



Rotary Opens
Opportunities



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Healthcare Literacy



ROTARY VISION

As a service group, we aim to set up new projects, which will help needy people to sustain themselves, and become more productive and progressive. During these Covid times, we desire to render service to retard the attack of the virus and thereby save valuable lives. As a team, we focus our attention on delivering new opportunities in health care and literacy, to realise our dream of national development and progression.



President's Message

Rotary opens opportunities – be it big or small, service projects connect with families and teach everyone values for a lifetime. We should strive for a positive difference in the world through the practical application of our love for humanity. This love can be expressed in lending a helping hand wherever it is needed, feeding the hungry and practising justice. This is the fulfillment of our motto 'Service above self'.

Our motto for this year is health care & literacy. Rotary clubs are dedicated to their community and the ever-changing world in which we live. Rotary projects during this difficult Covid Pandemic, like Setting up a Covid testing Booth, and a Drone Sanitiser to cover large areas to ensure protection to Covid warriors, cater to the peculiar need of our times.

Polio Prevention, a world renowned project started by RI, has saved many millions of children. Now "Save bones Save lives" project – a unique non invasive disease prevention method to detect osteoporosis is offered by Rotary Texcity. A free BMD test for all which identifies patients with high fracture risk is a valuable initiative undertaken by our club.

Rotary's selfless service to humanity includes, disaster management in providing shelter to homeless people affected by natural disasters. School building extension @ Narasipuram will encourage more students to join – "Educate children to build up Nation".

"Career guidance & Development" a Texcity project along with Lifology - is a global mission aimed to guide parents and also their children on their future development. With our team of office bearers & members I take this honour as a president to bring Texcity to greater heights.

Editorial

The year 2020 almost has a magical ring to it. Astrologers predicted it was going to be a year of new beginnings, booming businesses, and fresh start-ups. The world was going on as usual, busy around the clock, doing everything we always wanted to do.

Whoever imagined it was going to be a year which would affect the whole world in ways we still cannot fathom. The rich, the poor, the developed nations, the developing countries, the wise and the foolish, all have fallen under the curse of an invisible virus. Millions have lost their jobs and even those who have held on to their jobs have suffered much financially, and emotionally.

In such a scenario, Rotary Texcity has done much to alleviate the pitiful conditions of the poor in Coimbatore. From distributing food packets, to donating PPE suits and medical masks, to setting up a coronavirus testing booth, and serving the underprivileged in these difficult times, Rotary Texcity has been in full action both virtually and physically.

Texcity has always stood by the Rotary motto of service before self. As we usher in a new Rotary year with a dynamic team under a charismatic leader, we wish them good success in the coming year to make this world a better place.

Know Your President

Dr. V. Ravendran,

MBBS, FRCS, FRACS (Australia), MCh. PhD. Ortho



Medical University. He is a permanent member at over 26 Orthopaedic Associations world over. Positions he has held so far are President - Coimbatore Ortho Society, and President - National NAILS Association (1300 members). He is presently serving as an ortho faculty in every state, regional & national conference. His main Interest is in Hip & Knee surgery.

He has successfully completed over 1,00,000 major surgeries in India and has conducted hundreds of free ortho camps.

His spouse Mrs. Charu, is a computer engineer, but supports him in his medical practice. She is keen to follow ortho work & continues to take care of the emotional needs of the patients.

Our President Dr. V. Ravendran is an eminent personality in the field of medicine. An undergraduate from Madras University, he has spent over 10 years in UK, New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland and Germany and performed 14,700 major surgeries and then returned to India. He has recently started Ortho Day Care Surgical Centre, and a new conceptual facility called "The London Clinic" in Coimbatore. He loves travelling, and usually combines his conferences with holidays, having explored over 45 countries so far. Academic awards he has received are The Best Paper Award in Knee Replacement Surgery (South India), and The Best Doctor award from MGR

His elder daughter Dr. Shamni Ravendran, MBBS, is keen on Cosmetology & Dermatology practice, and his younger daughter Neetusha Ravendran, is a (B Tech) in Biotechnology .

He has been a school team cricket player and completed a full Auckland Marathon in 1992. He also plays badminton regularly.

He has been a Rotractor at Coimbatore Medical College, and joined Texcity in 2002.

Presidential theme

2020-21: Rotary Opens Opportunities



Rotary Opens Opportunities



RI President Holger Knaack's theme for 2020-21, Rotary Opens Opportunities, asks Rotarians to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

Board Members



Rtn. MD. Kamal Kumar G
Immediate Past President

MD, of CGK AUTOMATION, he is involved in plastic manufacturing. A Chemistry graduate, he is married to Preetha, and blessed with 2 wonderful children, Anirudh Kamal who is a Management Consultant in Canada and Chitrita Kamal who is a Chartered Accountant. He has been a member of Texcity since 2013 and served as President in the year 2019 -2020. Books, Movies, Food, Single Malt, and Golf are his passion in life in that order.



Rtn. Z. Mohamed Irfan, Dentist.
President Elect

Married to Dr. S. Pravana, with two daughters Diyah and Zarah doing their class XI and VIII, respectively, he has been a Rotarian since 2012, and a past secretary of Texcity and past Joint secretary of a district conference. He is passionate about wildlife, travel and food. He is proud to be a Texcitian.



Rtn. Vijay C.R.
President Nominee

Armed with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Rotarian Vijay is in the profession of steel trading. His wife Dhanya and his two children Nidhi and Aditi, complete his family. His hobbies are music and sports and his passion is to help underprivileged children in their education.



Rtn. Reji Kurien
Secretary

A member of Rotary Texcity for more than two decades he loves and enjoys every moment in Rotary. He has a bachelor's degree in commerce and deals with commercial kitchen products. Married to Susan, he is blessed with son Reuben, who is doing his masters. His chief interest is to identify and serve the needy.



Rtn. Brijesh KP
Treasurer

An Advertising and Brand consultant in conventional and Digital space, he is also co-founder of Signatures and Fibroin Technologies. A graduate in Corporate Secretaryship, he has been a past president of Texcity and a connected Rotary member since 2008. Married to Sindhu, he is blessed with two children, Danush and Anushka. He would love to be with like minded friends and share Single Malt, food and music with them.



Rtn. PHF Prasanna Kandeepan
Vice President

A member of Rotary Club of Coimbatore, Texcity since 2008, Rtn PHF Prasanna Kandeepan has an MBA from PSG Institute of Management. He is married to Ann Bharathi and blessed with two kids Annet Jai Adarsh & Annet Nakshatra. Soft Skills Training is his passion and he loves to trek. He aims to impart soft skills training to as many children as possible. He lives by the mantra "persistence, perseverance, dedication and perfection".



Rtn. Vinodkumar V
Joint Secretary

An MBA graduate and businessman by profession, his wife Nivethita and daughter Akkrithi completes his family. He loves to play cricket, and badminton. His hobbies are music and writing poetry. His motto is to be a good human being and a loving Father.



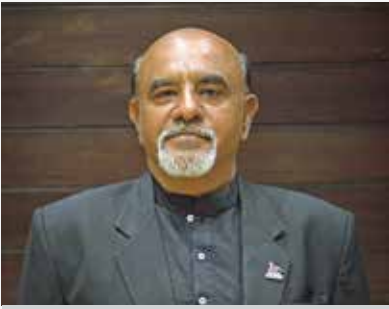
Rtn. Ramesh A Nichani,
Sergeant - at - Arms, Sr

An indigenous banker, Ramesh was a past president and past Assistant Governor. He is qualified with a B.Sc. in Applied Sciences along with an MBA in Finance and Marketing. His hobbies are reading, music, travel and mixology. His Rotary dream is to have a Rotary Musical dancing fountain in the city for people's recreation.



Rtn. R. Padmanabhan
Sergeant - at - Arms, Jr

With a BE and MBA degree, he works in the engineering industry. His work is his passion too. He enjoys travelling and playing tennis. He has been a member of various clubs and service organisations and has been serving the society from a very young age.



Rtn. Suresh Lund
Club Service Director

He joined Rotary Texcity in 2001-02 and has been an active Rotarian at Club and District Levels. He was AG in 2011-12, DD International Service in 2013-14, Chairman AGTS in the same year, has been on 2 RFE to USA and Canada. Along with wife, Amritha they were the editor and co editor for GML in 2018-19. He has two children, Natasha, an Architect and Anmol, a Lawyer. He is a keen sportsman and loves to travel.



Rtn. Ashok G
Service Project Director

A charter member and a past president of Texcity, he is an architect by profession, who is passionate about architecture, environment and sustainability. He is married to Amudha, a happy home maker and a talented artist. Loves cricket in particular, and in general all sports. He is blessed with twin children, Prithvish and Preetha.



Rtn. Ramesh Ponnusamy N
Community Service Director

Armed with a Bachelor's in Engineering from PSG and a Master's in Industrial Engineering from USA, Rotarian Ramesh, has worked for many years as a consultant in ERP systems in USA. He eventually moved back to India and started a dairy plant in 2012, under the brand name, Bhagya. His wife Yasodha and son Nikhilesh are his pride and joy. His hobbies include cycling, trekking and travelling.



Rtn. PHF V. Ilangovan Bsc. B.L
Vocational Service Director

An advocate, whose speciality is practice in labour court matters, he offers consultation in HR & IR to various corporates. Married to Mohana he is blessed with one daughter, Raajhashree who lives in Pennsylvania USA, and a son, Saiyeeekrishna doing his final year Law in VIT, Chennai. His passion is to serve the society by spreading awareness of various social laws.



Rtn. PHF Dr. Nanjan Balu
RI Priorities - WINS/ TEACH

He is doctorate in Commerce from PSGCAS and served as chair-RYLA at the district level. He is devoted to the profession of teaching Retail Management across various B Schools as Director and Advisor. He has passionately promoted Cosmos sports world, a retail. Married to Jayalakshmi, he has one child Sruthi.



Rtn. Babu Gomatheswaran
Environment Director

A Mechanical engineer, he is co-promoter of Craftsman Automation, and a shareholder at present. Currently he is pursuing his passion for engineering as a technical consultant. He loves all sports especially golf and cycling. He is married to Sreelatha, an entrepreneur and a great chef and blessed with two daughters, Nethra and Madhvi.



Rtn. Mohamed shafi, B.E.,
S Shelter Director

He is a Rotarian with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and business involvement in engineering projects, metal fabrication, and construction. His hobbies are golf and farming, with a passion for wildlife and nature. His chief interest in Rotary is to play an active role in infrastructure projects.



Rtn. Nagarajan
Computer & Library Director

A postgraduate in management studies from Annamalai university, his hobbies are IT, exports, travel / trekking, and empowering the underprivileged by imparting e-skills. He has represented Madras university in Basketball.



Rtn. Aravinda Kumaran J
Membership Development Chairman

He is a Rotarian with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and business involvement in engineering projects, metal fabrication, and construction. His hobbies are golf and farming, with a passion for wildlife and nature. His chief interest in Rotary is to play an active role in infrastructure projects.



Rtn. Dr. Senthil Kumar Raju
Membership Development Co -
Chairman

A Pain Specialist and Director of, Atlas Pain Care, he is married to Dr Deepa, an ENT Surgeon. He has two kids, Sriram SenthilKumar and Sritulasi SenthilKumar. He enjoys movies, music, swimming and cycling.



Rtn. Dr. John A C Thanakumar
NCD - Non Communicable Diseases
Chairman

With many impressive degrees to his credit, Dr. John (MBBS,MS, MNAMS-CMC, Vellore, FRCS(Ed), FRCS(G)) is an Access Surgeon in Anurag Hospital, Coimbatore. He is the chief trustee for All India Association of Laparoscopic Endo Surgeons (IAGES). His hobbies include playing the violin, blogging and walking. He was a past president of Rotary Texcity.



Rtn. Prakash Jacob Maliyil
Public Imaging Director

Married to Mary Ann Jacob, Prakash is blessed with two daughters, Melissa and Alana. He is qualified in Risk Management and his professional work involves providing financial services. He also deals with manufacturing business. His hobbies are reading, music and fitness. His work is his passion. He would like to take up a project to build sanitation facilities for the tribal villages in Anakatti, Coimbatore.



Rtn. Senthil Kumar Mysamy
Project Divyodaya

An MBA graduate, he is in the business of Lead manufacturing. His wife Sowbarani and children Mukunthram and Aadhirashri are his pride. He loves gardening and has a passion to play an active role in farming.



Rtn. Karpagam Murali, MD, OG
Project Shanthi Ashram (ICPH)

Obstetrician, gynaecologist and laparoscopic surgeon at CBE Kidney Centre, she joined texcity 4 years ago. She is married to Mohan Murali, Director, Pramura software pvt ltd, and has two daughters, Akila Murali, who has completed her MS in electronics at California, USA, and Anjana Murali, who has completed her International MBA and is working in Dubai. She likes travelling, wildlife, bird watching.



Rtn. K Senthil Kumar
TPL Chairman

Senthil Kumar, a Mechanical Engineer with an MBA, is an industrialist and supplier of foundry raw materials. He served as the 29th president and is involved in many Rotary projects like TPL, Dhanyadhan and Propanjam. A very passionate cricketer, he loves singing and dancing especially during fellowship.



Rtn. Sarah Mathew
Texcity Bulletin Editor

She joined Rotary Texcity two years ago in 2018 and works as a professor of English Literature in NGP College of Arts And Science. Academic reading is her passion and profession. She also enjoys cooking, gardening and painting. She is married to Dr Mathew Cherian, chief of Radiology services and Interventional Radiology at KMCH. She has two children Ashwini and Arun.



Rtn. P. Usharani
Anns President

With a BE and MBA degree, She works as a business entrepreneur. Her hobby is solving Sudokus and cross word puzzles and improving her cooking skills. She loves to play tennikoit and tennis and support her husband both at work and in serving the society. She is blessed with two daughters, Kripa and Reshma.



Annet. Anirudh .V
Annettes President

This year's Annet's chairperson is a vivacious and enterprising boy studying in the ninth standard at The Indian Public School. Anirudh is passionate about computers, robots and drones. He loves playing cricket and table tennis. He has already started the year with some exemplary projects and he is very enthusiastic about everything he does.



Rtn. MPHF KI. Antony Johnson
Advisors PP Council

He is a dedicated Rotarian, who lives by the motto "Texcity First, Rotary next". He has served Texcity and RI District 3201 in various capacities. A social worker by heart and qualification, but a builder by profession, he has carved a niche in constructing tea factories in the three southern states. Married to Sabita, an able administrator, he has two children Prartana and Keertan.



Rtn. Jose C Abraham
Advisors PP Council

An MBA from Cochin University, he owns and manages one of the leading stock broking companies of South India, Fortune Wealth Management. He is a member of NSE, BSE and DP of CDSL. Married to Lana, he has two daughters, Mary and Megha. He joined Texcity in 2001, and served as president in the year 2015/16. Music, movies and golf are his hobbies and of course, he enjoys a good drink.



Rtn. PDG MD Dr Kuriachan K.A.,
Advisors PP Council

He joined Rotary Texcity as a charter member in 1989-90. With many degrees to his credit B.E. Civil, M.B.A., Ph.D he was the youngest DG in the World at 34 yrs. He held various positions at the national and International level and is currently serving as National Vice Chair of the Rotary India Disaster Mgmt. He designed and started the Road Accident Helpline Centres. His passion is reading, travelling. He is married to Daisy and blessed with two daughters, Maria and Alice.



Rtn. MD B Mahaveer Bothra
Advisors PP Council

MD of Mahaveers group (retailing, wholesaling and manufacturing of textile and related products), he served as president in 2017 - 18. His wife Praba, is a homemaker, an exceptional chef and enjoys walking and yoga. His three children Pooja, Geetha and Deepak also run successful businesses. His passions are golfing, spirituality and spending time with cows at his farm.



Rtn. MD. RS Maruti
Advisors PP Council

A District Director (2020-21), Maruti and his Rotarian wife Devi have two daughters Abinithi and Abbishree. With a bachelor's degree in Business Management, he is the educational publisher of Samba Publishing Company. His hobbies are golfing and travel. His passion is to create a traffic island in the name of Rotary and a Rotary School in Coimbatore.



Rtn. PDG. Capt. Mathews
Advisors PP Council

A charter member of Texcity, he has served as president (first male president) in 1992-93. He was DG in 2009-10. Married to Alice, a homemaker, he is blessed with 3 daughters and a son. He enjoys being a simple Rotarian and hates politics in Rotary.

Ann's Chairperson Message

Dear All,

Thank you for the whole hearted support that everyone extended on request. We are blessed with good enthusiastic Rotary families doing their best at every level. Hats off to all the Rotarians. I will follow the footsteps set by our lovely Anns. With your able guidance and support, we can cross every milestone successfully. Our vision for this year includes helping the needy during this testing time, providing sanitary health to the marginalized and imparting educational facilities to poor children. With all your blessings we kick started our first project by donating a 1000ltr water filter to St. Thomas old age home.

Thanking you
Ann. Usha .P





Annet's Chairman Message

Hello Rotarians, Anns and Annets! I would first like to thank Dr.V.Ravindran uncle and Charu aunty for reposing faith in me to lead the Annet's club of Texcity this year. I have been receiving a lot of encouraging and supportive messages from many uncles, aunties, akkas, annas and friends. I am really overwhelmed by your affection and trust in me. I assure you of my best efforts.

Our Annets first project is to provide 10,000 disposable water and coffee cups as per the ESI hospital's request.

There is also a plan to do a virtual mock city council debate on the lines of SIMUN (South Indian Model United Nations) for our club's annets. This will improve the leadership qualities amongst us and also instill a sense of responsibility towards our society.

We are planning to make a video on creating awareness of safe ways to dispose used masks and circulate this video in various social media platforms.

Maruthi uncle has identified a village where we can provide home composting awareness.

Our 5th project seems to be a little ambitious. We plan to buy a second hand Omni van for NCF - a group of blood donation volunteers headed by Mr.Gopi. Even during this pandemic, he is taking blood donors to GH, ESI and other hospitals by a two wheeler. After donating blood, it is risky to drop them back by a two wheeler, especially in this hot weather. I kindly request you uncles, aunties and friends to generously donate for this project.

There are also few more projects suggested by our senior Annets which we will discuss and take forward. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, hence we will have some fun activities too -despite this pandemic, in the best possible way nature will permit.

Thank you all once again for your love and support. Hope we annets can give back to the society in the best possible way this year.

Thank You

Annet. Anirudh Alagappan Vairavan.

Former Ann's Chairperson

Hi dear Texcitians,

Here I am today, standing tall after completing an exciting stint of Anns chairmanship. This year we have done major fundraisers like renovations of the toilets of Sennanur Primary School and Narasipuram School. The Arappu grinding machine has enhanced the livelihood of the Palamalai tribals and brought in a lot of heart felt satisfaction in the lives of these people. When the District Governor and First Lady appreciated the work and awarded our Anns with the Best Participated Family in the district, I was overjoyed.

The past year has been a great adventure, and every initiative thrilled me – be it a project or a get-together. It brought me a lot of positivity and happiness. As I went forward, I was happy to see the number of ways in which we could contribute to our society. I witnessed how every single project brought joy and light in so many people's lives.

I must highlight the immense freedom, space and encouragement given to me by the President and First Lady. Thank you for being a source of great comfort and strength to me. Thank you so much my dear Anns for supporting me throughout this year for all the projects either physically or monetarily. Thank you so much for helping me make this year a grand success. I would like to give each and every one of you a big and warm hug.

With these happy words, I will move on and give way to our incoming chair Ann Usha Padmanabhan with a lot of love and good wishes.

Thank you

Muthu Ramesh



Rotary Texcity COVID 19 Testing Booth

The Rotary Club of Coimbatore Texcity, has donated a Covid testing booth to Thudiyalur Urban Medical Centre on 16th June 2020. The cost of the booth is one lakh and ten thousand. A second booth is planned to be installed by 2nd July 2020 at Sulur.

The booth is designed in such a way that it will protect health care workers and minimize the use of PPEs.

These booths are mobile and it can be installed in a convenient place where the screening can be done efficiently, thereby protecting our frontline health workers.





Global Grant - 2095222

Host Club :

ROTARY CLUB of COIMBATORE TEXTCITY

CLUB CHARTER No. 27060 RI DIST. 3201

International Sponsor Club :

ROTARY CLUB of PORTLAND

RI Dist 7780 USA

Endowment Fund

SAMBAR THIRUPATHISWAMI

Cooperating Organisation :

RAJALAKSHMI NETHRALAYA

(Charitable Wing of The Eye Foundation)



This is a Project conceived and implemented by RCC Textcity with Rajalakshmi Nethralaya an Eye care hospital run by Nethra Jyothi Trust at Coimbatore.

RN has been running a Charitable Hospital for the past decade doing Eye Camps and Cataract surgeries. They joined hands with RCC Textcity on 20th July 2020 to implement Project Eyeserve. The initial objective was to conduct Eye Camps to screen people and do Cataract surgeries which RN was already doing.

In a month, RCC Textcity decided to scale up the Project by equipping the hospital with Medical devices to do more complex surgeries to treat Retinopathy, Occuloplasty and similar conditions. We applied for a Global Grant with TRF for One hundred fifty five thousand US dollars.

Our members donated a whopping 59000 USD for the Project. Rotary Club of Portland US is our International Partner and they contributed to the Project too.

We received the Grant amount of Rs 1.10 Crores in the middle of the pandemic in May and we procured the equipments and the facility was inaugurated on 28th June 2020.

The facility will do surgeries other than cataract free of cost to the patients. However the number of patients will be limited to the resources Textcity and RN will generate for the cause. But we are confident that we will scale up our fund raising so that no patient will be turned away for lack of funds on our part. We may apply for a Global Grant this year to raise funds for the cost of surgeries too.





Classroom Block at Narasipuram School.



The Classroom Block at Narasipuram Higher Secondary School is a Project embarked upon by RCC Texcity, aimed at providing Infrastructure for Schools and consequently enabling Education for children from less privileged communities around us. By this, we empower children to build a career and a promising life for themselves.

The Building is being done in 2 phases. Both phases will have 4 Classrooms each. The ground breaking for the first phase was done during Nov 2019 and the foundation stone was laid for the Second block during the first week of March 2020. Both the blocks were supposed to be completed by June 2020 but due to Covid, construction activity was stopped on March 18th. It was resumed again in June and the First phase was inaugurated on June 27th 2020.

The second Block will be completed by September 2020.

The funding for the first block was done by several corporates and a few individuals and the second block is being entirely funded by a single corporate as a part of their CSR activity.

The total cost of the Project is Rs 70 lakhs.

Apart from these classrooms, RC of Portland donated a Water Doctor at the school. During their visit to the school in Feb 2020 they promised a cricket field to the school and also a Cricket tournament in the school. This will be done in due course when the Covid situation eases. RCC Texcity has adopted the School and we intend to have a long term association with the school in the years to come.





Classroom Block at Narasipuram School.

Rotary District 3201 for 2019 - 2020



Rtn. **G Kamal Kumar**
Award - Outstanding Club President, Category C



Rtn. PDG. **KA Kuriachan**
Award - Inspirational Leader of the District



Rtn. **RS Maruti**
Award - Best in Class District Chair
2019 -2020



Rtn. **Dr. Z. Irfan Mohammed**
Award - Coordination of Coimbatore &
Codissa Book Fair



Awards

Outstanding Youth Service, Category C

Governor's Citation

Best in Class Club, Category C

Family Of Rotary

**Project Eyeserve Medical Equipment for
Eye Hospital**

Coimbatore Texcity