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RI President

Rtn. Anup Mittal
District Governor

Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid
President

Rtn. Shobha Khatri
Secretary

President's Message

Dear Friends

Happy New Year!!

As we enter the second innings of the Rotary year, we approach it with renewed enthusiasm and vigor. Especially since the specter of Covid has receded, hopefully forever. Keeping up momentum however is a challenge for all club Presidents, and ours is no exception.



Rtn Abdul Aziz Seyid
President

The highlight of the month was the inauguration of the Oxygen plant at Sri Satya Sanjeevani Hospital funded by our third Global Grant. We felicitated AKS Nitin and Mrs Mehta who had helped us significantly in this initiative.

We progressed towards completing our commitment of Cataract surgeries which will allow us to fully draw down on the District Grant. In this regard, our outreach in Mewat is working as we will be soon having patients for cataract surgeries from there.

We rounded off the month by a talk on peace and conflict resolution by PP Rtn. Namrata Suri on "Peace in South Asia". This was a joint meeting co hosted by us with other Clubs.

March is "Water and Sanitation month". We are looking into installing hand wash stations in Mewat schools.

My best wishes for a safe few months ahead. Take good care!!

Abdul Aziz Seyid

President



RI President's Message

March 2022



We have overcome so many challenges these past two years and changed numerous lives. It brings me great joy that we have worked so hard this year to grow Rotary through the Each One, Bring One initiative. The result has been excellent growth in membership. Let us keep up the momentum. I am happy that you have put a spotlight on all we do by organizing projects around the world in our Rotary Days of Service. The future looks brighter than ever for Rotary and our 1.4 million members.

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 constituted a pandemic, and two years later it is important that we continue to draw on our expertise in our disease prevention and treatment area of focus to help people worldwide cope with the continuing challenges. The pandemic continues to defy all expectations, but we cannot be frozen in fear. Our work is too important. It is also important that we make time for each other, and I urge you to register for the upcoming 2022 Rotary International Convention in Houston. It is a great way for all of us to safely celebrate Rotary service. We can continue to build hope and spread peace in the world by using our resources to help the most vulnerable and keeping our faith in the future. The pandemic has had an especially devastating impact on girls worldwide. On the first anniversary of the pandemic, Henrietta Fore, the executive director of UNICEF, said that “immediate action is needed to mitigate the toll on girls and their families.” This need, unfortunately, remains just as strong a year later. The ripples of the pandemic have affected girls in unique ways — stunting their educational attainment, weakening their job prospects, and contributing to other terrible results such as child marriages and increased human trafficking.

Data from UNICEF reveals why our action is so essential. In the 2010s, important progress was made toward eliminating the practice of child marriage, and UNICEF estimates that 25 million such marriages were averted worldwide. Unfortunately, the pandemic reversed those positive trends, and as a result an additional 10 million girls are vulnerable to becoming child brides by the end of this decade. This is why our focus on Empowering Girls is such vital work, and I am delighted that at this year's virtual International Assembly, President-elect Jennifer Jones committed to continuing this initiative for another year. In my travels, I have witnessed many wonderful examples of club projects that back our Empowering Girls goals. But all Rotary members know that real change requires big efforts sustained over many years. This is the power of our global grants and actions taken within our areas of focus.

I encourage clubs to think of innovative ways to empower girls when designing their grant projects. Every step we take to improve education, health care, and economic opportunities for girls makes an important difference in helping them achieve their full potential. With opportunity we create hope, and with hope we address the root causes of conflict around the world, setting the stage for sustainable peace. None of us know how long the COVID-19 virus will linger — and as an organization that has worked tirelessly for decades to eradicate polio, we understand better than most the difficult work that lies ahead for the world. That is why we need to remain focused on the future and on what is possible — not feeling nostalgic for the way our lives were, but looking hopefully to a future that uses this opportunity to Serve to Change Lives. I look forward to continuing this good work with you.

Shekhar Mehta

President 2021-22



Know your Fellow Rotarian



Rtn Rama Chawla & Mr Vijay Chawla

After a long stint of nearly two decades Rtn Rama Chawla retired as GM Marketing & Member Relations, DLF Golf & Country Club. She joined the organization in 2000. It was an amazing journey for her was an integral part of the core team to set up the Club and develop it to not only be the No 1 Golf & Country Club in India but at par with most of the best in the world. Being a small and tight team she was involved in marketing and running the Club Events and Tournaments and in the first ten years, herself single handedly established the membership base of high net worth individuals. Prior to this she had embarked on her working career in the tourism industry with Nalagarh Fort Resorts and Asia Resorts Ltd. for a short while

Being the daughter of an Army officer Rtn Rama had the good fortune of having travelled, lived and studied (13 Schools) across the length and breadth of India and finally graduating in Political Science honors' from Meerut College in 1975.

Rtn Rama love for sports was imbibed from my father who was a sportsperson par excellence, A Gold Medalist, he captained each and every game from water polo to horse polo at Aitcheson College Lahore and went on to captain the Service's Cricket Team and won his Test Cap in 1947. At school level she too played and captained most games and was her School Sports Captain and then on took Athletics and was a National Level Sprinter. Besides sports, Dramatics and Debates were her forte.

Matrimony saw me whisked away to the North East of India by her Tea Planter husband Vijay Chawla and kept there for over the next two decades in true Raj style 'Mem Sahib'. Vijay, a Silver Medalist Electrical Engineer from Thapar Engineering College Patiala worked with the Goodricke Group. Their tea gardens panned from Darjeeling to Dooars to Assam. Aside from the field work, he was primarily in charge of the factories and tea making. Recipient of many awards he was recognized for his fine tea making, be it the strong Dooars & Assam CTC or the Castleton Fragrant Muscatel Darjeeling orthodox tea. On retiring from Tea in 1995 we choose to settle down in Gurgaon and Vijay switched over to the Real Estate sector. He worked as Project head for Malibu Towne for a decade, DLF and finally hung up his boots after a stint with Bharti Realty. Now he is promoting various environment friendly products and an active member of the CP II RWA technical team.

Her family is complete with a son, Arjun and daughter Ayesha. Both are married and settled.

Rtn Rama Chawla joined Rotary Club of Gurgaon Harmony Iberis in October 2020.



Community Service Project

Inauguration of Global Grant Project Oxygen Plant



On Valentine's Day, 14th February 2022, our Club, Rotary Club of Gurgaon Harmony Iberis carried out a Landmark Project. We, along with our Prestigious Partner Clubs in USA, Europe, Navi Mumbai and Delhi, united together to Install an Oxygen Plant at Sri Sathya Sai Hospital in Palwal. This Oxygen Plant is 3 times the current usage of the Hospital and this will ensure that the Hospital is self sufficient and not dependent on an outside agency. We, the Rotarians across the Globe, have come together for the single cause of saving the LITTLE HEARTS who get new life at Sri Sathya Sai Hospital, completely free of any charge. This plant will save a lot of children in years to come. Our special thanks to all the Doctors and Staff at the Hospital for doing such a commendable job!



Community Service Project Cataract Surgeries Camp



As part of Club's "Mission 100" Cataract Surgeries

Our Club successfully completed 4 Cataract Surgeries at Perfect Eye and Laser Centre, Dwarka, New Delhi on 3rd March 2022. This is the fifth in a series of such surgeries where the Club plans to assist such needy individuals. By restoring functional visibility to people, we believe we are enhancing and enriching the quality of their lives, and also assisting them to continue earning their livelihoods. With this we have completed the Club's quota of cataract surgeries to enable the District disburse the District Grant awarded to us. We have now conducted 41 surgeries, 37 with Dr Chillar and 4 at Safdarjung hospital courtesy Rtn Rajeev / Dr Kritika. On 3rd March, patients had come for post-op check up and Pres Aziz was able to meet them as he went to collect the receipt and some docs for the District Grant.

President Rtn Abdul Aziz Seyid graced the occasion.



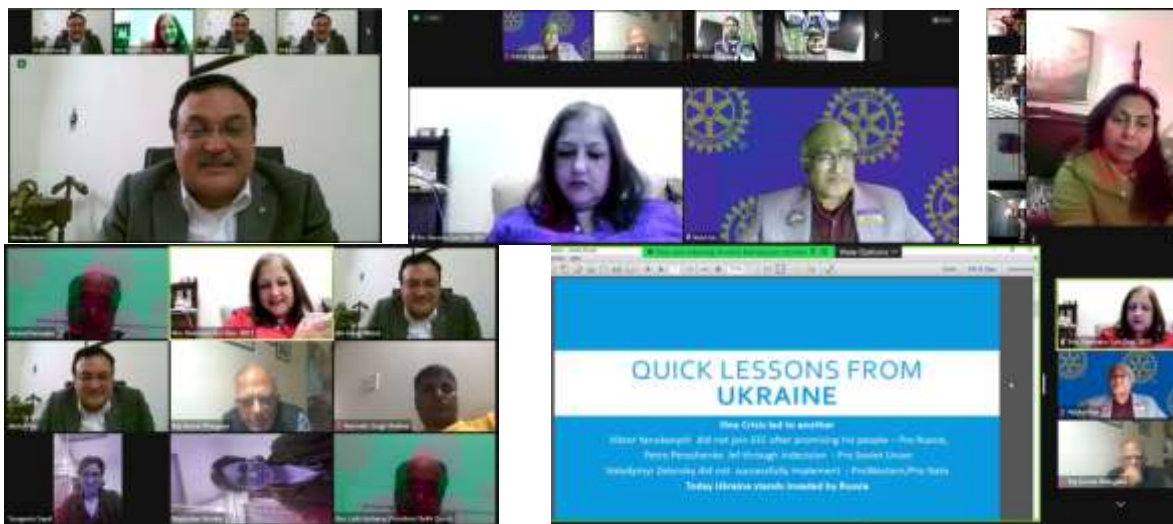
Club Service

Regular Club Meeting



Our Regular Club Meeting was held at Zoom on 9th February 2022. Many projects/ plans were discussed. It was a fruitful meeting. Rtn. Rajeev Bajaj gave an elaborate talk on Skill Development which was appreciated by all.

Joint Clubs Speaker Meeting; Speaker PP Rtn Namrata Suri



Joint Clubs Speaker meeting was held at virtual platform on 24th February 2022, hosted by RC Gurgaon Cosmopolitan. Our club was one of the Co-Host Club. It was attended by DG Anup Mittal, PDG Deepak Talwar, District Dignitaries, Presidents of Co-Host Rotary Clubs. About 50+ audience attended this speaker meeting. Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid President, RC Gurgaon Harmony Iberis gave an elaborate introduction of Speaker PP Rtn Namrata Suri, District Chair Admin, District Chair Peace & Conflict Resolution. Speaker PP Rtn Namrata Suri gave a PowerPoint presentation on the topic of 'Peace in South Asia' which was appreciated by all. This was followed by Question and answer session. President Rtn Abdul Aziz Seyid, Secretary Rtn. Shobha Khatri, PP Dr. R K Bhargava, Rtn. R. S. Rathee, Rtn. R. S. Atroley, Rtn. Sandeep and Rtn. Rajeev Bajaj attended this meeting from our Club.



District Event

Meeting on Membership Development



Meeting on Membership Development was held on 4th February 2022 at our Rotary Public School, Gurgaon. Our DG Anup Mittal had a meeting with Club Presidents of Gurgaon Rotary Clubs along with secretaries & their membership chairs. This meeting was primarily for increasing club membership, making new clubs, satellite clubs etc.

PDG Ranjan Dhingra, PDG Deepak Talwar, PDG Dr. Sushil Khurana, District Secretary Rtn. Vivek Jain, AG/IPP Rtn. Mukta Malhotra, President Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid, Secretary Rtn. Shobha Khatri and other Clubs members attended this meeting.

Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cyber City



President Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid attended the Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cyber City which was held on 12th February 2022. Rtn. Pankaj Dawar installed as Charter President of RC Gurgaon Cyber City.



GOV Meeting of Rotary Club of Gurgaon Pravahini



AG/IPP Rtn. Mukta Malhotra and President Rtn. Abdul Aziz Seyid attended the GOV meeting of Rotary Club of Gurgaon Pravahini which was held on 16th February 2022 at CCA School, Gurgaon. It was very well organized event.



From the Secretary's Desk



Rtn Shobha Khatri, Secretary

Rotary Designated Months

July	Start of new Rotary officers' year of service
August	Membership and New Club Development
September	Basic Education and Literacy
October	Economic and Community Development
November	Rotary Foundation
December	Disease Prevention and Treatment
January	Vocational Service
February	Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution
March	Water and Sanitation
April	Maternal and Child Health
May	Youth Service
June	Rotary Fellowships

Calendar of Events

11th, 12th & 13th March 2022	District Conference 2021-22 at Tyagraj Stadium, New Delhi
23rd March 2022	Regular Club Meeting DLF Club 5, DLF Phase-V, Gurugram
March 2022	Community Service projects
29th & 30th April & 1st May 2022	Presidential Conference, Hyderabad

Best Wishes & Felicitations

Birthdays

3rd March R'anne Rashmi Datt
 5th March Mr Kuldeep Pandey
 21st March Rtn. Neel Kamal Bhargava

Anniversaries



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