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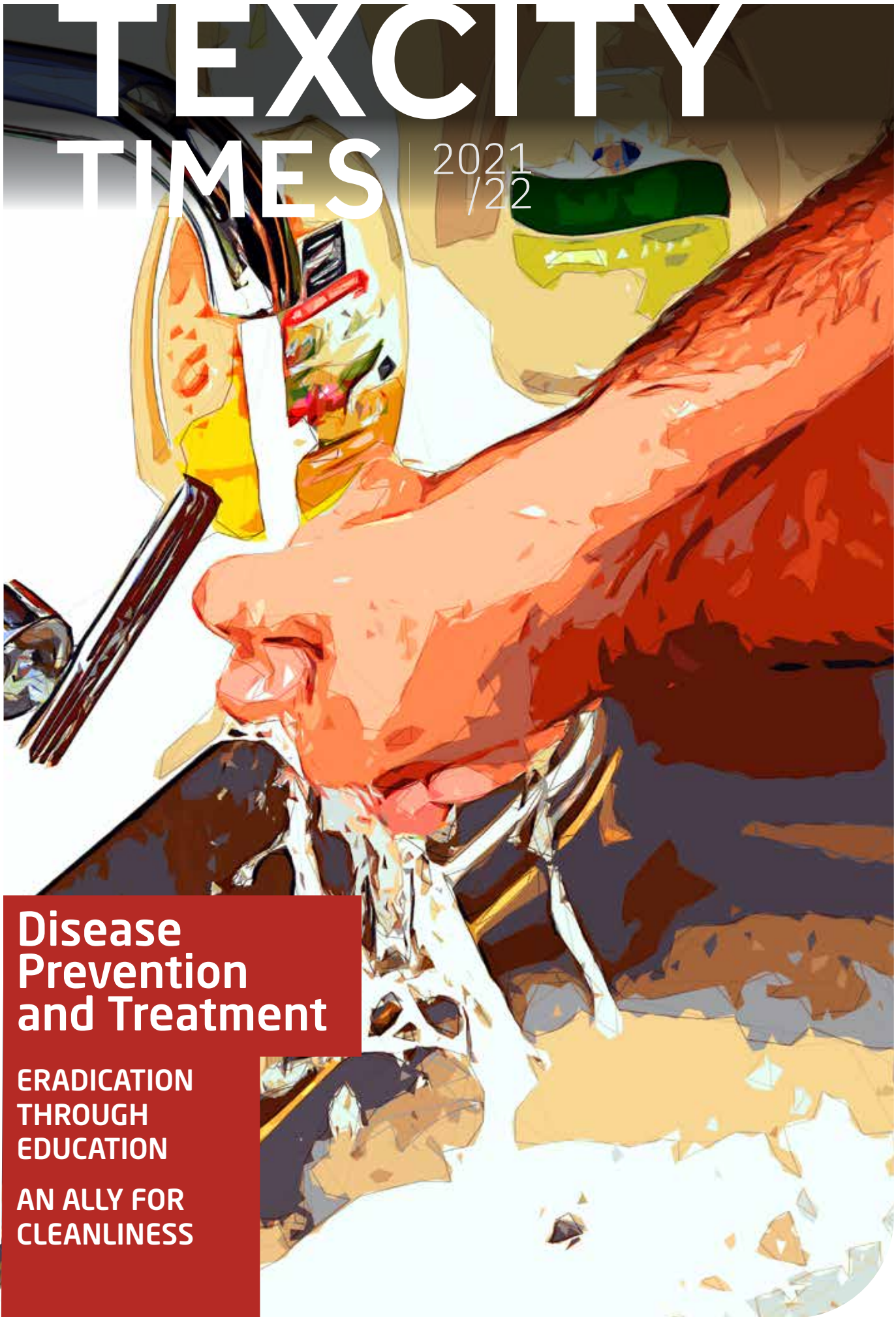
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A Bulletin of Rotary Club of Coimbatore Texcity | Dist. 3201 C H A N G I N G L I V E S
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**Disease
Prevention
and Treatment**

**ERADICATION
THROUGH
EDUCATION**

**AN ALLY FOR
CLEANLINESS**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rtn. Dr. Z. Mohamed Irfan

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see"
-Mark Twain



Time has yet again passed by in the blink of an eye and the year has come to end. But as the saying goes Time flies when you're in the place you're meant to be. And there is no other place I can name that feels more fated and perfect.

This month has passed by fertile as ever. Early on in the month, we extended a helping hand to communities in Kerala, to provide aid during the difficult times they faced during the floods; providing essential material to help them get through the challenging period. In addition, we took a really fun family trip to Bangalore, where we had the opportunity to have some insight conversations with Rotary Club of Bangalore.

Another important project was helping women get

affordable sponsored education. It is every person's right to be provided with the opportunity to experience quality education. A popular Human Rights Activist, Malcolm X once said, "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." Women are the backbone of society. The role they play in the future development of society is vital and much needed. Hence, it is principal to help this cause. Because we can not afford to fail the women of today and the hope they represent for the future.

As aforementioned, this year has almost come to an end and in a heartbeat. It has been a productive and enlightening year and I know the one to come is going just as fruitful. As a end-of-the- year pearls wisdom, I would to like end with this thought, "The bad news is time flies. The good news if you're the pilot."

EDITORIAL Rtn. Ramesh Nichani

My dear Texcitians,

Warm Rotary greetings!

In this fast evolving digitised world, many apps are being created to connect people in a way like never before.

Of course it's a boon to be able to share with your friends and loved ones your life unfolding in real time. But this has thrown up some challenges too. In order to be "seen" (meaning heard or noticed or to belong) we are sending messages, memes, theories, etc which are not confirmed or sometimes half truths that are totally misleading.

Truth can be misrepresented in two ways : a) Incomplete facts or information and b) exaggeration.

I am reminded of a story I had read many years back. There was this sailor who worked on the same boat for three years. One night he got drunk. This was the first time that it had ever happened. The captain recorded it in the log, "The sailor was drunk tonight". The sailor read it and knew this comment would affect his career, so he went to the captain, apologised and requested to the captain to add that it only happened once in three years of his service, because that was the complete truth. The Captain refused and said, "what I have

written in the log is the truth."

The next day it was the sailor's turn to fill in the log. He wrote, "The Captain was sober tonight." The captain read the message and asked the sailor to change or to add to it explaining the complete truth because this implied that the captain was drunk every other night. The sailor told the captain that what he had written in the log was the truth.

Both statements were true but they conveyed misleading messages.

Something similar is happening in the what's app messages that we forward without confirming or understanding the facts.

This reminds me of the quote by Alvin Toffler in his book the Future Shock, written in 1970.

The quote goes "The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." We all have to learn how to use the social media. It's up to each one of us to break this chain of misinformation and half truths. We owe this to our education.



Activities - November



A Quick Response from Rotary Club of Coimbatore Texcity join by Rotary Tirupur Bharati and Rotary Tirupur Next Generation for contributing to the flood hit area at Kanchirapally, Kerala. Flood Relief materials like Rice, Bedsheet, Towels, Kitchen Utensils, Napkins, Water Bottles etc., worth Rs. 3,50,000/- was sent to Rotary Club of Kanchirapally. The same was distributed to the flood affected peoples by members of Rotary Club of Kanchirapally.



DIWALI
Family Gettogether



Rtn. Maruti got inducted as chartered president of Rotary IFRM Coimbatore Region



Speaker Meeting @ Texcity Hall by Rtn. Dr. Suresh Damodaran Topic SALT SUGAR SEX "A Job Description of an Endocrinologist on 10th November.





Rotary club of
BANGALORE

Joint meeting



It's always been the endeavour of Texcity Presidents to reach out to other Rotary clubs in this part of the world for a joint meeting, to forge new friendships, to foster new ideas and to strengthen the bonds among members (when we travel together with our fellow members the result invariably is stronger friendships and bigger projects).

So, this time around it was a joint meeting with the oldest (83 year old) club in Bangalore - Rotary club of Bangalore was arranged on Monday the 21st Nov 2021.

Texcity Rotarians, Anns and Annets, numbering 34 left for Bangalore on the 19th in two tempo travellers and a couple of cars. The nine-hour drive with multiple comfort and food stops was filled with fun and humorous banter and a cake cutting. The evening was reserved for a visit to one of the biggest pubs in Asia - Byg Brewski. Great bonding over some excellent food, cocktails and music, where the Texcitians let their hair down and made some great memories.

The next day being a Sunday an informal get together over beer and biryani was hosted by the Rotary club of Bangalore at the terrace of their own building on Lavelle Road in the heart of Bengaluru. It was a cosy setting where a lot of "meet and greet" took place. RCB has an elite membership and boasts of many PDGs and a Past RI Director.

The evening was reserved for another famous pub - Toits. The Texcitians had a whale of time there and decided to go pub hopping until the early hours of the morning.

Monday morning was reserved for a project visit to the school run by the Rotary club of Bangalore. We were served the same lunch which the

children eat every day and it was healthy, tasty and wholesome. In the evening RC Bangalore hosted the formal meeting in their own hall. Six new members were inducted into the club, which already has a membership of over 250 members. The team of Past president Kamal Kumar and his secretary Rtn. Vairavan shared the dais in absence of the sitting President and Secretary who had to rush back to Coimbatore because of personal family health issues. The Rotarians of Rotary Club of Bangalore put together an enthralling entertainment program comprising of music, dance and theatre. The performances were outstanding and got a standing ovation. Rotary Ann Alka Nichani from Rotary Coimbatore Texcity gave a guest performance, rendering a ghazal by Jagjit Singh, which was also well received.

The entertainment was followed by cake cutting, cocktails and dinner. Both clubs promised to keep the interaction going and explore possibilities of some joint projects and meetings in the near future.

Rotary Club of Bangalore considers education for underprivileged boys and girls its moral duty to fulfill. Towards this it owns and manages its own High school, Rotary Bangalore Vidyalaya which educates around 500 boys and girls. Situated in Nagadevanahalli, Bangalore, the spacious and fully equipped school with its experienced staff is a symbol of good education.

Around 200 scholarships are also offered to poor students by the Menda and Hyagriv Education funds.

Besides its own school RCB has built 20 Primary schools in Bangalore and 20 in the rural area of Malur, close to Bangalore.





WHEEL EMBLEM

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.

WOMEN IN ROTARY

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club’s charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a “business purpose” and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar “public accommodation” statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the “male only” provision for all of Rotary.

WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. Now it is renamed as Peace & conflict prevention/Resolution. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meeting and undertake special activities to emphasize “understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace.”

To observe this designated month, many clubs arrange international speakers, invite youth exchange students and international scholars from schools and universities to club meetings, plan programs featuring former Group Study Exchange team members, arrange discussions on international issues, present entertainment with an international cultural or artistic theme and schedule other programs with an international emphasis.

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international community service activity or make contact with a Rotary club in another country is a good month to initiate a Rotary Fellowship Exchange, a 3-H project or encourage support for PolioPlus and other Rotary Foundation programs.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary’s continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.



Report of *Ann's*



Our Ann's Club reached out to help the Amar Jyoti Leprosy Nivaram Sangh, regular groceries worth Rs. 30000 for 25 families was given along with used clothes.

The disease is leprosy, but the even bigger disease is the stigma attached to it.

The Ann's Club of Texcity was a part of the Children's day celebration at Good Shepherd Convent, Karamadai.

They gifted 200 tribal children with water bottles, hand towels, pens, pencils and chocolates worth Rs. 11500.

Small joys in those little hearts could go a long way!

A big thankyou to our sponsors.



Lockdown CHRONICLES

We've lived through an incredibly difficult time since the big C hit us in early 2020. When the three week lockdown was announced, we thought we would get through it without much difficulty (it was shorter than the five weeks we stayed indoors during the Kuwait invasion by Saddam in 1991). The three weeks then went on to become months and it brought about many changes in our lifestyle.

The Big Thing was no domestic staff coming home. Division of duties, simplification of work and innovation were the orders of the day. Ramesh was the only one venturing out to pick up essentials and was constantly (over)stocking our store room. With no eating out happening, I took to YouTube and cooking apps to innovate and put new dishes on the table practically everyday. Bengali, Karnatak, Italian, Mexican, Chettinad, Gujarati, Maharashtrian, Thai, Chinese, Parsi, Andhra, Konkan, Rajasthani cuisine found their way on our dining table along side our regular Sindhi cusine.

Fitness, thankfully, took a front seat and we managed to lose weight even while eating sumptuous meals, thanks to the concept of intermittent fasting and regular workouts.

Our phones and laptops were life savers and windows to the world. I took up learning Spanish on an app and am enjoying that very much still. With my music class going

online, travel time was cut down and online classes on skype continue. My interest in gardening took on a new high and I've increased my plant collection substantially in the last 2 years, even selling some plants I've grown. Ramesh took great pride in maintaining our lawn, dweeding it fiercely and watering it with zest...It really did well under his care. I took to (online)teaching spoken English to a bunch of software engineers during this period and realised that I can step out of my comfort zone and make time for what is important to me. The Amazon fire TV stick was a God send for us movie buffs. We watched a lot of shows and movies during those days. We also attended plenty of zoom meets and heard many interesting talks. Being in touch with loved ones gave us strength.

I feel grateful and blessed that we stayed content and healthy during the whole period. I made it a point not to read newspapers when all that was being reported were the cases. We prayed for those who were hit and for the families of those who lost the battle.

When life hands you lemons, I guess you have to make the best lemonade you can. I feel grateful that our lemonade was a good balance of sweet n sour.

Ann Alka R Nichani





Rtn. Sushil Gupta
Past RI Director

Rtn.Sushil Gupta, a member of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, served RI as director, training leader, chair of several committees, and district governor. Gupta was selected to be the RI President for the 2020-21 year but resigned due to health concerns while he was a nominee.



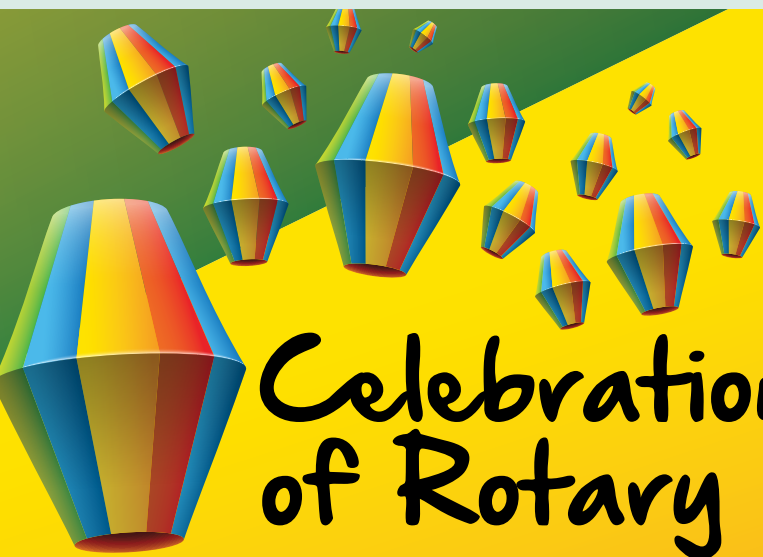
Rtn. Cliff Dochterman
Past RI President 1992 -93

It has been said that Cliff Dochterman has spoken to more Rotary Clubs than anyone in the world. Over the past fifty years, he has served in almost every Rotary assignment, from Berkeley Rotary Club president to worldwide President of Rotary International in 1992-93. He has traveled the world on humanitarian projects and has been honored by the heads of state in many nations. He had a 45-year career as an administrator at University of California at Berkeley and the University of the Pacific in Stockton. He has had a lifetime association with the Boy Scouts of America, and is a former president of the local Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the county Parks and Recreation Commission. Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge has recognized his speeches with the George Washington Honor Medal. He and his wife, Mary Elena belong to the Rotary Club of Moraga, near San Francisco, California.



**ONE
MINUTE
Wisdom**

*A newly married couple said,
"What shall we do to make
our love endure?"
Said the Master, "Love
other things together."*



Celebration of Rotary

Rotary



- CELEBRITY** Speakers
- Rotary **Stalwarts**
- Startup** Stories
- TED x Speaker
- Electrifying **Entertainment**
- Star** Nite
- Fun Flowing** Fellowship
- Great **Kongunadu** Cuisine
- Technology** Driven Registration

- Awards & Entertainment**
- Glittering **Stars**, Dance
- Fashion** Show
- Music by **Celebrity Singers**

Rotary 2022 UTSAV

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE
RI DISTRICT 3201**

Feb 25th, 26th
& 27th, 2022

Venue: PSG Convention Centre,
Neelambur, Coimbatore.