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As the year winds down and we look toward 2019, I'm asking you to make a commitment find something you want to change in your community and take the first step towards changing it. - *Barack Obama*



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# President's Message

*Dear Texcitians,  
Wishing u all a happy 2019!!!*

The last 6 months has been very progressive in terms of completing most of the deserving projects as per the District priorities. I am very proud to say that we were to able organize a mega fund raiser "Jamboree" which was a grand success. I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to the chairman, Rtn. Badrinath Kota and each and everyone of you who have contributed in making this event a success. Apart from conducting surgeries for the deserving Lukemia patients, we have also identified a small village for adoption which has been affected by the Gaja cyclone.

The entertainment has not slowed down in Texcity. The family get togethers has brought us all together to experience the innovative themes of the hosts who make sure that we return with wonderful memories and wanting for more.

The Anns and Annets are continuing to be a great support to Texcity with their involvement in each and every manner. I would like to make a special mention about my secretary Rtn. Vijaykumar who has been by my side all through out with his unconditional support.

Lets continue with the same spirit and make this year a memorable one.

*Let's continue to "Be the Inspiration"*



## Editorial



Another year has gone by and a New year has begun. The new year brings with it a fresh start, new opportunities and an exhilarating sense of rejuvenation.

January being the Vocational month, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service.

A large number of youths in our country are still unemployed, most of them coming from lower strata of the economy that are only able to attain basic education, if at all. The situation is even worse for women, who do not get equal opportunity in the job industry, making them economically dependent on others. Rotary makes sure that skill development and vocational education are well aligned, thereby

ensuring better job opportunities in the market, thereby making them self-reliant, which in turn boost their confidence.

It's for a fact that a country can only prosper when both men and women will equally participate in the economy, irrespective of their economic and social classes.

Rotarians all over are making sure that by honing the skills of the youth and women, they are in a big way contributing to the growth of their countries' economy which in turn makes them self-reliant and boost their confidence.

*On this positive note, I wish you all a wonderful 2019...*

*Let's continue to be us!*

# Rotarian's Hub

Projects & Meetings...



## Diwali and Christmas celebrated in its grandeur by the Textcians



2018 ended with a lot of pomp and show. During the months of November and December 2018, Textcity witnessed a lot of action packed events, Jamboree being one of them. Textcians have once again proved that "Unity is Strength" by conducting the mega fund raiser, Jamboree, the Flea Bazar which housed around 120

stalls and saw a crowd of around 3,000 people storming in during the 2 day event. Although the textcians were all involved in organizing the event, they did not leave behind the regular projects.

A peek into the projects in November & December.....

## Weekly Meetings...

6 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2018	Movie Outing – Sarkar	We had around 17 Textcity families with 65 members at SPI cinemas for Diwali movie Sarkar.
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2018	Thiru Pavai – G 36 Clubs	"Thiru Paavai", a seminar on Women in Rotary for all the G36 clubs of Coimbatore. The First Ladies of all the clubs of G36 were honored. Our first lady Ann.Suji was honored. Annette. Kripa gave a mind blowing talk on "Expectations of Young Women"
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov, 2018	Speaker Meeting	"Mindfulness in everyday living" by Mr.Krishna of Ask Krishna centre for mindfulness (P) Ltd.
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2018	RYLA Interview	First batch of RYLA interview was conducted. There were 35 young vibrant participants for the interview to take the leadership program.
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018	RYLA Interview	Second batch of RYLA interview was conducted. There were 11 young vibrant participants for the interview to take the leadership program.
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018	Impressions of Jamboree	"Jamboree" dream project of Textcity has finally touched the figure of Rs. 6,50,000/- with four months of hard work.



# Ann's Hub

The Anns of Texcity have always been a major support to the Rotarians. The Anns made sure that the visitors at Jamboree had a memorable time by organizing various workshops and competitions. The special children at Ashirwad and WVS were made to feel even more special by our Anns by celebrating Childrens day and Christmas along with them. They brought about smiles on these little faces by handing out goodies and gifts.



# Anns Meet *Spooky night at Sumi's...*



Scariest Diva – Ann Padmini

## *Christmas Get together at Anu Mathew's*



True Diva – Ann Menaka

# Annet's Hub

Texcity Annets, apart from doing their regular projects for the months, were seen at the Jamboree manning game stalls and workshops and there by contributing to the fund raiser in their own little way. They celebrated Children's Day with children of The Deaf and Dumb School. They went on to celebrate Christmas at Love and Grace Home with 35 Orphan kids cutting cake and providing a sumptuous dinner for the kids.



**'JAMBOREE'** [meaning - a large celebration or party, typically a lavish and energetic one], was the name given to the flea market - a mega Fund raiser organized in aid of underprivileged children and women suffering with cancer.

This two day Mega event was inaugurated by **Dist Gov. A.V Pathy** and was presided over by **First lady Ann.Veena Pathy**, Former IG of Police west zone, Coimbatore **Shri. A.Pari IPS** and **Mrs. Latha Pari, Shri. Periaiah IPS IG** of Police, West Zone

Coimbatore, **Smt. Sarasuwathi Khannaiyann** Secretary of Hindusthan College. Also present were the special invitees **Mr. Arun Palanisamy**, CEO, KMCH and **Mr. Balaji**, MD, Repose who were our major sponsors.

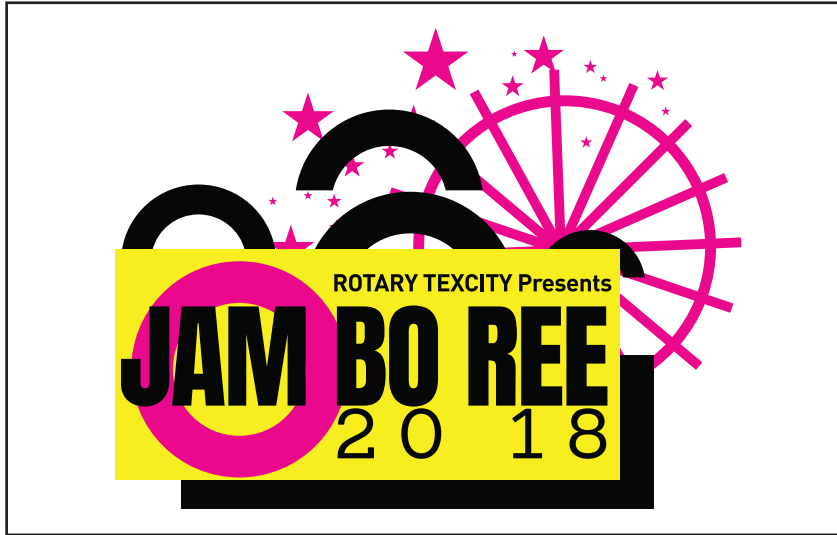
The Texcity family plunged into this larger than life project with all its might and enthusiasm. Rotarians, Anns and Annets contributed equally in making Jamboree a huge success.

Around 120 stalls which included

food and beverages, games, and a whole load of consumer goods were the essence of Jamboree. Music and dance competitions added to the charm and liveliness of the event. Everyone who visited the flea market had something of their liking that they could take away....memories being one among them.

The success of this mega event lies with the meticulous planning and efforts of **Rtn. Badri** and **his entire team**.





# An Evening In Prison...



Sabitha Johnson

At my work place last year, I was asked to do a socially relevant project by my superior. I guess she was trying to use my Rotary's inclination to give something back. I was stalling, but she was persistent. Another colleague connected me with the warden of the Women's prison in Coimbatore. After a lot of red tape, I got the green signal to spend time with the women wards' on Women's Day in 2017. In spite of the fact that the prisoners were women, we ladies were apprehensive about spending time with the prisoners. It was to be a motivational talk and some games and we had picked up some gifts for them.

The first time I entered the prison gates to get permission it was scary, the next time it was even more daunting, as I knew I will be going in and interacting with the inmates. The warden was a very open and welcoming lady, with lots of ideas to encourage the inmates to lead a better life. Finally we got to meet the inmates - elderly, middle aged and young ladies. They look like your every day, ordinary people, but some of them were murderers, thieves, pimps & prostitutes. Some were in there for crimes they've committed, some serving time by protecting their loved ones, some falsely accused.

We were like a ray of sunshine to the inmates - their connect to the outside world. After listening to the talk, we passed on the gifts and then we had some activity for them. They grouped themselves, choosing their team mates from their 'gangs'. The spirit to win and show their superiority was very evident in the way they pushed themselves and egged on their team mates. Then it was time for talent show; they sang, they drew, they recited poems. They sang hymns, they predominantly drew birds or flowers blooming and all their poems were poignant with yearning, about their loved ones, their home & families. Every eye was brimming with tears, theirs as well as ours...

When we all came out from the women's prison, all of us had a clear perspective of "freedom": To be able to walk as and when you please, eat at your whims & fancies and to always have the company of your friends and loved ones. Each one of us perceive freedom differently. Some of us take it for granted and yet there are many others who are grateful for what they have. It is for each one of us to decide, choose and act for one's self, being mindful of the consequences of our action. To cite from an essay, "Freedom is a gift endowed upon us, it has a price".

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