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Time to think **BIG**



*"Life is like a tennis game.
You can't win without serving"*

*Arthur Robert Ashe Jr. (1943-93)
Grand Slam singles champion*

FEEDBACK

Dear George,
Congratulations on the publication of this very informative magazine. I read through it this evening and it is complete with useful information. I hope that it is widely circulated and is an inspiration for all.

Michael K. McGovern
RLI International Chair

Dear George,
Thank you for the quarterly magazine. It is excellent, (interesting and informative, for sure). Please thank all your reporters/writers. Thanks and all the best, my friend.

PDG. Knut Johnson,
International Executive Director, USA.



Dear Rtn George,
Thank you very much for this very informative newsletter. Wishing you the best success in your RLI activities,
Kind regards
PDG Leila Risteli Piirikouluttaja
District Trainer D1385 RLI International Board Member, Finland

Dear PDG Rtn. George,
Excellent !. It is indeed a great effort from you. The Newsletter has come out very well. Your passion, drive and desire to share Rotary knowledge with the Rotarains is a motivation to all of us. Keep up the good work
PDG George sa'ab..
With warm regards
PDG H Rajendra Rai
RID 3190

Congratulations George.
This is an excellent effort. I will take time out to read it some more.
Thank you for sharing.
Dr. Tunji Funsho
RLI International Board Member
Nigeria

Dear PDG George,
Indeed a great document on Your quarterly news letter with very informative articles and reports giving a gist of What Rotary does through RLI programs.
My finest brand of wishes to you.
Regards,
PDG. Dr. Jorson Fernandez
Divisional Chair, Zone 7, Goa

Dear RLI International Director Dr George,
It is indeed a pleasure to read the Quarterly newsletter of RLISA. Excellent beginning with useful information and exposure to RLISA activities.
Regards
C.M.Bendre
RLI - India

Leader's Talk

PRID. Kamal Sanghvi

Chairman, Rotary Leadership Institute South Asia
World Membership Chair

My Dear Warriors of Rotary Leadership Institute,

After an eventful Rotary year 2021-22 with our own leader at the helm of affairs, we are at the beginning of an enchanting year. The first woman President, Jennifer Jones has taken over after 33 years of admitting women into Rotary. After being a male bastion for 84 years, we have realized the importance of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion now. Race, religion, colour, ethnicity and sexual orientation may be the talking points of DEI in the West, but in our region, it is the gender which plays a major role. It is not enough just to admit women into Rotary (Diversity), it is equally important to offer them opportunities to perform (Equity) and make them leaders in Rotary (Inclusion) to have a healthy and vibrant Rotary club.

In membership development, we are good at attracting members, but not so good in retention. Our engagement of members should be improved upon if we want to retain members. To engage members, we must know the various opportunities available in Rotary. This is where Rotary Leadership Institute plays a major role. Orientation of the new members and grass-root level rotarians is so essential to let them know the wide range of activities available. Engaging and Attracting members in Parts 1 and 2 in RLI training are the ones the facilitators should concentrate on to improve upon our retention rate.

Rotary is a big ocean. There are many activities and opportunities. The Facilitators must learn well and keep abreast with the latest changes. The Rotary Foundation, Rotaract clubs, DEI and new club models are the areas among many, where our RLI trainers will have to concentrate and pick up all the information. Motivating and inspiring our Rotarians is the task that we are going to take up and I wish you well in that endeavours.



I am imagining the day when people will queue up to join Rotary clubs, do bigger, bolder and brighter projects and be part of many worthwhile activities and say proudly that I am a Rotarian who has come to stay.

Kamal Sanghvi
RLI Chair, South Asia

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From the Editor's desk

My Dear Rotarians,

I am so happy to meet you again through these pages of the RLISA quarterly magazine. We connected our RLI activities and sports through our Editorials in the last 4 issues. This time I want to say something about the recently concluded Wimbledon tennis tournament and the lessons we could pick from there

Novak Djokovic won the men's final defeating the fiery Australian Nick Kyrgios in 4 sets. These two players have met only in two matches before this tournament and both matches were won by Nick with his thundering services. But this is the first appearance of the Australian in a Grand Slam event as against the 32nd appearance of the Serbian great. Djokovic has won 21 Grand Slam titles and he is just one slam behind the world record holder, Rafael Nadal with 22 grand slam titles.

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We learn many things from these Tennis greats like John McEnroe, Bjorn Borg, Boris Becker, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal are great leaders and inspires..

- We must work hard like Rafael Nadal to sharpen our skills as Facilitators to discuss quality stuff with the participants.
- We must develop specialized skills like Pete Sampras' Serve and Volley to attract our participants and make them come to you for more and more.



- We must possess sublime talent like Roger Federer to offer more and more to the participants.
- We must also have the ice cool temperament of Novak Djokovic to tide over situations in a tricky session.

There are many discussions taking place in the RLI South Asia WhatsApp group. We will do well to follow some of the tips and directions given by the senior leaders to make the RLI training sessions more meaningful, innovative and relevant. Member engagement should be our top priority by making people understand Rotary and converting them into effective leaders. Despite our Immediate Past Rotary International President Shekar Mehta working so hard on membership and giving us the call of "Each one – Bring one" we have not been able to achieve fully the desired target. The blame must be taken by us for not providing the right direction to the grass root level Rotarians and in the coming years we must target Rotarians get them engaged and active with their respective classifications and passions.

Let us strive hard to retain members. Let us make our organization relevant to all the members. Let us be nimble footed to change direction. Let us understand the strategic planning for the continuity of our actions. Let us think of our next big step as a world organization. Let us also explore the possibilities of what is best suited for our region.

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF WE THINK BIG LIKE BJORN BORG.

Love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'George Sundararaj'.

George Sundararaj

Executive Director - Rotary Leadership Institute, South Asia

Expert Speak

PP Binod Khaitan

Regional Vice Chairman

RLI South Asia Region

(India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka & Maldives)

The spice of facilitation

Facilitation or Process Facilitation is actually simple. It involves some very basic elements .. some of them are 'SPICE'. The way spices enhance the taste of a dish.. this SPICE too enhances the participants' experience, the outcome & session impact. This SPICE works well in face to face & virtual facilitation as well.

Note: The term 'facilitator' here is 'Content Neutral Process Facilitator'.

Let's look at what the SPICE is:

SILENCE:

Every trainer' facilitators' dream is to have a session that is buzzing with voices... participants sharing, contributing ... So much so that silence bothers us. We feel we are failing if the group is silent. We consider a participant is not engaged if he/she is not speaking & contributing. As a facilitator being equally comfortable with Silence is necessary. Embrace silence as that is the time the group is reflecting, processing, ideating. Learn to live with silence & you will experience magic happening.

PARTICIPATION:

Participation is seemingly contradictory to silence. It is just another element that a facilitator needs to have in the sessions. The group will participate when there is a safe sharing environment. Let the group be sensitive and this begins with the being sensitive to the group.

INCLUSION:

As facilitators we need to accept diversity. Do not stereotype. Let every individual, every response, every action & every reaction be equally important in the session. Focus on your circle of control & influence.



Acknowledge everyone individually. Ensure everyone's comfort, both physically & psychologically. Let everyone feel he/she is being heard.

CONNECT:

Connects happen through emotions. Yet we run behind technology, infrastructure & platforms. Create connects, provide channels, use processes that will help participants connect with each other. A process is not just a series of steps from A to Z. Use them to let people bond, use them to channelize empathy, use them so that the group sees each others' perspectives & respect them.

ENGAGEMENT:

A facilitator needs to ask right questions that trigger thought processes & then allows engagement. Engagement according to me could be the sum total of the above points. A highly engaged group is always productive. Engagement can be enhanced by having a clearly defined outcomes, clear WOWs, understanding of roles & responsibilities. A strong stakeholder interface really makes engagement in the session easy as the participants foster a sense of ownership during the session.

(Credits : Adapted from "SPICE of Facilitation" by Mr. Ganesh Dalvi, CPF)

Warm wishes

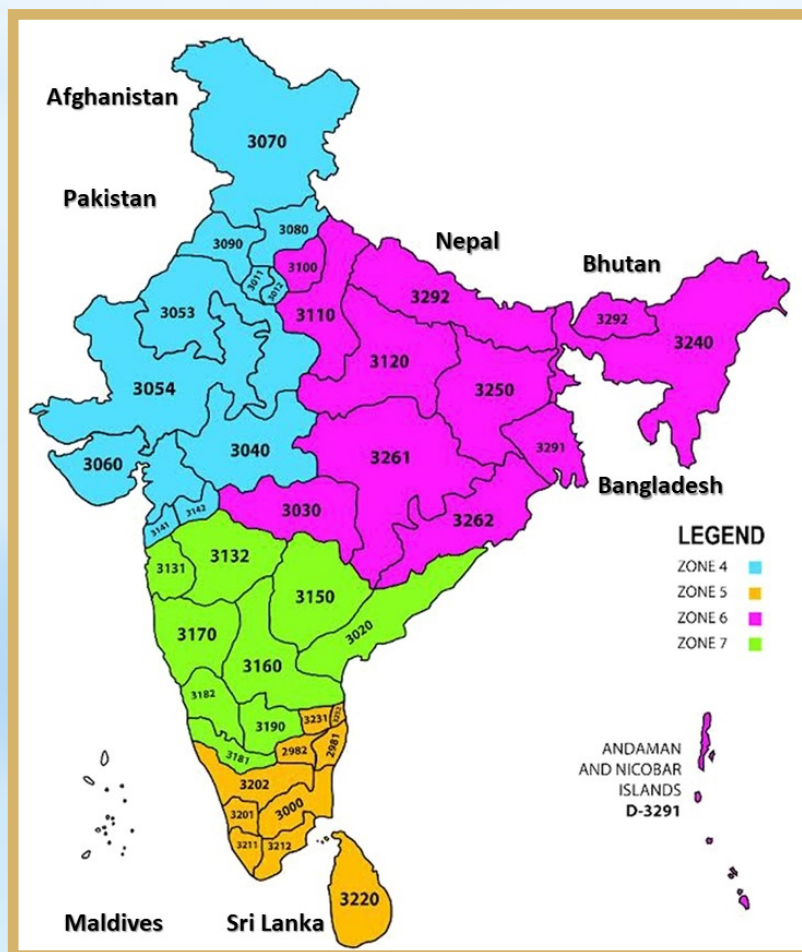
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Zonal Activities

RLISA Coverage : Afghanistan, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka



RLI activities Annual Summary (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

ZONE	Jul - Sep 2021		Oct - Dec 2021		Jan - Mar 2022		Apr - Jun 2022		SUMMARY	
	Sessions conducted	Participants	Sessions conducted	Participants	Sessions conducted	Participants	Sessions conducted	Participants	Sessions conducted	Participants
4			2	33					2	33
5	10	250	9	235	11	315	5	175	35	975
6	14	339	14	267	12	202			40	808
7	21	401	8	148	23	379	18	292	70	1220
Pakistan			9	316					9	316
SUMMARY	45	990	42	999	46	896	23	467	156	3352

D.E.I. - Code of Conduct for Rotarians : 4 MAJOR GUIDELINES



FIRST:
Use respectful language

SECOND:
Be supportive

THIRD:
Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment

FOURTH:
Celebrate diversity

RLI activities Summary (Apr 2022 - Jun 2022)

Quarter	Zone	Sessions conducted	Participants
Apr-Jun 2022	5	5	175
	7	18	292
			467

Zone 5 Activities

Zone 5 Districts (11) - 2981, 2982, 3000, 3201, 3203, 3204, 3211, 3212, 3220, 3231, 3232

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Sl #	Host District	Dates	Language	RLI Part	Participants	Mode of training	Facilitators
1	RID 3212	07th & 08th May 2022	Tamil	Part 1 & 2	50	Physical	PDG Dr. George, PP Rtn. Priscilla, PP Rtn. Priya, PP Rtn. Petha Perumal, PP Rtn. Navamani and PP Rtn. Mythili
2	RID 3231	14th & 15th May 2022	Tamil	Part 1 & 2	50	Physical	PDG Dr. George, PP Rtn. Priscilla, PP Rtn. Mohan, PP Rtn. Reji Jose, PP Rtn. Kumarappan and PP Rtn. Sakthivel
3	RID 3232	19th May 2022	English	Graduate	25	Virtual	PDG Dr. George, PDG Shyamashree, PDG Asoka
4	RID 3232	20th Apr 2022	English	Graduate	25	Virtual	PDG Dr. George S
5	RID 3232	18th Jun 2022	English	Graduate	25	Virtual	PDG Dr. George, PP Rtn. C M Bhendre, PP Rtn. Prakash S

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D3212-Tuticorin-RLI Part 1 - 7th & 8th May 2022



D3212-Tuticorin-RLI Part 1 - 7th & 8th May 2022



D3231-Thiruvannamalai-RLI Part 1 - 14th & 15th May 2022



Zone 7 Activities

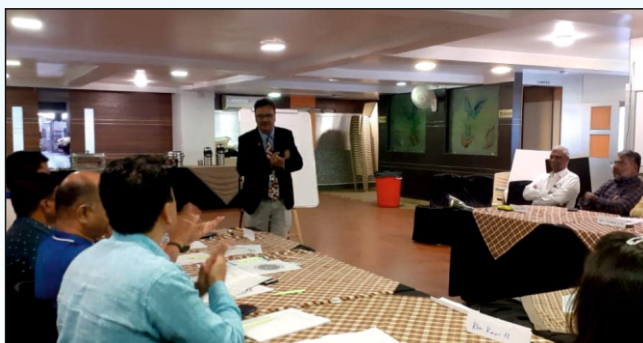
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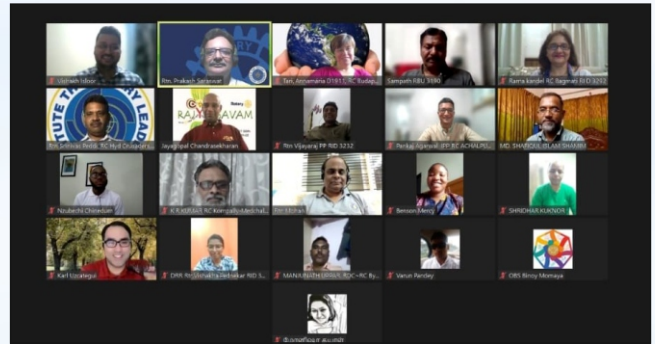
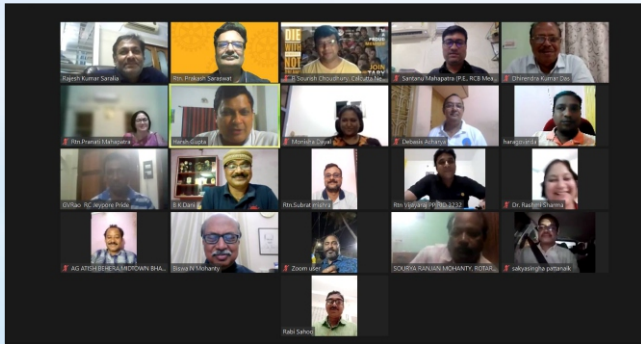
Sl #	Host District	Dates	Language	RLI Part	Participants	Mode of training	Facilitators
1	3170	1st to 03rd Apr 2022	English	Part 1	15	Virtual	Rtn. PP.Gauri Shirgaonkar, Rtn.PP.Dr Lenny D Costa, Rtn.PP.Vasuki Sanji, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, Rtn.PP.Dr Gaurish Padukone, Rtn.PP.Ajay Menon
2	3170	03rd Apr 2022	English	Part 1	19	Physical	Rtn. PP.Binoy Momaya, Rtn.PP.Vasuki Sanji, Rtn.PP.Narsimha Joshi, Rtn.PP.Dr Anil Garag, Rtn.PP. Hemendra Porwal, Rtn.PP.Durgesh Haritay
3	3170	16th & 17th Apr 2022	English	Graduate	16	Virtual	PDG Rajiv Sharma, Rtn.PP.Ajay Narkesari, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat
4	3170	22nd to 24 Apr 2022	English	Part 2	18	Virtual	Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, Rtn.PP. Mohan Kumar, PDG Sandeep Narang, Rtn.PP.Harsh Gupta, Rtn.PP.Nagraj Joshi, PDG Rajiv Sharma
5	3170	23rd & 24th Apr 2022	English	Part 1	19	Virtual	Rtn.PP.Sudhindra Mohan Sharma,Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, PDG Dr George S, Rtn.PP. Ajay Narkesari, Rtn.PP.Subash Sajane, Rtn.PP.C M Bendre
6	3170	24th Apr 2022	English	Part 1	14	Physical	Rtn.PP.Shephan Shaikh, Rtn.PP.Dr Lenny Da Costa, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, PDG Dr Jorson Fernandes, Rtn.PP.Subash Sajane
7	3170	06th to 08th May 2022	English	Part 2	19	Virtual	PDG Dilip Patnaik, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat,PDG Dr George S, Rtn.PP.C M Bendre,Rtn.PP.Dr Gaurish Padukone, PDG Shyamashree Sen
8	3170	04th Jun 2022	English	Part 1	20	Physical	Rtn.PP.Binoy Momaya, Rtn.PP.Dr Pallavi Deshpande, Rtn.PP.Jitu Tanna, Rtn.PP.Nagraj Joshi, Rtn.PP.Anil Kumar Jain, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat
9	3170	04th Jun 2022	English	Part 3	14	Physical	Rtn.PP.CM Bendre, Rtn.PP.Dr Gaurish Padukone, Rtn.PP.Mohan Kumar, Rtn.PP.Nagraj Joshi
10	3170	04th Jun 2022	English	Part 1	7	Physical	PDG Rajiv Pradhan, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, Rtn.PP.Hemendra Porwal, PDG Dr Jorson Fernandes, Rtn.PP.Ajay Menon
11	3170	04th Jun 2022	English	Part 3	13	Physical	Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, PDG Dr Jorson Fernandes, Rtn.PP.Ajay Menon, PDG Rajiv Pradhan, Rtn.PP.Hemendra Porwal
12	3170	04th Jun 2022	English	Part 3	18	Physical	Rtn.PP.Mohan Kumar, Rtn.PP.Vasuki Sanji, Rtn.PP.CM Bendre, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, Rtn.PP.Dr Gaurish Padukone
13	3170	05th Jun 2022	English	Part 2	22	Physical	Rtn.PP.Mohan Kumar, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat, Rtn.PP.Hemendra Porwal, Rtn.PP.Dr Gaurish Padukone
14	3170	05th Jun 2022	English	Part 2	12	Physical	PDG Rajiv Pradhan, Rtn.PP.Ajay Menon, Rtn.PP.Narasinha Joshi, Rtn.PP.Dr Anil Garag, Rtn.PP.Vasuki Sanji
15	3170	05th Jun 2022	English	Graduate	8	Physical	Rtn.PP.C.M. Bendre
16	3170	05th Jun 2022	English	Graduate	20	Physical	Rtn.PP.Subash Sajane, Rtn.PP.Nagraj Joshi
17	3170	05th Jun 2022	English	Graduate	20	Physical	PDG Dr Jorson Fernandes, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat
18	3170	25th & 26th June 2022	English	Graduate	18	Virtual	Rtn.PP.Mohan Kumar, Rtn.PP.C.M. Bendre, Rtn.PP.Prakash Saraswat

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D3170-Belgaum-Part 2-05th Jun2022



D3170-Goa-Part 2-06th to 08th May2022



D3170-Porvorim-RLI Part 1 - 24th Apr 2022



D3170-Hubli-Part 3-04th Jun2022



Knowledge Corner

PDG. George Sundararaj

Executive Director

Rotary Leadership Institute, South Asia



District Leadership Plan and Club Leadership Plan

The DLP was officially installed in the year 2001. This was brought about mainly to reduce the workload of the Governor and to enhance the effective functioning of the club through the appointment of Assistant Governors.

Assistant Governors are appointed by the Governor (Normally about 4 clubs or less per AG.)

- AGs hold a term of one year.
- They can hold upto a maximum of 3 one year terms.
- They must be Past Presidents
- They must be knowledgeable and be able to help the clubs to form effective committees and advise Club Leadership Plan to the clubs.
- They must be able to promote the 4 aspects of an EFFECTIVE ROTARY CLUB - Membership, Service projects, Supporting The Rotary Foundation and Developing leaders beyond club level.
- PDGs cannot be Asst. Governors.
- Assistant Governors are not RI officers.
- There should be Membership in good standing of a Rotary club for not less than 3 years.
- Attend AGTS, PETS and SETS, DTTS and District Assembly.
- Promote Club leadership plan
- Promote planning guide for effective Rotary club.
- Serve as a bridge between the club and the Governor.
- Meet the club at least once in 3 months.
- Refusal to allow the visit of the Assistant Governor by the club can be considered as, "Failure to function."
- Conduct club assembly before the Governor's Official Visit.
- In short, help to increase Membership, enhance service projects and improve Rotary Foundation activities participation and contribution.

But the Governor should visit all the clubs. The functioning of the Governor will be supported and improved by the Assistant Governors.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP PLAN

The Standard District Leadership Plan also recommends the following District Administrative Committees among others:

- Membership development
- Extension
- Public relations
- The Rotary Foundation
- District level programmes like Youth Exchange, Rotaract, Interact etc
- District Training
- Finance
- District conference
- R.I. convention promotion.

CLUB COMMITTEES AND BOARD

It is highly recommended to have Club Leadership Plan committee structure rather than Avenues of Service in the present times. But your club wants to stick onto the traditional Avenues of Chairs committees, it is fine.

AVENUE CHAIRS AND COMMITTEES

Club service Chair - Sub committees :

- Attendance
- Fellowship
- Membership
- Membership Development
- Club meeting programme
- Classification
- Rotary information
- Club Bulletin
- Magazine
- Public and Media relationship.

Vocational Service Chair - Sub committees :

- Vocational Awareness
- Vocational Awards
- Vocation at work
- Volunteers
- 4-Way Test promotion
- Career guidance and development

Community Service Chair - Sub committees :

You can have any number of Chairmen depending on the service projects that the club concentrates.

Broadly divided as

- Human development
- Community development
- Environmental development.

Do not forget Rotary Community Corps and Literacy committees

International Service Chair - Sub committees :

- International Friendship Exchange
- Rotary Action Groups
- Rotary Fellowships
- International convention promotion
- International Volunteers
- International Peace Promotion

Youth Service Chair - Sub committees :

- Interact
- Rotaract
- RYLA
- International Youth Exchange including New Generation Service Exchange.

The Rotary Foundation Chair Sub committees :

- Fund raising
- Grants
- Scholarships
- Vocational Training teams
- Polio plus
- Stewardship
- Major gifts and Endowments.

If you are following “Club Leadership Plan” Chairs which is in vogue from the year 2008 and which is highly recommended instead of the traditional Avenue Chairs, you may appoint the following Chairs and Sub committee chairs.

CLUB LEADERSHIP PLAN CHAIRS

Club Administration Chair - Sub committees :

- Attendance
- Fellowship
- Meeting Programmes
- Rotary Information
- Bulletin
- Rotary Magazines.

Membership Development Chair - Sub committees :

- Member Acquisition
- Member Retention
- Member Extension
- Diversity and Classification
- Member orientation

Public Image & Relationship Chair - Sub committees :

- Public Image
- Media Relationship
- Public Relationship
- Web management.

be made according to the size of the club, requirements of the club and its major thrust areas

Service Projects Chair - Sub committees :

- Vocational Service
- Community Service
- International Service
- Youth Service

The Rotary Foundation Chair - Sub committees :

- Fund raising
- Grants
- Scholarships
- Vocational Training teams
- Polio plus
- Stewardship
- Major gifts and Endowments.

The Board of the club will consist of CLUB OFFICERS and the 5 CLUB AVENUE CHAIRS or the 5 CLUB LEADERSHIP PLAN CHAIRS.

The following are the Club officers:

- President
- Immediate Past President
- Vice President
- President Elect
- President Nominee
- Secretary
- Joint Secretary
- Executive Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sergeant-at-arms

These are only suggested guide lines. Changes may be made according to the size of the club, requirements of the club and its major thrust areas.

Frequently asked questions:

Rtn Nirmala Raghavan (D3232)



1. Does Rotary really matter specially in times of crisis and uncertainty?

It varies from person to person and sometimes can be very personal too. Rotary is definitely built on goodwill and friendship. I know members who didn't want their friends who ran out of jobs to quit Rotary, and therefore paid up their membership fee. Rotary does diversify and grow.

2. Have you heard Rotary voices podcast?

I simply love it. it inspires its members to keep

going. It has stories from around the world, including stories from Rotary magazine, our blog, Rotary voices. There are global speakers who talk about projects, people, services, and much more. We can have better clarity of what Rotary is all about.

3. What is the future of women in Rotary?

The target that women will make up for 30% by 2023 of Rotary's members and leaders gives us hope and motivates more women in Rotary. Isn't it just fair to be responsible and remember DEI to help our organisation re-imagine, refine and grow so that we can remain relevant for future generations?

This is our time and women's voices are heard on the table. That's indeed good for Rotary.

4. What are the challenges for Rotary today?

As said by our John Hewko , CEO Rotary International

- Membership decline
- Maintaining relevance
- Being nimble enough to adapt
- Continuity in leadership
- Identifying our next global project
- Resistance to regionalisation

In order to make Rotary relevant and purposeful in today's context re-imagining and refining these 6 areas become mandatory.

5. How can we involve ourselves in Rotary?

Projects, networking globally, helping each other's businesses, finding our voices through Rotary blogs and Rotary podcast, services and community development.

Why the Rotary year begins on 1st July

Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August. Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914). Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently." Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June

DEI in ancient Indian texts

Rtn Subhash Sajane (D3170)

Subhodayam.

One who strives to obtain a knowledge of the customs of different countries, and also the languages of different nations, and of the usages of different communities, has a broad general knowledge and is sure to gain ascendancy everywhere in society'. -

देवतारान् इत्ययान् जति-धर्मान्
बुभुक्षते यास्तु परावराजनाह |

इह तत्रा तत्राधिगताह इदोवा
महाजानाद्यधिपत्यम् करोति ||

- Vidura Niti (99)

Human society had always been a mixed, multi-racial and multi cultured one with multiple customs across multiple nations. Someone said that "Variety is the spice of life!"

Good feelings, positive thoughts, inquisitiveness with a positive frame to understand rather than to criticize or find faults with, helps to maintain harmony within this mix.

Remember, everything evolves over time. Refinement, adjustment, discarding and adopting all happens with every single group, culture and civilization as it goes through several situations and stages.

Nobody is perfect, nobody is superior, nobody is inferior. It's just that some have a better understanding and try to maintain harmony while some are good at breaking in the guise of creating it.

Be aware, respect everyone's beliefs and habits, take what is good and appeals, discard or ignore the rest, but not the people.

God bless us all.



ROTARY YEAR - 2022-23 A SIMPLE CALENDAR

Plan meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions

August 2022

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2022

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2022

Community Economic Development Month

3-9 Oct - Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 Oct - World Polio Day

November 2022

Rotary Foundation Month

31 Oct - 5 Nov - World Interact Week

December 2022

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 Dec - Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention

January 2023

Vocational Service Month

8-12 Jan - International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

February 2023

Peace building and Conflict Prevention Month

23 Feb - Rotary's anniversary

March 2023

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

13-19 Mar - World Rotaract Week

31 Mar - Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2023

Maternal and Child Health Month

30 Apr - Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2023

Youth Service Month

27-31 May - Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia

June 2023

Rotary Fellowships Month

30 Jun - Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due.

Recognitions

PDG George Sundararaj (D3203) *wins RLI Top Award*

PDG. Dr. T. George Sundararaj of District 3203 received this highest honour of RLI, the David Linett Award, from RI President Shekhar Mehta in the presence of leaders of Rotary Leadership Institute and RIPN Gordon McNally on 8th June 2022 during the Rotary International convention at Houston, USA. He is the third Indian to receive this exceptional award.



Promotion of Literacy should be one of our top priorities especially after the Pandemic.

- India has 25 crores of school going children.
- During and after the pandemic, 2 crores of children dropped out of school permanently.
- This adds to the count of 28 crores of adult illiterates.

We will advise every club to have a Literacy Chair and work really hard on the 5 verticals of TEACH.

Event Showcase

PDG Shyamashree Sen (D 3291)

The Houston Convention of Rotary International, 5-8 Jun'22

The 2022 convention in Houston, Texas gave us plenty of remarkable and memorable moments as

Rotary's worldwide network gathered in-person for the first time since 2019, following two virtually held conventions due to the havoc created by COVID 19. This convention offered participants new horizons to discover through the in-person events pre and during the convention which included interesting 'break out' sessions.

We met peace builders from around the world and R.I. President Shekhar Mehta praised Rotarian who had donated millions of dollars to support displaced Ukrainians. It was an experience listening to Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi who spoke about the Kailash Satyarthi Foundation to end exploitation of children in India and across the globe. It was shocking to know the level at which children are trafficked and forced in labour at such young ages. R.I. President Shekhar Mehta presented him with the Rotary Award of Honour for his work in saving children.

Dr Hamid Jafri, Director of Polio Eradication for World Health Organisation's Eastern Mediterranean Region, shared an update on Rotary's progress in ending polio. He said, "You have led us from the start of the global effort to eradicate polio and we will be together at the end of polio."

During a general session, Antoni Slodkowski, a 2003-04 Rotary Youth Exchange student from Poland to Japan, was the recipient of the Rotary Alumni Global Service Award. His journey was read out and there was a thunderous applause for his achievements in peace building in Japan while he was working as a journalist there. The exciting change regarding Rotaract was that Rotaract clubs have been included as a distinct membership type, who can now track their own membership. Rotaractors can now be appointed to district committees. In fact, Philip Flindt from Rotaract Club of Kobenhavn Nord, Denmark was the first to



be named as Rotary Public Image Coordinator. For the first time again, three Rotaractors from different countries, received Service above Self Award. Rotaractors, from 2022-23, can be one of the sponsors of a global grant too.

The breakout sessions which usually took place between 1:00 to 5:00 pm, were very well planned and amazing at the same time. Attendance was great too, in almost every session. It was easy for us to understand the location and time for each of these sessions thanks to the App available. Interesting topics such as How to Optimize Your Club's Presence, Tips for Enhancing Your Club's Public Image, How to Celebrate World Polio Day, You Can Stop Human Trafficking with Education, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Rotary and Break the Silence! We Talk about Menstrual Health were some such sessions that had record attendance.

The House of Friendship was open from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm every day and was buzzing. Starting from the astronaut suit that one could peer into for a photo, to a moon hanging and a big section for the next year's convention registrations, the colourful shops, the booths for fellowships, action groups and other districts as well as Rotary leadership Institute, there was something for each person.

The closing session was extremely colourful with music, songs and dances and which kept everyone asking for more. As usual the farewells were tearful, especially when RI President Shekhar Mehta gave an emotional good bye and involved the two previous RI Presidents.

They say all's well that ends well. So was our in-person convention after two years. Now we look forward to RI President Jennifer Jones' Melbourne Convention in May 2023, to renew our tryst with all our friends...

Event Showcase





District 3232

*invites you
to*

RLI Part 3 and FOT

27th (Sat) & 28th (Sun) August 2022

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Savera hotel, Radhakrishnan Salai, Mylapore, Chennai

Registration form

<https://forms.gle/GRkYKTUJdrr2JVMXA>

Part 3 (4 batches) / FOT (2 batches)

Rs 2700/-

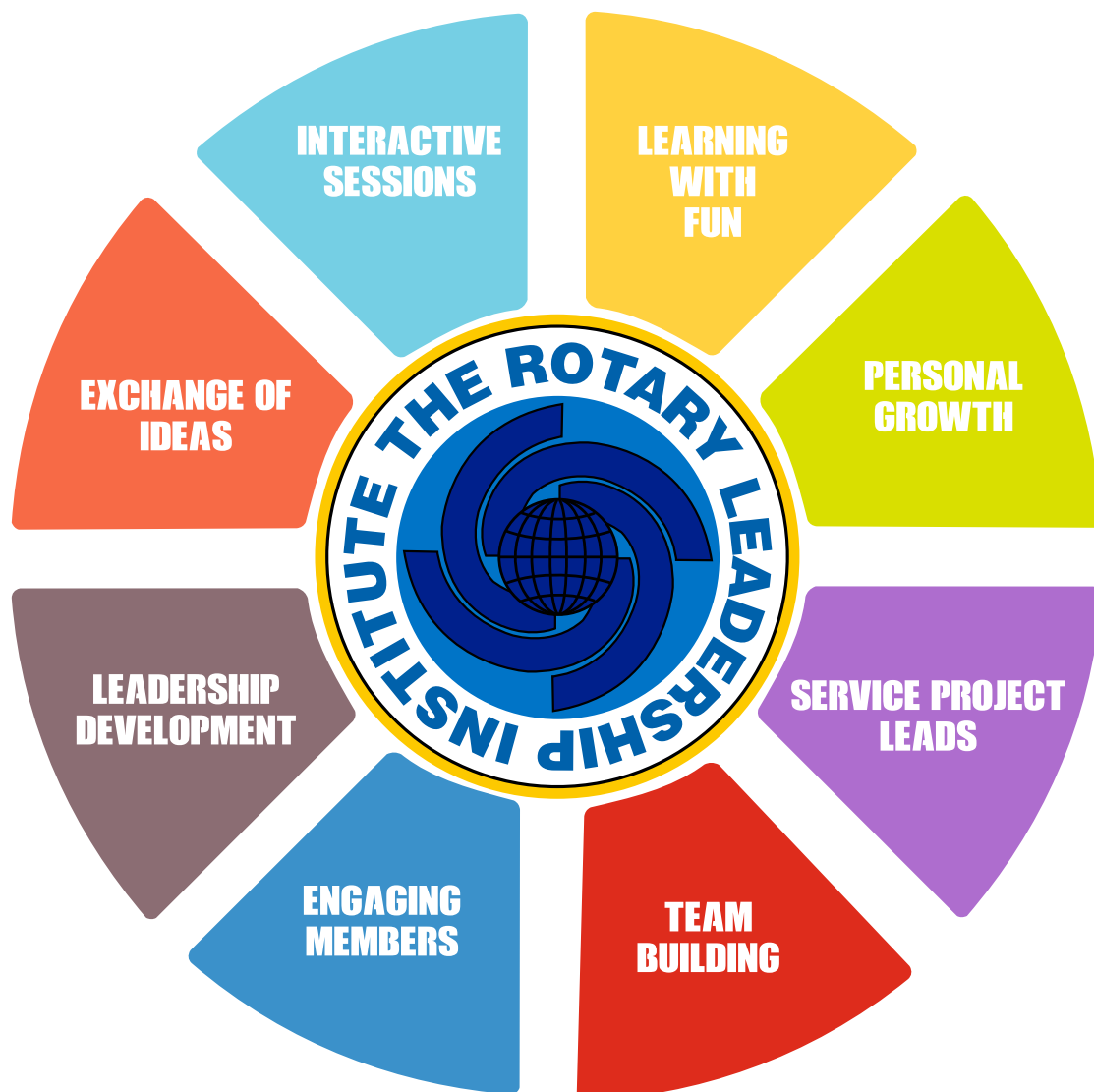
The registration charges
(incl breakfast, lunch, high tea)
can be paid to the bank details in above link.
All details in the above link.

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