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Economic and Community Development

Change is fuelled
by Care &
Compassion.

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C H A N G I N G L I V E S



Rtn. Dr. Z. Mohamed Irfan

Three months have vanished and we have yet again accomplished an extensive amount of quality community work, and at the same time enjoyed ourselves creating numerous fun and cheerful memories. Once again, I am extremely appreciative and grateful that I get to have fun and provide services of charity to the community and call it my second job.

The past month, like the ones prior, we have done a lot of significant work that have proved to have fruitful yields. We helped organised a nation-wide diabetes camp, where residents were tested and diagnosed respectively. In addition, our club conducted an eye camp, where disadvantaged people were provided help with maintaining a healthy vision. A career guidance

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"With a random act of senseless kindness
Unexpected hand to help remind us
A single step in the right direction
Person to person making connection
We can change the world that's become so violent"*

- South 65

workshop was also held along with the eye camp, to provide awareness and clarity to people who felt uncertain and hesitant about their occupational trail.

The highlight of this month was, of course, the Texcity Premier League. The games ranged from football and cricket to golf. This allowed us to unwind from our monotonous daily routines and have fun, bringing us back to our youthful years of innocence and carefreeness. Another highlight, is the approval for constructing a Texcity Tower, which has been a long term dream of many rotarians. This will not only be a big motivation, but also provide us with an opportunity to diversify and multiply our service to the community.

It has been a month of enjoyment and compassion and I look forward to an equally productive and exciting month. Lastly, keep in mind this quote by American artists and cartoonist, Scott Adams, "Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

EDITORIAL Rtn. Ramesh Nichani

My dear Texcitians,

One phrase that is in the forefront because of the pandemic is "social distancing". This in fact is a misnomer. What we're seeking to do is to physically distance people, but what happens to our social connection is up to us.

Dr. Vivek Hallegere Murthy, is an American physician and a vice admiral in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. He is the current Surgeon General of the United States, who has also served under President Obama. He is the author of the book "Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in A Sometimes Lonely World."

He says, "Me and my predecessors spent a significant amount of time in terms of speeches, reports and other kinds of campaigns addressing the issues of smoking and obesity and sedentary living, yet it had not occurred to me that perhaps loneliness was an equally challenging issue that was a threat to our health that also needed to be addressed."

This pandemic is turning out to be one of the biggest causes for loneliness. We are blessed to be a part of the Rotary moment, which can act as one of the best "cures" for this loneliness. But the question is "are we playing our part in mitigating this health aspect?"

Service is one of the most powerful solutions when it comes to loneliness. It is a natural and highly effective way of connecting with other people. And to understand that, you have to understand that the biology of loneliness makes us turn our focus inward. And it also leads to a general chipping away of our self-esteem over time as we come to believe that we're lonely because we're not likeable. But what service does which is



so powerful is it shifts the focus from us to someone else in the context of a positive experience. And it also reaffirms for us that we have value to bring to the world and to somebody else's life. And that can be extraordinarily powerful in breaking that downward spiral of loneliness, which is so dangerous.

If we look around us, we'll find that there are many ways in which we can serve. Serving isn't always about donating money, though this is powerful as any of the other methods of serving are. But service can also be calling a friend who you know may be struggling to balance work and family and could use a pick-me-up or could just use the knowledge that somebody cares for them. Service can be checking on an elderly neighbour who lives alone. Service can be helping a colleague at work who might be having a tough day, just stopping to say, "Hi, how are you" and then actually pausing to listen to what they have to say.

One of the greatest gifts that we can give another person is the gift of our full attention. And often when we think about serving, we think, what can I tell somebody to help them fix something? And what can I do to change a problem in their life? But we often forget that simply being there and listening can be an extraordinarily powerful experience. If you've ever felt deeply listened to by somebody else, you know that that experience helps you feel seen and appreciated and understood. And that is a very, very powerful antidote to loneliness and to disconnection. So, as we think about how to serve, I suspect that if we look around us that we'll find many opportunities to do so. And we'll realize that all we need to bring to those opportunities to serve are an open mind, a full heart and a desire to truly honestly and openly connect with another human being.

Remember "social distancing", actually means "physical distancing". If you haven't spoken to some of your Rotary club members in the past year, pick up the phone and make that call now.

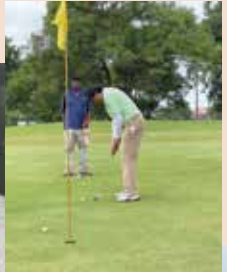
ACTIVITIES - SEPTEMBER

Now you all will know what we did this September. This was a month of business, service and family fellowship. The month began with a club assembly on the 1st of Sep, a very well attended meeting with over 35 members.

This month along with the regular daily Annadhanams in association with The Eye Foundation and the regular eye camps, the Texcity Rotarians and their families let their hair down with their Annual sports league - The Texcity Premier league 3.0 (TPL).



TEXCITY PREMIER LEAGUE





Fun was not the only thing on the agenda. A large scale eye camp was held at Valparai with the Coffee Board and The Eye Foundation, as part of the 75th Independence day celebrations. Thalananar Agro Ltd., were kind enough to sponsor the camp. 169 workers from 8 estates participated and 15 of them were selected for cataract surgery. 7 have completed the surgery at The Eye foundation. Mr D Rajkumar, GM of Hindu Tamil dhisai inaugurated the camp and hoisted the National Flag. Rtn. Ramesh Ponnusamy, chairman for our Eye Serve project, presided. Texcity Rotarians never let go an opportunity to serve and at the eye camp vocational training and guidance was also provided to the youth by Rtn. Dr. Nanjan Balu.



Our neighboring district, RI Dist.3202 along with the Rotary Humanity Trust had this audacious goal of testing one million people on the same day across India. Rotary Texcity joined the cause and under the leadership of our Rtn. Dr.Suresh Damodaran, conducted camps at the Coimbatore railway station, The Coimbatore General Hospital, our Rotary hall and Harvey Specialty center. This project is now recognized by the Asia book of records for the largest number of blood sugar tests done on a single day. Rotary Coimbatore Texcity is proud of this achievement.



When in doubt- learn

Covid19 (pushing to 21) has brought about a sea-change in the way we lead our lives. Everyone seems to be grappling with the idea of a 'new-normal' with some faring better than the others. When change is introduced, one can either sink or swim but the hidden option is to soar.

Digitization is a key piece in this physically-distant, socially assimilated world. People of all age groups and all walks of life have had to adopt to this ever-changing environment of digital, social and ecommerce landscapes. While digitization can prove to be a distraction from reality, it is also a conduit of vast knowledge that is accessible at the click of a button.

"The best thing for being sad", said Merlin, "is to learn something. That's the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honor trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then - to learn. Learn why the world wags and what wags it. There is only one thing which the mind can never exhaust, ever alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust, and never dream of regretting. Learning is the only thing for you. Look what a lot of things there are to learn." - T.H. White, Camelot.

Information is so easily available on the internet, it has become visual clutter but it is up to you to use this vast repository of knowledge to create a safe-space for growth. Lockdowns have brought about great cooks, bakers, sourdough makers and writers. It is not easy to turn a world-wide pandemic to something productive but learning is personal. Learning to show the world is different from learning out of interest and curiosity. Knowledge is measurable. You can walk away from the pandemic knowing you have focused on physical, mental or intellectual growth.

I have personal interest in Physics and Literature and have enjoyed channeling my anxieties for the future into literary or interstellar getaways. Now for the big

Report of

Ann's



The Ann's Club helped a student Muthukumar who had finished his graduation but could not get his course completion certificate as he could not pay his fee dues. He sustains himself working as a coolie. With the contributions of Ann Sumi (Rs.5000) Ann Latha Babu (Rs.10000) and Ann's Club (Rs.3000) he was able to pay his fee dues and get his course completion certificate.

Ms.Nandini a B.Sc IT student secured admission at Sri Ramalinga Sowdambigai College of Science and Commerce but could not afford the fees. Her part time job gives her a meager Rs. 4000. A sponsor from the Ann's Club has given Rs.11000 and the Ann's Club Rs .3000 and her fees for her education has been paid. The Ann's Club is happy to empower women with education.



Getting married should be a joyous occasion in a person's life. The Ann's Club has decided to make one such occasion a happier one! To help make Shijini's wedding a happy occasion, Texcity's Ann's Club presented Rs.5000 and Ann Latha Babu sponsored her wedding saree. Shijin lost her father while her mother works in a bag shop.

Shijini Kalyanam.....Vaibhogamae !!!

question. Where to start? As Julie Andrews would sing:

"Let's start at the very beginning

A very good place to start" - Sound of music

Learning something new is very similar to picking up a hobby. It requires intent as well as persistence. It would be a good thing to start writing down your expectation from your learning plan. Give yourself a start and end time and be kind to yourself. You can assimilate that information from a book, online videos, forums or conversations with strangers but envisioning an outcome is the best way to start.

Creating rewards or tying this new behavior with an existing one is also a clever mechanism to introduce this habit of learning into your life? Want to exercise? Introduce stretches when you wake up. Want to understand philosophy? Dedicate 10 minutes of your social media browsing time to consume short videos on history of philosophy.

The next step would be consistency. Since information on the internet is fragmented, it would be good to sign up to free apps or register with newsletters that provide you with daily/ weekly snippets of information. There are amazing apps that can help with anything from language-learning to exercise to mental-models.

There you go. On a Sunday, you can close your eyes, envision yourself in the future without a pandemic and see what is it that you'd like to have become/ learned. You can then follow the steps outlined to get there.

"Learn continually - there's always "one more thing" to learn!" Steve Jobs



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Daughter of Rtn. Srinivasan & Rt. Anne Anjali

PDG COUNSEL



CAPT. MATHEWS

Your wow DG moment

When past RI President Wilf Wilkinson and his wife came all the way from Canada to be the RI President's Rep. He came at his own expense.

Your elevator pitch to a prospective Rotarian

In today's Rotary in India, I am afraid I cannot give even an underground pitch to a prospective member.

Three ideas to get more women in Rotary

Just adding women in Rotary may not be a correct way

Invite professionals and business women following classification principle.

Give equal responsibility after taking them in to the Rotary hold.

What according to you is a vibrant club

Good fellowship and friendship should be the main motto.

Devoid of cheque book charity. On hand service projects which benefits local community.

Follow the Rotary Protocol and maintain high ethical standards

Devoid of politics for power and position

Something you wish you had done during your governorship.

I believe I had done what I wanted to do.

Any change you would like to see in Rotary.

Politics should be avoided at any cost.

Stewardship and accountability is to be followed up by one and all.

TEXCITY TIMES reached out to 5 PDGs with 6 questions for their short answers. The questions were

Your wow DG moment

Your elevator pitch to a prospective Rotarian

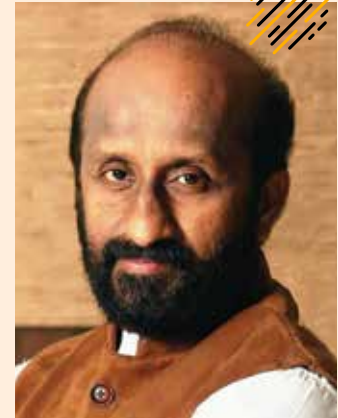
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Any change you would like to see in Rotary.

Here is the response from them



MADHAV CHANDRAN

Your wow DG moment

Governments of Kerala, especially the leftist ones, had always viewed Rotary as a rich man's place and meant for lavish indulgences of Rotarians. During my DG year we intentionally tried to conceive many of our projects complementing and aligning with Government initiatives. Kerala's first breast milk bank - Nectar of Life, Rotary Police engagement activities, hundreds of houses for the flood-affected, million masks and PPEs for medics and police force during covid, hundreds of hand wash-stations in public places, numerous Covid-relief equipment in many Govt medical colleges and hospitals in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, free meals, umbrellas, sanitizers and protection kits for Police on duty, the list was quite impressive. Result was that both the Governments in Kerala and Tamil Nadu started seeing Rotary with respect and acknowledged the efforts of Rotarians in supporting Govt activities. The WOW moment came when a stern and matter-of-fact communist Chief Minister came to inaugurate our District Conference in Feb 2020 and lavishly praised Rotary for the yeomen services rendered by us and requested us to continue supporting Govt activities the way we have been doing. Mission successful in rewriting the script!

Your elevator pitch to a prospective Rotarian

Rotary is your opportunity to make good friends for a lifetime and to create a legacy for yourself by indulging in service activities touching lives of many unknowns. Rotary will help you refine yourself unknowingly, to become a better YOU!

Three ideas to get more women in Rotary

Have exclusive Satellite Clubs with women Rotarians and slowly get them exposed to the parent Club, and get them involved in activities of their interest while not putting them under pressure of the regular Club rules and practices

Conduct regular women-centric workshops and seminars to mold and nurture women managers and entrepreneurs. Get them connected with Rotary events on a regular basis and those women leaders will find it interesting to know more about Rotary.

Induct Anns/partners who show good leadership skills in their vocations or otherwise as Rotarians and bring them up to leadership positions in the Club. This will attract their friends and similar women leaders to join the Club.

What according to you is a vibrant club

A club that meets regularly, with reasonably good attendance and the members and their families having lots of fun together, doing service projects together, and craving for get togethers at the drop of a hat.

Something you wish you had done during your governorship.

A project that is haunting me for a while - a funeral home for all religions and class. In India we do not have such a project with multiple halls and facilities like in the developed countries. Elaborate plans were made including a blueprint for such a project to begin in Cochin, which is still left as an unfulfilled dream. Will somehow try to initiate that soon in association with Government and local bodies.

Any change you would like to see in Rotary.

Tried to weed out any kind of politics or groups in Rotary especially in the selection of leaders during my term. Elections to leadership positions and related rigorous campaigns can spoil the spirit and image of Rotary and hence tried to promote the evolution of true leaders naturally. This is a process and has to be promoted by every Rotarian in his capacity at all levels of leadership.

A.V. PATHY

Your wow DG moment

There are plenty. The best one -JUST A MILLION ACHIEVEMENT "The Team achieved the millions - the million trees, million ounce of blood donation, million meals , million liters of potable water for needy , the million smiles and more

than a million dollars to the TRF . All that in one year - WOW! what a TEAM - the miracle makers.

Your elevator pitch to a prospective Rotarian

Hi! There is this organization which has made a remarkable contribution in carving my life with a purpose and joy. It adds more meaning to life - friends, fun, leadership, international networking, making a difference in lives of someone and above all in our own. It feels like a family to be with them. I guess you will fit in well there. It's called ROTARY.

Three ideas to get more women in Rotary

What do they like most - shopping! Start Rotary shopping and boutiques.

Put small posters - Be a part of one of the safest organizations in the world and become a leader. Join Rotary!

Invite the teachers and professors and tell them who we are and ask them to talk to their students. I Have seen this work!

What according to you is a vibrant club

At least 50 percent of the members have something worthwhile to indulge in.

Something you wish you had done during your governorship.

I missed doing a rotary park with a fountain - added with a sensory park for special children.

Any change you would like to see in Rotary.

Go back to old times.

KAMLESH RAHEJA

Your wow DG moment

My keen interest in implementing wins project in every club of our District, required GLOBAL Grant International partner who would give DDF.



My untiring and strenuous efforts made me approach Rtn. Sushil Gupta the then Founder Trustee, who helped me in getting an International partner from South Korea with a contribution of DDF USD\$30,000. There was an equal distribution from our District .

We were able to get USD\$ 1,20,000/

This enabled the clubs to carry out this project in all their clubs.

A scintillating moment.

Your elevator pitch to a prospective Rotarian

Enlightening the prospective Rotarian on the noble service carried out in Rotary and Rotarians worldwide and the benefits of being a Rotarian.

Three ideas to get more women in Rotary.

More women professionals and Businesses women can be inducted.

Motivation, equal rights and responsibilities can be given.

More projects and programs related to women involvement can be included.

What according to you is a vibrant club

A vibrant club is the one which participates in all the Avenues of Rotary service, a club where all the members work in unison in changing lives in the community

Something you wish you had done during your governorship.

I am contented and self satisfied having rendered full justice during my tenure .

Any change you would like to see in Rotary.

No change is required. It is enough if the present system and protocol are followed.

DR.K.A. KURIACHAN

Your wow DG moment

The 340 km long Road Accident helpline on National Highway 47 which stretched from Bhavani in Erode district to Vytilla in Ernakulam District with 18 ambulances and 24 hours helpline centers was the fulfilment of a long-cherished dream.

It helped 10,000 accident victims and saved many lives. Also, the dream of starting 16 new Rotary clubs in our District, including two all the



way in Lakshadweep islands in the Arabian Sea.

Your elevator pitch to a prospective Rotarian

You should join Rotary to enjoy the whole Rotary world as one family. Rotary is the gateway for everlasting friendship and fellowship with world citizens who have united to serve mankind.

Three ideas to get more women in Rotary.

Give them information about Rotary's pathbreaking work in Polio eradication, Literacy Mission and achievements in other focus areas.

Enlighten them about leadership positions such as club Presidents, District Governors and even the incoming Rotary International President being held by women, and hence the opportunity to take up leadership roles.

Inform them about the flexibility of attending meetings including an option to join an E-club.

What according to you is a vibrant club

A vibrant club is one in which all the members along with their families participate in club activities and projects. The club members should endeavor to create a positive atmosphere and avoid personal criticism. Also, the club should execute at least three major service projects during a Rotary year which are relevant and visible in the community.

Something you wish you had done during your governorship.

I had worked on a plan to charter a Rotary club in Dubai, UAE., including a list of prospective members. This proposal was turned down by R.I. because of the distance. However, I was glad that a neighboring country could charter a club there subsequently.

Wanted to build 100 classrooms and 300 toilet blocks. But could complete only 60 classrooms and 200 toilet blocks.

Besides Palakkad to Cochin, wanted to complete the Road accident helpline centers from Palakkad to Kasarkode also, but could only implement in Mallapuram, Calicut and Kannur.

Any change you would like to see in Rotary.

Every Parliamentarian in every country should want to join the Rotary movement.

Rotarians in every revenue district should join hands to implement a single large common project to help the community.

Rotary should have 10 million quality members by 2050.

Rotary should receive the Nobel Peace Prize at the earliest.

ABC OF ROTARY

CLASSIFICATION PRINCIPLE

Virtually all membership in Rotary was based upon a “classification.” Basically a classification describes the distinct and recognized business or professional service which the Rotarian renders to society.

The principle of Rotary classification is somewhat more specific and precise. In determining the classification of a Rotarian it is necessary to look at the “principal or recognized business or professional activity of the firm, company or institution” with which an active member is connected or “that which covers his principal and recognized business or professional activity.” It should be clearly understood that classifications are determined by activities or services to society rather than by the position held by a particular individual. In other words, if a person is the president of a bank, he or she is not classified as “bank president” but under the classification “banking.”

It is the principal and recognized activity of a business or professional establishment or the individual’s principal and recognized business or professional activity that determines the classification to be established and loaned to a qualified person. For example, the permanently employed electrical engineer, insurance adjuster, or business manager of a railroad company, mining company, manufacturing concern, hospital, clinic, etc., may be considered for membership as a representative of the particular work he or she may be doing personally or as a representative of the firm, company, or institution for which the professional service is being done.

The classification principle also permits business and industries to be separated into distinct functions such as manufacturing, distributing, retailing and servicing. Classifications may also be specified as distinct and independent divisions of a large corporation or university within the club’s territory, such as a school of business or a school of engineering.

Though the classification principle is not as dominant as it once was it is still important that we make an effort to assure that each Rotary club represents a cross section of the business and professional service of the community.

CLUB BANNERS

One of the colorful traditions of many Rotary clubs is the exchange of small banners, flags or pennants. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at “make up”

meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

The Rotary International board recognized the growing popularity of the banner exchange back in 1959 and suggested that those clubs which participate in such exchanges give careful thought to the design of their banners in order that they be distinctive and expressive of the community and country of which the club is a part. It is recommended that banners include pictures, slogans or designs which portray the territorial area of the club.

The board was also mindful of the financial burden such exchange may impose upon some clubs, especially in popular areas where many visitors make up and request to exchange. In all instances, clubs are cautioned to exercise discretion and moderation in the exchange of banners in order that the financial obligations do not interfere with the basic service activities of the club.

Exchanging club banners is a very pleasant custom, especially when a creative and artistic banner tells an interesting story of community pride. The exchange of banners is a significant tradition of Rotary and serves as tangible symbol of our international fellowship.

CONCERN FOR THE AGING

One current area of special emphasis for Rotary clubs focuses on providing “new opportunities for the aging.” In 1990, the RI Board of Directors urged Rotarians to identify new projects serving the elderly that emphasize intergenerational activities and the integration of seniors into society and the workplace. The following year, the board called for an approach that stressed service “with” the elderly as well as “for” them.

With the substantial upswing in the worldwide population of older persons, their needs for special attention have greatly multiplied. As citizens grow older, it becomes increasingly important for them to retain their personal independence and to remain in control of their own lives to the extent this is possible.

Many Rotary clubs are seeking ways to serve the older persons of their community who face problems of deteriorating health, loneliness, poor nutrition, transportation difficulties, inability to do customary chores, loss of family associations, reduced recreational opportunities, inadequate housing and limited information about available social agencies for emergency assistance. Some

clubs have initiated a valuable community service to assist older persons in retirement planning and adjustment by organizing and sharing the wealth of information available within the club's membership. Other clubs have developed foster grandparent programs and other intergenerational activities that allow seniors to use their experience and knowledge to help young people. Rotarians often can provide services which seniors can no longer do for themselves.

The greatest need of aging individuals is frequently a mere expression of real caring and concern by thoughtful friends. All Rotarians should seriously consider how they and their clubs may actively participate in programs for the aging. It is one area of community service in which there is a growing possibility that each of us may some day be on the receiving end.

CONVENTIONS

Each May or June, Rotary International holds a worldwide convention "to stimulate, inspire and inform all Rotarians at an international level." The convention, which may not be held in the same country for more than two consecutive years, is the annual meeting to conduct the business of the association. The planning process usually begins about four or five years in advance.

The RI board determines a general location and invites cities to make proposals. The conventions are truly international events which 20,000 to 40,000 Rotarians and guests attend. All members should plan to participate in a Rotary International convention to discover the real internationality of Rotary. It is an experience you'll never forget.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

A community, defined in its simplest terms, is a group of people who have something in common. But in real life, it is something far more complex than that. Each member — every individual, group, organization, and business — draws benefits from the community in many different ways. For a community to thrive, each of its members must honor a commitment to contribute to the well-being of the whole by returning those benefits in kind.

Rotarians recognize the importance of giving back to the community. After all, Community Service is one of the Four Avenues of Service. Every Rotary club and every Rotarian assumes a responsibility to find ways to improve the quality of life for those in their communities and to serve the public interest. When those efforts are effective, they not only contribute to the greater good, they also promote Rotary's positive image.

What makes a community service effort effective? Relevance. A community service project must address a real, current community concern or issue. Rotary clubs should start by surveying their communities to find out where help is needed. Once a club has listened to its community, it can begin to envision effective responses to problems.

AWARD WINNERS

ROTARACT PROJECTS TAKE HONORS

Meet The Winners Of The 2020-21 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards



ONE
MINUTE
Wisdom

Everyone was surprised by the Master's updated metaphor: "Life is like a motor car." They waited in silence, knowing that an explanation would not be long in coming. "Oh yes," he said at length. "A motor car can be used to travel to the heights." Another silence. "But most people lie in front of it, allow it to run over them, then blame it for the accident."



The winners of the 2020-21 Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards were announced in April and celebrated during the virtual Rotaract Preconvention in June. Rotaract clubs and districts in 63 countries nominated a record 675 service projects, which were evaluated by RI staff and Rotaract Committee members on criteria including sustainability, community assessment, promotion, impact within Rotary's areas of

focus, involvement of multiple Rotaract clubs, and collaboration with Rotarians and local experts. Two projects were chosen as international awardees and six as regional awardees.

For more than 25 years, the Rotaract Outstanding Project Awards program has been an opportunity for Rotaract clubs to share their success with the global Rotary community and to inspire other clubs to develop sustainable and innovative projects. Because the nomination form is modeled after The Rotary Foundation's global grant application, the process also helps prepare Rotaract clubs to apply for global grants, which they will be allowed to do starting 1 July. Learn more about Rotaract.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Single club: Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, for creating and sustaining Sri Lanka's largest educational audiobook library, as well as designing audio-based vocational training lessons to benefit visually impaired students.

Multiclub: Rotaract clubs in Southeast Asia for their You Are Not Alone mental health initiative, which reached more than 50,000 people with an approach that included local outreach and virtual educational workshops on suicide, cyberbullying, trauma, and depression.

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Africa: Rotaract Club of Kololo, Uganda, for empowering women from five communities by donating sewing machines, providing financial training, and creating an investment club to pool resources and savings.

Asia-Pacific: Rotaract Club of Zamboanga City West, Philippines, for a project that introduced hydroponic gardening to an association of women

farmers to help them increase their food security and generate income

Canada, Caribbean, and United States:

Rotaract Club of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, for helping install in a local park an artificial tree that uses solar power to charge electronic devices, raising awareness of the benefits of alternative energy.

Central Asia, Europe, and Middle East: Rotaract Club of Tunis-Ennasr, Tunisia, for leading a nine-club project that collected donations of hair in order to provide customized wigs to children undergoing chemotherapy. In the process, the clubs highlighted the psychological impact of cancer and combated cultural myths about hair.

Latin America: Rotaract Club of Itabuna Universitários, Brazil, for supporting a neighborhood that had no access to drinking water or basic sanitation by distributing ceramic filters, educating residents about water treatment methods, and getting public health authorities involved.

South Asia: Rotaract Club of Islamabad, Bangladesh, for Project Beacon, in which members renovated a Rotary-sponsored school and provided tutoring, guidance, and educational materials to students facing challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Report of *Annents*

Annets club kickstarted their projects by donating 5 litres of sanitizer and 2 sanitary dispensers to the Nadar govt high school, Nanjundapuram. They have donated sanitizers worth Rs.5000 for the whole academic year for all the 211 students present.





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CSK is firmly positioned as a leading supplier of ERW Steel Tubes, HR Tubes, Galvanized tubes and boiler tubes in Tamilnadu and Kerala through 5 branches in Coimbatore and Calicut. Multiple warehouses stocking the industry's widest product portfolios, has enabled CSK to comprehensively create and capitalize on demand from various Industry and Retail sectors.

CSK tube Corporation is a trusted partner for leading brands namely TATA, JINDAL, Nezone Group and APL Apollo . Our wide product catalogue with several sub-specifications also caters to niche and customized requirements making us well positioned to increase our market and mind share with our customers.



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