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PEACE and Conflict Prevention / Resolution

**FROM PEACE
COMES STRENGTH
TO FACE THE
STORM**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind." - Taylor Swift



As I mention time and time again, it is always a mysterious startle to realise how fast time flies. We have already completed one full month in the new year and it is satisfying to say it has been a productive and supportive one.

This month a new Rotaract club was successfully installed in the Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science, with a lot of rapture. To our satisfaction, many students responded in favour of the installation and are excited to take part in the Club. It is very gratifying to see the youth of today being aware of communal flaws and willing to participate in helping fix them. Followed by the installation, we held an interesting and enlightening speakers meeting, where a discussion about the 'Challenges and Opportunities in Today's Family Business' was held, proving to be an eye opener.

Additionally, we were able to reach out a helping hand to a rural school, by donating book shelves to improve the infrastructure of their library. We were also able to contribute to the lives of students in the Hat Mandir School, whose ultimate goal is to provide free, quality education for the underprivileged. The Anns Club has made a significant donation to provide for the monthly expenses of 8 children from the school.

The highlight of the past month was the 'Breathing Life' project, which is a Global Grant project aimed at providing oxygen generators to the ESI Hospital in Coimbatore. As we are all aware, the pandemic caused many to fall ill, in turn causing a lack in resources to aid, including a major necessity, oxygen generators. Hence, this project was taken up to be able to successfully provide enough oxygen generators to the hospital and provide as much help as our club can.

I am very grateful and proud of my family for making the first of this new year a productive and compassionate success. Let us continue in the same spirit to make the rest of 2022, a triumph despite the challenges.

Rtn. Dr. Z. Mohamed Irfan

EDITORIAL *My dear Texticians,*

This is the month of love. And rightly so, February is dedicated to peace, and conflict prevention / resolution. World peace has always been a priority for Rotary and a recurring theme across Rotary literature. But do we really understand what the word means? What peace really is?

For the simplicity of the idea and how loosely we use it, the word has been defined by many, none capturing the true essence of what peace signifies or what it really is. Definitions and explanations aside, let's try and understand 'Peace' as a four-pronged concept.

- **Peace is a PROCESS**

Rome wasn't built in a day, neither can peace be achieved with the flash of a wand. Peace is the result of a process, or a series of efforts made to negotiate freedom from violence through the creation of bonds and relationships that require consistent effort.

- **Peace is an OUTCOME**

That consistent effort that goes into peacebuilding, results ultimately in the absence or cessation of violence. The outcome being a situation in which peace prevails.

- **Peace is a HUMAN DISPOSITION**

Humanity is not meant to be violent. This is why all wars end ultimately, and all conflicts give way to peace. We are personally and socially oriented to strive for freedom from distress and to build a life that recognises the freedom and dignity of ourselves and those around us.

- **Peace is a CULTURE**

In quest of peace, we all are. Some of us seek peace through meditation and yoga, some through art. Some of us find peace in music and some in organizing. It starts from each of us within and permeates into our society. We don't realise it but it is a part of our culture

– far from a culture of violence and towards a global citizenship.

Anything we wish to be, begins with a shift on the inside. Looking inward is the first step to building a culture of peace for ourselves and our future. This means understanding and overcoming fear, anger, intolerance and a sense of selfishness that doesn't allow us to be empathetic. If we continue to ignore the rage within, the storm outside will never subside. Once we find peace within, it will become a way of life in our social interactions where we respect and love each other in spite of our cultural, religious and political differences.

To achieve this goal, being part of an organisation like Rotary is a great blessing. We are all part of this organisation, sharing the common goals. But each of us has a different approach to reaching these goals. Bearing in mind that the organisation we are part of makes us ambassadors of peace is a good reminder to stay centred and focused on the big picture.

Not only does Rotary provide us this platform to advocate for peace, it does more. Rotary supports the culture of peace and fellowship through programs like the Rotary Youth Exchange that help young blood understand different cultures by being part of them. The Rotary Convention and even our weekly meetings are all opportunities for understanding cultures and our world.

To take full advantage of all the opportunity that Rotary gives us, we must work towards being at peace within. A good place to start is making peace with something around you that irks you. Observe, breathe, accept. Wishing you peace in all that you do and say.

Rtn. Ramesh Nichani





Activities - January

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The worst of the Covid pandemic played out in April/ May 2021 in India. The virus did a devil dance pan India leaving millions of patients gasping for breath literally.

The Medicare infrastructure was woefully inadequate in terms of Oxygen supply in hospitals across the country. The scenes were heartrending and that is when RCC Texcity decided to do our bit in this regard. Our member Rtn Maruti who was the District Director then was motivated by the then DG Rtn Jose to think big and do an oxygen plant project by our Club. In a meeting on May 12th our then President Rtn Dr. Ravindran discussed about this and the club decided to do the project. It was envisaged to do a 500 lpm plant with PSA technology with an estimated cost of 138 000 USD.

We swung into action and approached many organizations globally apart from Rotary and our members too contributed handsomely to the cause. We applied for a Global Grant to attain our outcome. Our International partner Rotary Club of Portland at Maine US were instrumental in making this happen.

Rtn Vidya from Canada but originally from Coimbatore extended herself so incredibly to make this cause a reality. She introduced us to Aim for Seva a Michigan based organization who heard us patiently and donated a huge sum of 30 000 USD which was the single biggest contribution. We are indebted to Vidya and Aim for Seva.

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Inaugurated by Shri. V. Senthil Balaji, Minister of State, Electricity & Prohibition and Excise



SHARING ROTARY WITH NEW MEMBERS

Are you aware of the responsibility or obligation most Rotarians fail to perform? Paying their dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to the club service fund? Participating in club events and projects? No-one of these!

Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary club, the one in which most Rotarians fail is “sharing Rotary.” The policies of Rotary International clearly affirm that every individual Rotarian has an “obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified persons for Rotary club membership.” It is estimated that less than 30 percent of the members of most Rotary clubs have ever made the effort to propose a new member. Thus, in every club, there are many Rotarians who readily accept the pleasures of being a Rotarian without ever sharing that privilege with another qualified individual.

The Rotary policy on club membership states: “In order for a Rotary club to be fully relevant to its community and responsive to the needs of those in the community, it is important and necessary that the club include in its membership all fully qualified prospective members located within its territory” One merely has to glance through the yellow pages of the local telephone directory to realize that most clubs have not invited qualified members of all businesses and professions into Rotary

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbour, client, supplier, executive, relative, business associate, professional or other qualified person to join a Rotary club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedures are very simple, and everyone must know at least one person who should belong to Rotary.

SPECIAL ROTARY OBSERVANCES

In the annual Rotary calendar several months are designated to emphasize major programs of Rotary International.

MONTH	OLD THEME	NEW THEME
July	Changeover Month	Transition Month
August	Membership & Extension	Membership & Extension
September	New Generations	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Vocational Service	Economic and Community Development
November	The Rotary Foundation	The Rotary Foundation
December	Family of Rotary	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Rotary Awareness	Vocational Service
February	World Understanding	Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March	Literacy	Water and Sanitation
April	The Rotarian Magazine	Maternal and Child Health
May	Education	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships	Rotary Fellowships

SAVING MOTHERS & CHILDREN

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

Rotary expands access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

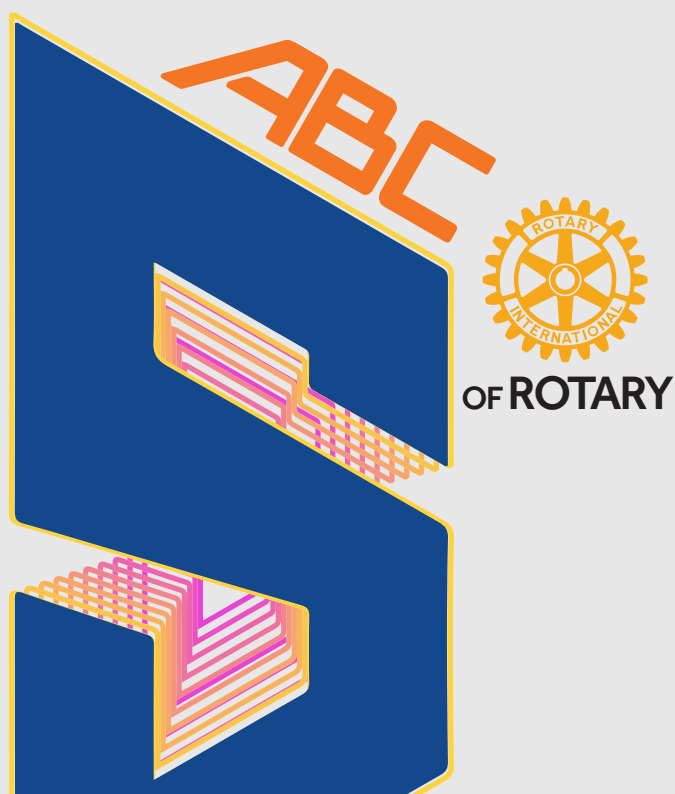
The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care. Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

MOBILE PRENATAL CLINICS

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

CANCER SCREENING

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there



is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

PREVENTING INJURIES AND DEATHS

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

SUPPORTING EDUCATION

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.

Rotary members make amazing things happen, like:

Opening schools: In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girls' school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance.

Teaching adults to read: Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and



train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.

New teaching methods: The SOUNDS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the United States teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.

Making schools healthy: Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education.

Enhancing educational systems: In Kenya, Rotary clubs are working with the Global Partnership for Education and local and national governments to advance life-long learning opportunities for poor and marginalized children.

When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by



ONE MINUTE Wisdom

The Master once told the story of a priceless antique bowl that fetched a fortune at a public auction. It had been used by a tramp who ended his days in poverty, quite unaware of the value of the bowl with which he begged for pennies. When a disciple asked the Master what the bowl stood for, the Master said, "Your self!"

Asked to elaborate, he said "All your attention is focused on the penny knowledge you collect from books and teachers. You would do better to pay attention to the bowl in which you hold it."

Roots & Wings

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR PRIDE AND JOY (even though sometimes they may not believe it). Texcity is well known for being a family club and we love having them as an integral part of our Rotary, isn't it?

As they grow up, spread their wings and fly, literally and figuratively, it is important for us and them to feel connected with their roots. This feature is an endeavour to connect our working Annets (networking is everything) while letting us all know what they are doing at this point of their lives.

While I have not heard from all of them, here is an insight into the lives of the ones (or in some cases, parents of the ones) who made the effort to connect.



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Hi! Happy 2022!

Here's a little bit about myself and what I do. I am an operations Manager at a hyper-growth start-up, Scale AI, based out of the US. Scale serves as a platform that accelerates development of Artificial Intelligence applications. Previously, I was a consultant with Deloitte specializing in Supply Chain and Operations Transformation. My academic and professional choices this far have been driven by my inclination towards futuristic Tech. Career aside, I love to travel and hang out with friends. I currently live in New York City and would love to catch up for coffee or dinner if you are in the city anytime.



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Rashi is currently in a managerial role, and is the India - brand manager for Teachers Whiskey. With over eight years of experience in sales and marketing, Rashi has worked extensively in sales and marketing in Alco bev and FMCG segments, with top firms, including Pernod Ricard and Danone. She has done her BBM from Christ College, Bangalore, and her MBA from Symbiosis Institute of Mass Communication, Pune.

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Hi,

I have done my MBA in Marketing & Analytics from KCT Business School. At present, I am employed in Adtech Corp as a content strategist. As a content Strategist, I am responsible for establishing the organization's editorial voice, determining content needs, media channel selection, and content creation (articles, case studies, infographics, videos, etc). The reason I chose this profession is that I realized a few years back that I have a knack for writing and a keen eye for details. I enjoy writing in different tonalities and experimenting with different forms of content. As a Content Strategist, I have opportunities to showcase my expertise in using content to attract and engage internal and external stakeholders and use my creative skills to refine, enhance, and drive brand awareness.





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Hello! My name is Nethra, and I currently work as a Product Designer for Rho Business Banking, a fintech start-up based in New York. I completed my Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering from PSG Tech. During my course, I knew this was not what I was 100% interested in. What I took away from my course was my love of two things - problem solving and design. Through my internship and my bachelor thesis at Robert Bosch in Stuttgart, I came across an emerging field- UX Design. I was immediately drawn to it, as it was a good blend of psychology and design. UX design was slowly starting to make waves amongst companies that had a digital presence. As I had no design background, I went to General Assembly in New York, one of the few institutions at that point that gave a certification after a 10-week course. I then worked with Pinterest and a few other design agencies and companies in India and the States before joining Rho. As a product designer, I work on the interface by designing the user experience of key tasks that a person completes on Rho's platform across desktops, tablets and mobiles. I work closely with Research, Product, Engineering, Client Services, etc to identify the application's problem areas and to understand what new features design could add to the platform.

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A Chartered Accountant by profession, I've been working with Goldman Sachs, Hyderabad in their Investment Accounting space for the last 2.5 years, with previous work experience which includes Statutory audit at EY and a stint in Tax Audit, Internal Audit and Taxation during Articleship. Sometimes all it takes to find out what you're good at, is to be aware of where your strengths lie but at the same time be humble enough to acknowledge what isn't. Currently a CA in the industry space, my career choice was made when I actively navigated away from science. This turned out to be the best decision I could have made, because nothing could interest me more today than debits, credits, the Income Tax Act and GAAP. If you ever want to discuss a section of the Income tax act over a cup of coffee, you know who to call



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Hi, I'm, Ritu! I chose to pursue a Masters degree in Intellectual Property Law from the National University of Singapore because of my fondness for all things art. To me, it was the best way to put both sides of my brain to use, every day! After a short stint at being employed with one of India's best IP law firms, I moved to Chandigarh after I got married. My husband Rohan and I now run our own legal chamber which we call RR Legal Chambers. Pretty obvious and not so fancy, yes With Rohan's litigation expertise and my transactions expertise, we offer all kinds of legal assistance – dispute resolution in and out of court and any and all kinds of legal communication or documentation our clients need drafted.

Oh and remember I told you about my love for the arts? Well, with time I realised that only practising IP law didn't cut it for me. So I added a little bit more left brain activity to my life by starting a home studio called Bright Copper Kettle Co. where I craft handmade, personalised, hand painted art. For all of the Rotary family that knows me, you know I have always had a love for words and writing. I keep that flame burning too by working as a content writer (mostly a ghost-writer, so don't go looking!). I've always wanted to disprove the adage – A Jack of all trades is a master of none. And I would like to believe that I'm slowly taking baby steps in that direction.





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I am an Advocate, and I graduated from VIT Chennai after which I started my practice at the courts in Chennai and Coimbatore. I currently appear before the Madras High Court, NCLT Chennai and other various tribunals and before the Labour Court in Coimbatore.

I chose to study law because I believe it to be a highly respected qualification and it promises great opportunities for my career. Law will always challenge me because of its inherent need to keep me sharp and ensure that I work hard. These challenges help me grow every day and become a better version of myself.

Law is certainly a rewarding profession. Some believe law upholds justice, a noble call that is most commendable. But for me law is not only for lawyers as it impacts all aspects of society, to serve humanity. Law, like medicine is a healing profession. While medicine heals the body, law heals societal rifts and builds a friendly society.

A famous quote on the internet “Speak English, dress Italian, spend Arab, party Caribbean, study law.” I couldn’t quite manage the rest, so I chose law. I chose to be an advocate because it forces me to make full use of my intellectual competences while also forcing me to gain knowledge, study and research, for each case brings with it its own challenges. As a result, I’ll face the challenge of defining the most operative methods to use the law to resolve complications on behalf of my clients.

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I am currently working at this German car rental company called SIXT. I work as a UX researcher. My role is to understand our customers’ behaviours and responses to our product so that we can deliver a great customer experience.

I also work part time as an expressive art practitioner (therapist), offering counselling using different modes of expression, like art, writing, movement etc. I am fairly new to it, but it’s been an exciting journey so far.



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A big hi to the Texcity family, I’m grateful for this wonderful initiative by Texcity Times, to showcase our work portfolio which would help us network and build our businesses within and outside this family.

Myself, Keertan, I chose to do my Architecture graduation, as the field interested me and went on to complete my graduation from the School of Design, Mysore University.

I’m an architect by profession and I run a private practice by the name Associate Architects in GV Residency, Coimbatore. The team mainly aims at providing quality Architecture and Interior consultancy services. I’ve worked under a well-known firm - Cuboid-for a few years in Coimbatore which slowly led me to my own practice which is doing fairly well for now. Residential Architecture and Interiors with a leaning towards minimalistic has always been my forte but I’ve also been able to experiment a bit on the commercial side too. We are welcome to challenges of all sorts in the design and structural line which is why I’ve partnered this firm with a person with strong knowledge in structural. engineering. The projects are majorly based in Coimbatore but also open to other cities, collaborations are also welcomed which we find is healthy for us to be updated in our field. Few of our Rotarians have been part of helping me grow in my journey by lending their hand in business mainly Rtn. Mohamed Shafi, Rtn. Jude Alex and many others constantly advise or support the business. I wish to support my fellow annets and Rotarians too on their career paths. Thank you for this opportunity.



EDITOR'S
NOTE

Its so heart-warming to read about the achievements and the journeys of our Annets. Each one of them is an achiever and

a winner. Mary Jose has a special place in my heart and she is truly an inspiration. Her handicap has never stopped her



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Megha is a Computer Science Engineer from PSG College of Technology in the south of India.

She is currently pursuing her MBA at London Business School. She was awarded the BK Birla scholarship, representing the top 5% of the class.

Before LBS, Megha was a Product Manager at CISCO in the cloud services department. In 3 years at Cisco, she transformed legacy infrastructure teams to digital cloud teams and also bagged the most prestigious award "Recognize365" for her performance. Post CISCO, she moved on to her family's investment management firm, where she transformed the company's digital infrastructure entirely.

With over 2 years of experience in the financial services sector, Megha noticed a massive wealth disparity amongst the Indian population. By powering nationwide financial literacy and making investing accessible to all societal classes, she hopes to reduce this imbalance. She feels that her LBS MBA will empower her to lead a change in her home country.

Megha is also the Founder and Managing Trustee of an Indian animal welfare NGO, The Pawsome People Project, that has a presence across 5 cities with over 500 volunteers in less than 2 years. Through her NGO, she aims to train street dogs as service dogs to help differently-abled people in India.

At LBS, she is a Student Ambassador and on the Executive Committee of the Entrepreneurship club and the Football club.

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I am a hardware engineer who works in design and manufacturing of test equipment for M/s. JEM American, in the Bay Area, California. After completing my masters in Electrical Engineering, I was interested to learn about the cradle to grave processes that go into electronic products. I've been working for the past three years in the same. I get to work on design and collaborate with other teams to ensure the final product meets customer specifications.



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Greetings Texcity Fam!

I am Prartana, I have been passionate about opportunities that let me contribute towards directly improving people's quality of life. Initial years of my career, I was in the development sector, working with marginalized communities to improve the condition of education in India. I went on to do my Masters in Counselling psychology and by being a therapist, I practice to enhance one's quality of coping and living emotionally healthier lives. I have worked as a corporate counsellor for Google, Wipro for 2years. I am currently working as a wellness coach for multiple corporate clients and as a Leadership & change management, business consultant with Human dynamic. I design Learning and development programs and facilitate trainings to our client organizations, across the globe. Hope to boost employee wellbeing and build safe & inclusive organizations.

I also run my Virtual, private practise. I work with Individuals couples and organizations for concerns in: personal growth, interpersonal, mental health conditions, personal and work stress. And in the capacity as a consultant for organizations: employee wellbeing programs, professional development and offer other relevant, people management solutions.

Feel free to connect on any of the above-mentioned avenues or queries. Grateful to all of you, for the love, referrals and wishes always. Thanks for truly being a Fam



from achieving her goals. Be it education, motherhood or business. Salute her spirit and her parents who have given her courage,

confidence and guidance. May the almighty continue to shower his blessings on our Annets.



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I'm Anjana Murali, and I'm currently working in Dubai as a Senior Digital Marketing Manager. I found my passion for Business Management & Marketing while I was doing my under-graduation in PSG Tech, which led me to do my Masters in Global Business in Australia, Singapore & Dubai. Being a people person, I was driven towards an industry where I get to understand consumer behaviours, analyse online user journeys and identify ways to advertise relevant products & services to the right people.



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Born deaf my parents raised me to be like every other normal child. I completed my nursery years in a special school for the deaf - Balavidyalaya in Chennai. At the age of 4 I joined Stanes Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore. Being a tech lover, I joined B.E. Computer Science Engineering at Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore. I went on to explore more in my favourite field- Networking at Birmingham City University(Post Graduate) , United Kingdom . worked as an IT analyst at Fine Care 24/7 Ltd, United Kingdom.

Got married to this beautiful soul Rakesh Ravi in the UK in the year 2013. Rakesh Ravi is an alumnus of PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore. He completed his PG in MSc. Business Management from Exeter University, United Kingdom. He worked at Ariens, United Kingdom as a Manufacturing Engineer.

Love Ice-Creams or some snacks? We are currently distributors of Amul and Buffet products throughout Coimbatore.

Rakesh and I are professional shuttle players. We both love to hang out, make new friends, travel and of course EAT!

Our first bundle of joy, Riaan Rakesh was born in 2013. He is now in third grade at Raks Pallikkoodam School, Coimbatore. He loves video games, sports, board games and loves to interact with other kids.

Riaan's partner in crime, our second bundle of joy - Aryan Jose Rakesh arrived in 2018. Now three years old equally loves to play, go out, loves certain toys such as trains, cars.



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Hi All!

I always believe in exploring all options available before settling for one. So, I've started my career as an Analyst in Goldman Sachs, Bangalore after completing my undergraduation in Business Administration. Goldman is an investment banking company where I work with some really smart people in the Global Market Division, while I am figuring out my next career move.

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Nidhi is a finance journalist, and is currently working with ETBFSI, a vertical by The Economic Times. She has over five years of experience in the field, and has worked with CNBC and Moneycontrol earlier. She has done undergrad in Economics from Hansraj College, Delhi University, and her post graduate diploma in journalism from Asian College of Journalism, Chennai.





Shree Natya Niketan dance School sent a request to the Ann's Club to sponsor a student who couldn't afford her tickets to Delhi for their selection process to participate in the Republic Day dance Parade. A prestigious opportunity, there was tough competition with 90 teams participating. Sree Natya Niketan won the competition and danced in the Republic Day Parade. The tickets were sponsored by Ann Lana, Anns club and Latha Babu.



The second project for December was for Family Care where we donated 35 hampers with bedsheets, towels, healthy snacks and stationery items for children with hearing impairment from Coimbatore. Thanks to Usha, Annie, Reenu, Lana and Anu, this deed was done to bring some hope and encouragement to many needy people in this time of uncertainties and challenges.



The Har Mandir School, GGSIES and Wise Foundation is a unit of Indus Quality Foundation. It has set up a free Primary Residential School, for the underprivileged in Hervanad- Katekeri village in Madikeri, Coorg. Their main objective is to provide free quality Education for the needy and poor along with care for their health and well-being across the country. We have paid from our club Rs 15200 for the Residential school's monthly expenses for 8 Children. The sponsors are: Anns Club, Alka, Latha Babu.



The Anns Club donated two book shelves to Sennanur Government School. The shelves are worth around Rs.12000. Anns club and Latha Babu sponsored the same.

PROJECT BREATHING LIFE Cont. from Pg. 3

We could actually negotiate with the vendors and increase the capacity of the plant from 500 lpm to 1250 lpm at almost the same cost. The vendor supplied two plants, one 1000 lpm and another 250 lpm plants and the bigger one has been installed and inaugurated at ESI Hospital Coimbatore and the other at a Govt facility at village Negamam near Pollachi.

The Project though initiated in May 2021 during Rtn Dr. Raveendran's presidentship the project was completed by November 2021 and inaugurated in January 2022 during Rtn Dr. Irfan's Presidentship. Much work was driven by both the Presidents to a gratifying outcome.

The total cost was 138 000 USD and Texcity members and our donors contributed 78000 USD out of this. The rest came from The Rotary Foundation and Rotary Club of Portland and their Rotary District Contribution.

The plant can be used for ICU patients on a regular basis apart from any pandemic affected patients. We the members of Texcity take immense pride in the successful implementation of this life saving Project.

Rtn. Kamal Kumar
Chairman TRF



Dr. Sameeran, District Collector, Coimbatore during inauguration with Shri. V. Senthil Balaji, Minister of State.





AN ODE TO THE NIGHTINGALE!

Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar

Yesterday was Basant Panchami, a day MAA SARASWATI, is venerated and worshipped for bestowing the fine arts to humanity. It's fitting that SHE called her devotee Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar to her abode. Lataji lives on...

Her ethereal voice and rich repertoire, which gave us hours of joy, is still available to us; only that it has time-travelled to the meta verse realm!

Each any every gem sung by the great singer of our times is fortunately available on the digital platform.

My mind is transported to another era, when as school children, we were simply enthralled by Lataji's songs. Her songs made us hop & skip to another world where we relived the gentle teasing of elf-like Saira Bano, as she cycled away in 'Mein chali, Mein chali' or reconfirmed the idea of everlasting love as a sedate Sadhana glided through with heady jasmine flowers strung on her hair in 'Tera Mera Pyaar Amar' or the hauntingly beautiful 'Aaja re Pardesi' as Vyjantimala stood endlessly waiting for her lover on the other side of the metaphorical world or the exuberance and breaking-the-shackles moment as Waheeda trounced man-made boundaries in 'Kaanton se kheench ke yeh anchal', or Suchitra Sen's deep yearning in 'Chupalo yun dil' or the tantalizing 'Lag ja Gale' as Sadhana beckons with half-lidded eyes, shrouded in mystery, or as Nutan sings of her mental anguish cloaked under a vibrant Garba number 'Mein toh bhool chali', or Asha Paresh's enchanting 'Sayonara' in Tokyo, or Zeenat's confrontation with the harsh truth in 'Satyam, Shivam, Sundaram', or Sharmila's soulful 'Raina beeth jaaye', or Jaya's emotional 'Tere Mere Milan ki yeh raina', or as Mumtaz

makes overtures to Rajesh Khanna in the sprightly 'Bindiya Chamkengi', or Nanda's philosophical 'Ek Pyaar ka Nagma hain', or Rekha's winsome 'Sun sun sun Didi', or as Madhuri gets back at Salman in the naughty 'Didi Tera Dewar deewana', or the innocence of Baby Neetu in 'Bachhe Mann Ke Sachhe'.

Her voice resonated with pathos as she sang 'Ae mere watan ke logon', also in the same breath, I'm sure the Moon would have stopped in it's tracks on hearing her imploring 'Ruk Jaa Raat Teher Ja Re Chanda'. Such was her incredible range!

The magical voice gave hours of happiness to listeners across generations.

Not only Hindi Film songs, her contribution to other languages too been immense. Who can forget her duet in Marathi, 'Mee dholkar, dholkar ...'. As her voice rises to crescendo when she sings 'Aai Baapachi Larachi lekka mee', I'm sure Pandit Dinanathji's soul must have been so happy for having passed on his legacy.

But above all, Lord Ganesha would have been so pleased since it's Lataji's divine Aarti song composed by Samarth Ramdas, 'Sukh Karta Dukh Harta' which echoes to this day across all Sarvajanic Mandals during Ganesh Utsav. This has been her ultimate contribution almost on par with M.S. Subbalakshmi's Venkateswara Suprabatam.

Both truly truly deserve the honour of Bharat Ratna by having touched almost each and every Bharatiya's life and making it a hundred-fold richer.

Pranams,

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Love Respect Prayers