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**LIFE IS  
BEAUTIFUL!**

not because of the things we see or do,  
rather it is because of the people we meet!

**NEW MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

# President's Message



**Dear Texcitians,**

The waters are calm. No rough seas. Texcity is cruising along without any icebergs threatening us. This may be primarily due to the fact that Texcity is very resilient, and consistency is her forte. The crew is technically strong and each one knows their responsibility and perform to their potential, and this makes the job of the Captain easy.

We are about to commence the Project of 3D printed Hands in collaboration with Rotary Club of Portland Maine in the US. Yours truly is visiting them in October for further discussions and strengthening our friendship with that Club. They are participating in the Eye Serve Project too with financial commitment.

We are planning to build a 4 Classroom block in Narasipuram Higher Secondary School and the cost will be to the tune of 38 lakhs. Rtn Arvind is working on the Project with a zeal which definitely will see the Project through.

Fun and Fellowship is at its best in Texcity as always and there is no dearth of it these past two months. The adrenaline rush at Get togethers is to be experienced to be believed.

We are making steady progress in all facets of Rotary and we are on course to achieve what we set out to do in the year and we hope to see you next month again with more happenings at the most happening Rotary Club in the District or is it in the Country?

Yours in Rotary

**Rtn. Kamal Kumar**



## Editorial



***"Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles." – George Eliot***

Ever wondered why people don't smile so often? Well I have, a million times wondered why so many people in this world hesitate to initiate a smile, and at times don't bother to smile back at you, even when you do.

Most often when you enter an elevator, you witness people look at the ceiling, their (not so well manicured) feet, at the operating panel, mobile phones..... everything possible in that short span of time, except your face! Well, this to an extent is understandable because they are strangers, and we are taught 'Not to talk to strangers', and initiating a smile can possibly lure predators! Or it's just that we guard our privacy intensely and prefer the barriers that exist between strangers to persist. But what on Earth is the matter with our acquaintances not giving you that smile? I'm sure many of us have been in situations where someone you know is walking towards your direction and when they near you, they just look through you or turn the other side. Not because you've fallen out on each other, but for reasons only they know!

I truly wish these people understand and realize that there are so many benefits in that little upward curve on their faces.

Countless scientific studies have confirmed that a genuine smile is generally considered attractive to others around us. Other studies have shed light on how the act of smiling can elevate your mood and the mood of those around you,

and increase longevity.

We cannot always remain happy, nor are we fully in control of what happens to us. But we surely are in control of that facial expression of ours. Try smiling genuinely and see how it can alter your internal and external experience.

Just to remind those non smilers, that researchers vouch that smiling activates the release of neuropeptides that work toward fighting off stress. Neuropeptides are tiny molecules that allow neurons to communicate. They facilitate messaging to the whole body when we are happy, sad, angry, depressed, or excited. The feel-good neurotransmitters – dopamine, endorphins and serotonin – are all released when a smile flashes across your face as well. This not only relaxes your body, but it can also lower your heart rate and blood pressure. So the next time you frown, just remember "Your smile brightens the lives of all who see it. To someone who has seen a dozen people frown, scowl or turn their faces away, your smile is like the sun breaking through the clouds."  
-Dale Carnegie



*"Through Rotary, we connect to the incredible diversity of humanity on a truly unique footing, forging deep and lasting ties in pursuit of a common goal. In this ever more divided world, Rotary connects us all."* - Mark Daniel Maloney

# 2019 Konnect



Konnect 2019 for Texcity was a grand event when we witnessed the change of leadership from Rtn. Senthil Kumar to Rtn. Kamal Kumar. The highlights of the evening were All the laudable events and philanthropic projects for the year 2018-19 were presented aesthetically to the audience of the evening.

Rtn. Kamal Kumar took over as the president of Rotary club of Coimbatore Texcity for the year 2019-20 with a lot of zeal and charisma. Rtn. Girish from the Rotary Club of Bangalore graced the occasion as the chief guest. The evening saw the true flavors of Texcity with their taste for grandeur, elegance, glitz and glamour.

*"The eyes are your body's most highly developed sensory organs. In fact, a far larger part of the brain is dedicated to vision than to hearing, taste, touch, or smell combined. We tend to take eyesight for granted; yet when vision problems develop, most of us will do everything in our power to restore our eyesight back to normal".*



Vision loss is a major public health issue, with Cataract being the most pressing problems in adults. While quality eye care facilities are available in most urban areas, the same is lacking for the rural population. Besides the free care provided by a few NGOs that have a well-established rural outreach program, the only available eye care facilities are in the nearest urban areas which are often tens or hundreds of miles away and out of reach of a rural populace that cannot afford the time off or the cost of travel. A major difficulty in providing eye care in rural areas is in getting the rural patients to attend a village eye camp. To overcome this, Rotary club of Texcity in collaboration with The Eye Foundation has launched the "EYE SERVE" project.

The Eye Foundation has carved a niche for precision in eye care with its cutting edge technology for three decades serving millions of patients across south India. According to the chairman of The Eye Foundation, Rtn. Dr. D Ramamoorthy, they provide state of the art treatment for the entire gamut of eye diseases at an affordable price delivered in the most professional but with a human touch. This, according to him is the mantra of each and every employee of The Eye Foundation. A true Rotarian with Service as the main motto, Rtn. Dr. Ramamoorthy along with his Ann Dr. Chitra Ramamoorthy, have set up a charitable wing of The Eye Foundation, Rajalakshmi Nethralaya, which would cater to the needy.

Texcity's, major pet project, "EYE SERVE" was launched and inaugurated on 20.07.2019 by Rtn. R. Madhav Chandran, District Governor RI Dist 3201. Under "Eye Serve" Rotary Texcity will assist in identifying locations for community eye camps to be conducted by the medical team from Rajalakshmi Nethralaya. President Rtn.Kamal explained that, Rotary Texcity would consider mobilising grants for providing equipment's to Rajalakshmi Nethralaya to enable it to carry out the complex investigative procedures & surgeries for treatment of diseases like Glaucoma, Vitreo retinal disorders & Oculoplasty procedures to the needy free of cost. 37 Students identified with defects from the eye screening camp held in Maruthamalai Devasthanam School were provided spectacles free of cost at this launch. Texcity continued with conducting the eye camps at the Rajalakshmi Nethralaya for the urban labourers, the villagers in Theethipalayam and Thondmauthor. 6 patients diagnosed with cataract during these camps were operated upon free of cost at the Rajalakshmi Nethralaya. The president urges all the Rotarians to come forward in identifying those in need and avail this facility.



# Texcity Chronicles

The following were the projects undertaken by the Rotarians for the month of July 2019.

A sum of Rs. 5000/- was handed over to the Kho-Kho team of Coimbatore to participate in the national championship at Delhi. The team made Coimbatore proud by winning the championship.

Four library cupboards and books were donated to the Government Higher Secondary School in Chinna Thadagam Village, for setting up their library. A few Rotarians of Rotary Texcity participated in the schools annual function and handed over the cupboards to the school patrons at the function.

A sum of Rs.63,000/- was contributed towards the Book Fair conducted by Rotary District 3201 in Codissia for the benefit of government school students.

An inter-school drawing competition for the government schools was conducted in association with Nizhal Mayam.

A sum of Rs. 10,000/- was contributed towards the education of a girl child, Ms. Abarna pursuing her grade 10.

A sum of Rs. 32,000/- was contributed towards the desilting of Nallur Vayal Kuttai. This process will help around 700 people living in the proximity of this water body.



## Dhanyadhaan

Apart from the Dhanyadhan conducted at Karunai Illam, Rtn. Prasanna and Rtn. Ilangovan sponsored lunch for the inmates of Don Bosco Illam.

## Weekly Meetings as reported by Secretary

<p>17<sup>th</sup> July 2019</p>	<p><b>Club Assembly</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. President Rotarian Kamal thanked everyone for attending the installation in good numbers and making it a grand success.</li> <li>2. President reiterated the projects proposed for this year.</li> <li>3. Projects such as 'EYESERVE' and 3d Printed Prosthetic limbs were detailed.</li> <li>4. The raise in subscription to Rs 25000 was ratified in the Club Assembly by all present.</li> <li>5. The outgoing team IPP Rtn. Senthil and Rtn. Raju presented a detailed report of last year's accounts.</li> <li>6. The accounts presented by Rtn. Raju was passed in the floor of the club assembly.</li> </ol>
<p>24<sup>th</sup> July 2019</p>	<p><b>FM's Budget Analysis</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TRF grant for EYESERVE our Signature project of TEXTCITY would be initiated under the guidance of Rtn. Jaishankar .The president also informed that Donor Connect ion can be established from abroad.</li> <li>2. It was informed that the foundation stone for the school project will be laid later in the month of August 2019.</li> <li>3. A few Rotarians from Portland Maine USA will visit India and the president will visit Portland during September 2019. The 3H's will be given priority Hand (Prosthetic), Hearing Aid and H2O under this project</li> <li>4. The speakers for the day were Rtn Raju, who gave a wide perspective about the budget 2019, the pros and cons of it, and Rtn. Jose Abraham, who spoke about the implications that the budget had on stock market. He advised Rtns to invest in stock markets.</li> </ol>



## VIVID REFLECTIONS of the Anns

The on-going project of the Ann's club of Texcity, "Sneha Positive Faces" is an initiative by the sisters of Nirmala College to help those affected with AIDS. Anns of Texcity have been involved with this organization since its inception under the leadership of Ann. Lana Jose. This year the Ann's Club donated funds to help in the medication of 100 AIDS patients. The Ann's club also donated Rs. 3,200/- to Ms. Abarna as part of Responsible India's Girl Child Education Project.

The Anns club went on to provide food to 1490 homeless old age, physically & mentally challenged people across 26 orphanages & old age homes in & around Coimbatore.



## DAZZLE WITH TASSLES – 1st Ann's Meet

First Anns meet @ Ann Preetha Kamals house was very successful with 24 Anns participating with full zeal & enthusiasm for learning to make Tassels with Usha Chockalingam, who is an expert in making tasseled accessories. Everybody enjoyed Ann Preetha's sumptuous lunch & cheerful camaraderie. Ann Padmini was chosen as most Tasseled Ann.

- as reported by Ann's Chair





## Crossword -1

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### Across

1. Cook on gridiron
4. Work with shovel
6. Belonging to us
7. Repeated another time
8. Small insect
9. 10 cent coin
11. Frozen precipitation
14. Food in
15. Grayish green
17. Hooting bird
18. Sticky black substance
19. A lollipop

### Down

1. Protect
2. Northern Ireland army
3. Not short
4. Empty liquid from container
5. Acquire
10. Not major
12. Fully of weeds
13. Tootsie \_\_\_\_\_
14. Feline
16. Sick

Answers for Crossword -1 will be published in next edition

### Learning curve - Tech Facts & Stats

1. Over 3.8 billion people use the internet today, which is 40% of the world's population.
2. There are over 3.5 billion searches per day on Google. 340,000 tweets per minute and 500 million tweets per day are sent.
3. Your online reputation and privacy worst enemies are WhatsApp, Snapchat, Instagram, Google, Facebook, and Twitter.
4. We are in the age of Big Data. 16 zettabytes (16x10<sup>21</sup>) of unique new data is created worldwide. 90% of the world's data has been created in the last couple years.
5. The amount of technical information is doubling every 2 years. For students starting a 4-year technical or college degree, this means ½ of what they learn in their first year of study will be outdated by their 3rd year of study.
6. The top in-demand jobs that barely existed 10 years ago are Digital Marketing, Cloud Specialist, Social Media Intern, Fintech Manager, IOS and Android Developer, Uber Driver, Data Scientist, Big Data Architect, Transformation Manager.
7. Amazon has 45,000 robots operating across 20 warehouses. 47% of jobs will disappear in the next 25 years as robots will replace 5 million workers by 2020.
8. For the first time in history, we have 4 generations working side by side. Traditionalist, Boomer, Gen X, and Millennial. Each are very different in the way they grew up communicating.