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Let  
there  
be  
Peace



## The President Speaks



My dear Texcitians,

Warm festive greetings to you all. It's been a great ride till now, I mean being at the helm of this great club. Your support and participation has made it really special and I am sure you will continue to do so in the coming months.

Our Editor Ann Alka Nichani is doing a wonderful job. I am particularly happy that each issue is centred around a theme. This issue is on peace. Being a Rotarian or an Ann or an annet will put you on a road to achieve peace. When you connect with a purpose and people having a common goal, finding peace becomes easy. One can create more inner peace by giving back to the world, as it increases your feelings of purpose, and in turn, inner calm. Volunteering is another way to feel more content and less stressed. Rotary offers you this opportunity to use your vocation in the service of others. By concentrating your attention on others, your inner chatter will shift from being self-centred to being more altruistic, as your focus shifts from centring on your worries to helping others.

Remember: Peace isn't some idealistic, passive state that only some people gain because they're the "lucky ones." Yes, peace can be moments of quiet and stillness, but it can also be an active state — a state where the mind, heart and body are in balance as you're actively living life. The camaraderie in our club helps in reducing stress and worry. This helps you in being more mindful of the inner chatter and practice coherence which helps you to be at peace. With a little practice and commitment to cultivate peace each day, you will start to see growth and discover what practices work best for you.

The projects which we have completed are showcased in the bulletin. If any of you have a worthy project, you are welcome to share with us and we shall try our best to make it happen. So may peace be on you.

Live and let live.

## From The Editor's Desk...



Living in peace is about living harmoniously with yourself, others, and all sentient beings around you. While we will find our own meanings of peaceful existence and outward manifestations of a peaceful life according to our beliefs and lifestyle, there are some basics supporting living in peace that cannot be overlooked, such as being non-violent, being tolerant, holding moderate views, and celebrating wondrous-life.

Outwardly: living in peace is a way of life in which we respect and love each other in spite of our cultural, religious, and political differences. Inwardly, each of us needs to cultivate peace. This means understanding and overcoming fear, anger, intolerance, and lack of social skills that causes violence. For in continuing to ignore the rage within, the storm outside will never subside.

Rotary works for Peace. Its very existence builds bridges of friendship across the globe. Rotary supports Peace Fellowships and Peace Centres and even sends thousands of teenagers to crisscross the globe and live in the homes of Rotarians for one academic year under the Rotary Youth Exchange program. The International Conventions and other meetings are a melting pot of cultures and a hotbed for friendship and Understanding.

This month we salute the efforts of Rotary in building a more peaceful world and talk about why each and every one of us needs to be at peace to build better communities and a peaceful world.

September was another month full of activity which has been showcased in this issue. We will get to know Rtn Prakash Mallayil and his family. The cover design has been specially commissioned, painted for this issue. Why the Sunflower? Find the story about this symbol of Peace within these pages.

Your feedback and suggestions are welcome. Mail me at [alkanichani@gmail.com](mailto:alkanichani@gmail.com)



# Anns in Action



On 6th of September, our Anns celebrated Janamasthami. The Anns came together dressed as gorgeous Radha, and beautiful Ann Latha was crowned as the Ann of the month. Krishnaji's altar was beautifully decorated and a devotional aarati was performed before moving on to fun theme based games and a delicious pot luck lunch.

On the 15th, we had a fund-raising cookery show called KITCHEN DAIRIES. It was a rocking event with full participation of our Anns. Other than the chef from Ente Keralam, our own Anns- Mrs. Vandana, Mrs. Anu and Mrs Sumithra graciously pitched in as expert cooks. Participants went back with recipe booklets and gift hampers after a sumptuous lunch. The proceeds from the event will be used to further Anns Club's upcoming projects.



On 28th September, we planted 300 saplings at St. Joseph School, Jadayampalayam. Our wonderful Ann Charu presented us the saplings and PDG Rtn Kuriachan was there to motivate the children to keep our precious earth green again.

*Report by Anns Chair Padmini Manoj*

On the 7th, we had an eye camp at Brindavan School, Kovundampalayam. 475 students and staff were examined. 54 students were discovered with low vision. Their optical needs will be followed up. Ann Muthu sponsored tea, snacks and lunch. This camp was held in association with Vakil Eye Clinic.



*"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."  
- Jimi Hendrix*



# September Round Up



*"When you do the right thing, you get the feeling of peace and serenity associated with it. Do it again and again."*

- Roy T. Bennett

Texcity hosted a Press conference to showcase XPD2470 our project, in which 3 women drove from Coimbatore to London.

Meenakshi Arvind and Mookambika Rathnam were our guest speakers. They spoke about their experience during XPD2470...the challenges and the beauty they encountered. The meeting was held at the Radisson and saw an excellent turnout of Rtns and Anns. The stories continued well after the formal meeting and dinner were done with.



Texcity's Onam celebration is always a much looked forward to affair. On 10th Sept Texcitians turned up in their veshti mundus ready to party with live music and the festive Sadhya. A beautiful pookolam and meaningful camaraderie made it a day to remember! A big thank you to the hosts, Ann and Rtn: Brijesh, Prasanna, Manoj Vakkil, Hari Padmanabhan, Johnson, Senthil and Prakash Mallayil.







President Rtn Mahaveer hosted a Board meeting at his beautiful bungalow in Coonoor. He arranged the overnight stay for the members after the meaningful meet, fellowship and dinner.

The meeting on 20th September was a wonderful one in which 9 young ambassadors from five different countries (through the Rotary Youth Exchange program), bubbling with enthusiasm shared a bit about themselves and their countries. A beautiful presentation by an exchange student from Mumbai was screened. This was followed by the presentation by four RYES from Germany, France, Czech Republic and Slovakia. The presentations were interesting with some breathtaking photos. The other 5 students introduced themselves. A cheque for Rs 10,000 was handed over to Rotaractor Dhandapani who is going to cycle from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in less than three weeks for the cause of Clean India and awareness against Child abuse. The meeting was adjourned with a fantastic Chinese spread.



a team of 24 members from the 50-year-old Rotary Club of Chikmagalur R.I. Dist 3182 visited Texcity. A reception by 35 hosts was a grand one for the guests. On a mission to spread the word of a Green World, Chikmagalur came with seed balls and coffee for their hosts. Their presentation about their project and their club was matched by a short presentation about Texcity. Chikmagalur and Texcity share a history, having visited each other before with families. After the meeting, the fellowship continued with promises of golf and cricket matches over a weekend in Chikmagalur. An excellent dinner followed which left our guests with some good memories to take back.

*"You'll never find peace of mind until you listen to your heart."*

*- George Michael*



# Annets Activities



On 10th September, 30 children in our Apartment complex created awareness among our residents for segregating waste by going door to door. We gifted them with geometry boxes, pencil sets and candies for the good work done. I shared my pocket money of Rs.2000/= towards this.

Report by  
Annets Chair Kripaa Padmanabhan

Special thanks to Rtn.John Mathew for contributing Rs.3000 to this project and to Rtn.Vijaykumar who donated Rs.10,00 towards the Diwali celebrations of the cancer kids at AROH. Kudos to you all for flooding the river of humanity towards the needy.

Our Annets Ms.Abinithi Sambhavi and Ms.Abbisree Saadhvi have donated Rs.10,500/= to AROH foundation towards the birthday celebration of children afflicted by Cancer. Their contribution went towards fulfilling the wishes of 8 children including a study table, dresses, a school bag, watch, accessories and a big doll. 2 Birthday cakes were also bought for the celebration.



## Keep Calm and Watch a Movie

As parents, days like these are a great opportunity to teach valuable lessons to our children. Disney movies always come full of life lessons, including some that perfectly emphasize the meaning behind the International Day of Peace, which was celebrated on September 21st. With themes ranging from the ravages of violence and war, to the benefits of peace, to the risks of too much power in the wrong hands, to ways we can all learn to get along. Here is a collection of the best Disney movies that promote peace.

### Ferdinand the Bull



Academy Award-winning short, Ferdinand the Bull, was based on the beloved children's book, The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf, and recounts the story of a flower-smelling bull who refuses to fight. Released before the Spanish Civil War, this was widely viewed as a book to promote pacifism, and Ferdinand has since become an international cultural symbol for peace.

**Lesson:** Ferdinand teaches children to be true to themselves, follow their instincts, and above all choose peace over violence. Even when pressured to enter a bullfight, Ferdinand only cares about the flowers thrown to the matador.

### A Far-off Place



This live-action film, starring a young Reese Witherspoon, tells the story of Nonnie and Harry, a pair of teens who are forced to run from ruthless poachers in the Kalahari Desert. At first, their clashing personalities make us wonder if they will ever make it through their tough situation alive. However, they eventually become friends and learn to accept and grow from each other's differences.

**Lesson:** A Far Off Place teaches us that we shouldn't just accept the fact that other people are different — we should embrace it. Nonnie and Harry only triumph when they stop bickering and join forces, realizing that each of them has the skills and strengths that the other lacks. Two heads are definitely better than one!



## Pocahontas



Pocahontas was released in 1995 and has since become a Disney animated classic. The film is based on the true story of the colonial settlement at Jamestown, Virginia and focuses on Pocahontas' relationship with English John Smith. Using memorable characters and gorgeous music, such as the award-winning "Colors of the Wind", this film promotes important lessons about tolerance and pacifism.

**Lesson:** The Powhatan tribe members and the English colonists see each other as threats and almost go to war because of it. Pocahontas and John Smith learn how to look at the world through another person's eyes, and this makes them realize that no race or culture is more important than another. This timeless lesson on empathy can really benefit both kids and adults alike.

## Brave



In the backstory of Pixar's Brave, a legendary prince ruins his own kingdom through pride and greed. Years later, Merida (our fiery protagonist) also makes some grave mistakes as a result of pride and greed. She selfishly makes a foolish decision after fighting with her mother and looking for a magical solution to her problems. Merida must learn to take responsibility for her actions in order to save her family and her kingdom, or else suffer the same fate of the prideful prince of legends.

**Lesson:** Brave is a classic example of how teenagers often clash with their parents. Merida and her mother both just want to feel like they are being listened to, but neither of them will be heard until they can set aside their pride and forgive each other completely. It's a hard lesson to learn, but certainly one we ALL could benefit from.

## Jungle Book



In The Jungle Book, the 1967 Disney classic, Mowgli must make the tough decision to either stay in the jungle or go live in the "man village" with the other humans. Throughout the movie, Mowgli meets countless characters who pretend to have his best interests at heart, from the fun-loving Baloo to the sneaky Shere Khan. When the naive boy faces life-threatening situations, he finally realizes he can only rely on his true friends to save him and put his needs before their own.

**Lesson:** We all will face hard times in life, but it's important to learn who you can and can't trust to get you out of a jam. Mowgli unknowingly causes a lot of discord when he strays away from his true friends, who selflessly come to his rescue throughout the entire film. We'd all have a lot more peace in our life if we would only ditch those toxic "friendships" and only surround ourselves with genuine people.

## Fantasia



In Fantasia's most famous scene, a sorcerer's apprentice (played by Mickey, of course!) foolishly thinks that he is ready to start using magic without any assistance. Needless to say, things escalate quickly, and the apprentice realizes his mistake way too late. This animated short demonstrates how tempting great power can be ... as well as how too much of it in the wrong hands can cause a mess.

**Lesson:** There's nothing wrong with admitting when you don't know how to do something. There would be a lot less conflict in the world if we all could swallow our pride and ask for help when we need it!

## Cars



The main character in Cars, racing superstar Lightning McQueen, is way more concerned with winning titles than forming any kind of meaningful relationships. He never gives any credit to those who have helped him on his road to stardom, and ends up friendless and alone as a result. It is only after stumbling upon the diverse group of characters in Radiator Springs that Lightning drops his egotistical attitude and understands the importance of community.

**Lesson:** No matter how successful we become, we must remember to keep fully grounded and focus on the important things in life. If you compare the Lightning from the beginning of the film to the Lightning at the end of the film, you'd think you were looking at two entirely different characters. He goes from being a diva hotshot to finding true friendships and peace within himself.



# Stories of Peace



Once there was a war and two armies came together in battle. They fought from the time the sun came up in the east till it set in the west. When the day was at a close, only two warriors remained, surrounded by their dead comrades covered in the blood and gore of war.

They stood facing each other, so exhausted from death that they could barely move. Finally, one said, "Let us rest until dawn and then finish this fight and only one will go home." The other warrior agreed.

And so, they took off their dented helmets and unstrapped their shields and sheathed their swords. They lay down among their fallen comrades only a few feet apart from each other. But they were so weary that they could not sleep. It was the weariness that comes with too much killing. Finally, one turned to the other and spoke.

"I have a son at home in my village and he plays with a wooden sword. Someday he wants to grow up and be like me." The other man listened and finally replied, "I have a daughter at home and when I look into her eyes I see the youth of my wife." The two men started to tell each other stories. Stories of their families, their villages, their neighbors, the old stories that they learned at their grandparents' knees when they were young. All night long they told stories till the sun started to creep to life in the east.

Slowly they stood and put on their helmets. They buckled on their shields and drew their swords. They looked deep into each others' eyes and slowly sheathed their swords and walked away, each to his own home. Grandmother always said you cannot hate someone when you know their story.

Once Buddha was traveling with a few of his followers. While they were passing a lake, Buddha told one of his disciples, "I am thirsty. Do get me some water from the lake."

The disciple walked up to the lake. At that moment, a bullock cart started crossing through the lake. As a result, the water became very muddy and turbid. The disciple thought, "How can I give this muddy water to Buddha to drink?" So he came back and told Buddha, "The water in there is very muddy. I don't think it is fit to drink."

After about half an hour, again Buddha asked the same disciple to go back to the lake. The disciple went back, and found that the water was still muddy. He returned and informed Buddha about the same. After sometime, again Buddha asked the same disciple to go back. This time, the disciple found the mud had settled down, and the water was clean and clear. So, he collected some water in a pot and brought it to Buddha.

Buddha looked at the water, and then he looked up at the disciple and said, "See what you did to make the water clean. You let it be, and the mud settled down on its own, and you have clear water. "Your mind is like that too! When it is disturbed, just let it be. Give it a little time. It will settle down on its own. You don't have to put in any effort to calm it down. It will happen. It is effortless."

*"Peace is the result of retraining your mind to process life as it is, rather than as you think it should be."*

- Wayne W. Dyer



# Sunflowers...The golden glow of Peace

Once upon a time the earth was even more beautiful than it is today. The water was pure and deep, reflecting within itself the sunlight which gave life to all the creatures beneath the waves.

The earth was green with many kinds of trees and plants. These gave food and shelter to the birds, the animals, and to all mankind. At night the air was so clear that the starlight gave a glow almost as bright as the moon.

The people of the earth lived close to nature. They understood it and honoured it and never took more than what they needed from it. The people lived in peace so they prospered and began to build many nations all around the world according to nature's climate.

But one day, a terrible thing happened. A strange spirit of greed entered the hearts of mankind. People began to be jealous of one another, and they were not satisfied with all the good things they already had. The nations wanted more and more of everything: more land, more water, more resources. They squeezed precious minerals from the earth to build terrible weapons to defend their nations from other greedier nations. They killed one another. They polluted the air and the water with poisons. Nature began to die. This is called war. War is ugly. It destroys love and hope and peace.

Then one day a magical thing occurred. The birds of the air, the animals of the land, and the creatures beneath the waters came to an agreement: if they were to survive, something would have to be done to stop these wars. Only through peace could their world survive.

We cannot speak the human language, they declared, and mankind can no longer understand ours. We must find among us a symbol of peace so brilliant that all who see it will stop and remember that peace and sharing are beautiful.

I am what you need, said a golden sunflower. I am tall and bright. My leaves are food for the animals, my yellow petals can turn plain cloth to gold, my seeds are many and are used for food by all living beings. Yet, the seeds I drop upon the ground can take root and I will grow again and again. I can be your symbol of peace.

All nature rejoiced, and it was decided that the birds would each take one sunflower seed and that they would fly over every nation and plant the seed in the earth as a gift. The seeds took root and grew, and the sunflowers multiplied.

Wherever the sunflowers grew, there seemed to be a special golden glow in the air. The people could not ignore such a magical sight. Soon they began to understand the message of the sunflowers so they decided to destroy all of their terrible weapons and to put an end to the greed and to the fear of war. They chose the sunflower as a symbol of peace and new life for all the world to recognize and understand.

A ceremony was celebrated by planting a whole field of sunflowers. Artists painted pictures of the sunflowers, writers wrote about them, and the people of the world were asked to plant more sunflowers seeds as a symbol of remembrance.

All nature rejoiced once more as the golden sunflowers stood tall with their faces turned eastward to the rising sun, then following the sun until the setting in the west. They gave their goodness to the world so that everyone who sees a sunflower will know that the golden light of peace is beautiful.

Sunflowers have become the symbol of a world free of nuclear weapons. After Ukraine gave up its last nuclear warhead, the Defence Ministers of the US, Russia and Ukraine met on a former Ukrainian missile base, June 4, 1996.

They celebrated by scattering sunflower seeds and planting sunflowers. Former US Secretary of Defence William Perry said, Sunflowers instead of missiles in the soil will ensure peace for future generations.







## WHO is the recipient of last year's Nobel Peace Prize?

An economist by profession and a journalist by trade, Juan Manuel Santos is a member of the wealthy and influential Santos family, who from 1913 to 2007 were the majority shareholders of the newspaper El Tiempo. He was a cadet at the Navy Academy in Cartagena. Santos earned a mid-career/master's in public administration in 1981 from Harvard Kennedy School (HKS). He was a Fulbright visiting fellow at Fletcher at Tufts University in 1981. Santos served as a member and Vice Chair of the Washington-based think tank the Inter-American Dialogue and was president of the Freedom of Expression Commission for the Inter American Press Association.

In 1991, he was appointed by the President as Colombia's first Minister of Foreign Trade. Santos worked in expanding international trade with Colombia, and worked in creating various agencies for this purpose. Santos rose to prominence during the Administration of President Álvaro Uribe Vélez. In 2006, Santos was appointed as Minister of National Defence, and continued defending the security policies of President Uribe, taking a strong and forceful stance against FARC and the other guerrilla groups operating in Colombia. Santos also created the Good Government Foundation.

On October 7, 2016, Santos was announced as recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, for his efforts negotiating a peace treaty with the FARC-guerrilla in the country, despite the unsuccessful referendum held over the deal. The Colombian government and the FARC signed a revised peace deal on November 24 and sent it to Congress for ratification instead of conducting a second referendum. Both houses of Congress ratified the revised peace accord on November 29–30, 2016, thus marking an end to the conflict. Juan Manuel Santos has been named as one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people.

By awarding this year's Peace Prize to President Juan Manuel Santos, the Norwegian Nobel Committee wishes to encourage all those who are striving to achieve peace, reconciliation and justice in Colombia. ... His endeavours to promote peace thus fulfil the criteria and spirit of Alfred Nobel's will.



## WHAT makes a Rotary garden grow?

Plant three rows of peas: Peace of mind - Peace of heart - Peace of soul, Plant four rows of squash: Squash gossip - Squash indifference - Squash grumbling - Squash selfishness, Plant four rows of lettuce: Lettuce be faithful - Lettuce be kind - Lettuce be obedient - Lettuce really love one another. No garden without turnips: Turnip for meetings - Turnip for service - Turnip to help one another Our garden must have thyme: Thyme for God - Thyme for study - Thyme for prayer Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden, because you reap what you sow.

## WHERE did Atelier Zundel Cristea build a Peace Pavilion?

A Pavilion was built by the architectural company AZC, which is visually and aesthetically engaging. It is capable of providing an ideal contemporary space offering a sense of tranquillity, beauty and an exceptional aesthetic value at the very heart of the Museum Gardens in London. Peace is one of the highest human ideals. It is a state of equilibrium; it means NO WAR, but also harmony, silence, pureness, kindness, happiness, appeasement, calm, reconciliation, serendipity, tranquillity... To express these ideas, they have created a perfect and symmetrical sculpture, obtained by a precise geometrical manipulation. The beauty of the shape lies in its perfect symmetry and fluidity; the pavilion speaks to everyone. The geometry of the pavilion blurs our notions of inside and outside, the simple act of moving through the exterior and interior spaces bring an understanding to the visitor.







## WHEN will the Rotary Peace Conferences be held?

For more than a decade, the Rotary Peace Centers have been developing leaders in peace and conflict prevention and resolution. RI President Ian H.S. Riseley will host six presidential peacebuilding conferences in 2018 to explore the connection between peace and Rotary's five other areas of focus plus environmental sustainability. By focusing on the areas where Rotary does its most significant work, the series seeks to:

Elevate Rotary's status as a global leader in each area of focus, Demonstrate The Rotary Foundation's impact on our causes Educate and inspire participants to increase their Rotary service Provide an opportunity for members and non-members to explore project partnerships Conference schedule. Members and non-members are invited to attend.

10 February – Environmental Sustainability and Peace, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

17 February – Water and Sanitation and Peace, Beirut, Lebanon

24 February – Disease Prevention and Treatment and Peace, Coventry, England, United Kingdom

17 March – Economic and Community Development and Peace, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

28 April – Maternal and Child Health and Peace, Taranto, Italy

2 June – Basic Education and Literacy and Peace, Chicago, Illinois, USA

Each of the conferences will explore the connection between peace and one of Rotary's areas of focus. "Some of you know already that this is a topic that is very close to my heart, and that I believe needs to assume a more central and prominent role in our Rotary planning," Riseley said. "We all live and serve on the

same planet. If we want to make sure that our service lasts, and our planet lasts, sustainability needs to be a priority right through all six of our areas of service, including peace."

## WHY does Kiran Singh Sirah believe in stories?

Kiran Sirah, a graduate of the Rotary Peace Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is president of the International Storytelling Center in Tennessee, USA, which uses storytelling as a path to building peace. In addition to running the storytelling center, Sirah is a folklorist, peace and human rights activist, poet, and teacher. The organisation seeks to inspire and empower people everywhere to tell their stories, listen to the stories of others and use storytelling to create a positive change. Kiran is the son of Ugandan refugees and has created "Telling Stories the Matter", a free guide for educators, peace builders, students, volunteers and business leaders. The resource is now used in 18 countries.

He says, "Storytelling matters because it's something that belongs to everybody. It matters because it's an art form that is highly accessible, but at the same time, we all have the potential to learn how to be great storytellers too and to be masters of our own voice. Everyone can engage in the art form; it's something that we're born with and something that we use every day but don't often recognize. When we acknowledge that the way we tell stories is art itself, then we will become artists, and we'll become storytellers, and we'll start to learn about the power of language and the spoken word."

Storytelling also matters because it's a binding force that brings people together and makes us think differently. Really, my purpose in being an artist is to learn the different perspectives of the way everyone sees the world, to see life through their eyes, and storytelling does that for me in such an accessible and powerful way. It allows my imagination, my mind, and my soul to go on these beautiful journeys with other people."





## Lets get to know..... Rtn Prakash Mallayil



It started somewhere in the 1970's when Mr. Joseph, my role model and my father, a banker, picked up some entrepreneurial spirit and ventured into various businesses and finally into Chit Funds in the early 1980's. He formed this organization now called MCPL, earlier MJT Chit Funds.

With a humble start, in quest to make something out of life, he had married Leela, the Mother Hen who was instrumental in gathering up the potential of the family and driving us through the passage of hope. They educated, disciplined and parented with ethical values two sons, both passionately striving and trying to serve the community to the best of their capacity.

The first born met his beloved in the year 1986, studied Sunday school together, grew in faith and close-knit friendship through the 80's and 90's and later decided to spend the rest of their lives together, committed to love in 1998. Both pursued graduation in different streams. After completing MBA in year 2001, he gained employment at the HDFC Corporate office, when he picked up an interest in Risk Management and in the pursuit of more knowledge, hunted universities to specialise in this area. He found one university that fit into his budget in Melbourne Australia. And thus began the travels of life...

Upon graduating from MS Financial Risk Management, he was employed at PWC Australia, pursued more interest in Accounting which led him to take his third PG- Masters in professional Accounting. In search of

more challenges and becoming a professional credit and financial analyst, got employed in different streams of Financial Sectors including Dun and Bradstreet, ANZ and finally into the Treasury of Bank MECU.

In midst of all this, the lady love Ann completed Bio Informatics, although the inner voice was to be a Banker, worked in Standard Chartered, comfortably stood committed to the future Texcician. They formally tied the knot in 2005, travelled along in Australia, pursued knowledge into extensive banking and services from being employed at the majors like MLC, National Australia Bank, she then became the spine of our new little family with the introduction of future Annets Melissa in 2009 and Alana in 2013.

Being a Foodie was my pride and having your Ann and Annets with similar interests is a Treasure. Making friends and befriending friends of friends, random acquaintance, barbeque anything and everything, travelling across the Mainlands of Australia, sporting, beaching and fishing at Buramundi were our major interests in life. But soon a decision had to be made.

We moved back to India to support the family business towards late 2009, I took charge a year later to understand the most complicated business environment, which could only be driven by the most complicated skill possession called People Management. Transformed the traditional business set up into a much accountable, efficient, and a digitized formatted, now rebranded as MCPL, a business environment with a vision to expand into geographical proximities of the Southern Peninsular India with the capacity to become a one stop Financial hub. The Value system clearly set to be an Organisation that focuses on 3 core substances: Accountability, Transparency and Best Services.

The Ann of the house, always a vivid reader in prevalent fashion and trends, picked up a new passion towards clothing. After suggestions from friends and family she finally made up her mind to establish herself professionally starting her own Brand of Fashion, ZOBA in 2016. She gained the confidence of a few big giants in the industry who support their brand element along with her own. The vision is to commercially expand this chain of ZOBA stores into Kerala.

Around this time is when this Texcician was introduced by a young old man into this elite formation of like-minded people called Texcity. A new journey now begins....