2017. The day started with a traditional Jain breakfast at the President's residence. In attendance were also A.G Rtn Maruti, GGR Rtn Shankarnarayanan, Secretary Rtn Narendra and Club Administration Director Rtn Ramesh Nichani. The eventful day started with projects at Coimbatore Medical College and Hospital where DG inaugurated two bore wells provided by Textcity, handed over 15 new wheelchairs and 40 new mattresses (in addition to the 100 given earlier) to the Dean, Dr Asokan for use of the patients. Tree saplings were planted in the grounds of the GH.

Next on the agenda was the inauguration of two (of 16) school libraries also known as Dr Abdul Kalam libraries. DG Rtn Vinod Kutty was impressed by the colourful and well stocked libraries that Textcity has chosen to contribute towards. All 16 libraries will be in Corporation schools. After inaugurating the drip irrigation on the Tree planting project undertaken by Textcity in conjunction with Sree Nehru MahaVidyalaya, DG addressed the students of SNMV with a motivational talk on Leadership. Post lunch, a club assembly was held so that the DG would interact with Textcitians and follow up on the activities of the club. He felt there was hardly a need to look into the excellent functioning of the club and expressed that he would love to be a member of such a vibrant club.

The evening function was, as usual, meticulously planned and brilliantly executed. This year the theme for the evening was "The White House". Right from the Welcome Parade led by Uncle Sam (Ramesh Nichani) and 3 Chiefs of Defence Staff (Rajesh Jagadeesan, Suresh Lund and Jude Alex) to the grand stage set up with looped videos of The White House playing, to the waltz performance by 3 of the host couples... it all set the tone for the formal function during which the announcement of Textcity's contribution of over USD 36,000 to TRF was made. There was a presentation of Textcity's activities during this Rotary year, speeches by Anns Chair Padmini, Annets Chair Kripaa, A.G. Rtn Maruti and District Director Rtn Chella Raghavendran, release of The Textcity Times, recognition of the team behind XPD2470 and finally DG Rtn Vinod Kutty's observations to wind up the formal function. Fellowship, dance and dinner went on in Textcity's well known style, immediately after.



ANNOUNCEMENT



Textcity is proud to announce that our PDG Rtn K.A.Kuriachan is part of the organising committee for the Rotary Institute (Zone 4,5 and 6A) to be held at Kuala Lumpur from 1st to 3rd December. We wish him a successful tenure!



Three borewells dug at Coimbatore Medical College and Hospital (CMCH)



18 saplings planted on GOV



Drip irrigation provided for 1000 saplings planted at the beginning of the year at SNMV College



100 Mattresses provided 15 Wheelchairs provided for patients



@ Abdul Kalam libraries inaugurated by DG Vinod Kutty. Textcity has funded

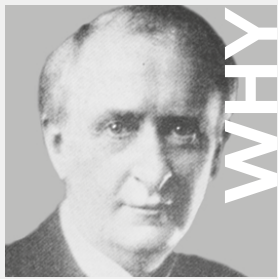


IS WORLD POLIO DAY

Most special days, it seems, are promote days like “coffee day” or ‘ice cream sundae day” or “Friendship day” or “Mother’s or Father’s day” or some other day to stimulate the use of a product or activity or relationship. However, “WORLD POLIO DAY “ which was designated by Rotary International over ten years ago on 24th October is not a day to commemorate or promote the terrible disease, “POLIO”, but rather to recognize the October birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk who led the first team, to develop a vaccine to protect people from contracting the dreaded disease. Without such a vaccine we would still be fearing the annual scourges of the disease and the fear that it brought to parents worldwide. By 1952 Polio was killing more children than any other communicable disease besides crippling many more.

President of RI Clem Renouf proposed an ambitious humanitarian program to recognize the 75th anniversary of Rotary in 1980 but fund raising was slow. In 1989 it was suggested that with the funds available from the 3H program it would be possible to immunize the children of Philippines from Polio. It was agreed by the board and President Jim Bomar went to administer the first drops when he was president.

That small step gave hope that much more could be done. One country, yes, and then on to the billions in the world. Today polio is 99.99% eradicated and there are only three countries where polio virus is active and as of today only 12 polio cases are reported worldwide. Thanks to Rotary and to our partners.



IS ARTHUR SHELDON'S CONTRIBUTION TO ROTARY INVALUABLE?

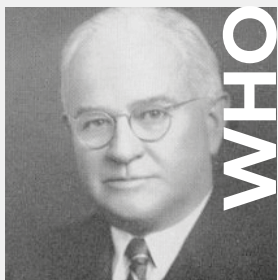
Arthur Frederick Sheldon joined Rotary Club of Chicago in 1908. He became responsible for our vocational service, but is best known for our motto when he coined the phrase, “He profits most who serves best.” Sheldon saw the law of ethics as “natural laws.” He also made a list of 800 classifications for membership. A 1921 speech of Sheldon’s was printed by RI for distribution to schools and other institutions and he was an honorary member of several clubs. Because a modern council on legislation chose only “Service above Self” as Rotary’s official motto, and left “He Profits Most Who Serves Best” it might be helpful to understand that these two mottos were entirely separate in meaning and were not intended to be duplicative. Paul Harris, in 1935, wrote four pages about Arthur “Fred” Sheldon’s observations of business and how “service” or lack of it affected success.

It was “service that created profit” decided Sheldon. This motto was also meant to mean something similar to “Service Above Self” was a logical conclusion.

WHERE

WAS THE SOLUTION TO ROTARY'S FIRST CRISIS RECORDED?

For several years after Rotary was founded, great emphasis was placed on advancing the business interests of Rotarians by sharing business with each other. Some Clubs actually designated a Rotarian to act as statistician, who kept a record of business each member received from others. At the 1913 Convention in Buffalo, New York, President Glenn C. Mead made very clear what some Rotarians had been thinking and saying - viz., that Rotary could not survive if this selfish approach continued. He declared that service rather than material gain should be the cardinal principle of Rotary. And his views were strongly supported by Frank L. Mulholland, Russell F. Greiner, and Allen D. Albert, all of whom later became Presidents. As a result of this forceful emphasis, the concept of “the importance of the individual” took on a new meaning in Rotary.



Who helped solve the financial crisis that Rotary International faced?

Rotary was almost bankrupt in 1915. Frank Mulholland, then President, realizing the seriousness and urgency of the situation, conceived the simple idea of asking Rotarians each to contribute a dollar. This common-sense method of raising a sizable amount of money proved quite successful; Rotary has not been financially embarrassed since that time.

WENT IN TO THE DESIGNING OF THE ROTARY WHEEL?

WHAT

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate “Civilization and Movement.” Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the “Rotary International Association.” A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a “keyway” in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

