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"Of all the hundred and one ways in which men can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations." - Paul P Harris.





# President's *Message*

**Dear Texticians,**

Another year passed by, making us realise Time does not wait for us and the futility of our attempts to stall the advance of Time. Finally Time emerges as the ultimate conqueror of everything in its wake.

It reminds us that Time has consumed half a Rotary year and what is left is even less. So much to do in so little time. December was a festive month with Xmas approaching and the festivities around it. Textcity had its own share of work and fun and we did many constructive things such as the Inauguration of an Interact Club in Sindhi Vidyalaya, a Diabetes seminar in association with Ramakrishna Hospital totally arranged and executed by Dr Suresh even before his induction into Textcity, and the annual event of

The Vocational Service Awards given to 4 persons of great standing in society. The donation of Push Carts with Irons to 3 deserving persons was a great act of making them earn their livelihood. Rtn Vijay conceived and executed this project and he deserves accolades for this.

We also answered many queries raised by the The Rotary Foundation and we are awaiting the approval of the Global Grant for EyeServe project.

Xmas get together was another merry making event and the spirit of Christmas was ever pervading. We look forward to the New Year which promises to be a watershed year in the annals of Textcity's rich history.

Yours in Rotary  
**Rtn. Kamal Kumar**

Did you know that the idea of automated calculating machine was conceived in the year 1940? From 1940 to 2020 we have come a very long way now - 80 years into the world of technology. Technology has crept into every corner of our lives, from obsessive texting to checking emails. A few decades back, men lived their lives to the fullest, bound only to nature and duty, without any distractions. But, now that fact is just a distant echo lost somewhere in a dusty library. In this age of electronic circuits, we have lost that simplicity. Drowned in work and full of distractions, our lives are lived by technology. From the first light bulb sputtering and glowing to life to a series of 0s and 1s making calls and being able to talk to human beings, we have come a long way. The very purpose of technology, from its birth, was to assist human beings and make their lives better. Every day our lives get simpler to live as technology relieves us of some of our day to day activities. What happens when there are no more activities left for humans to create technology for? Let's take a look at the latest sensation, The Home Assistant. By now, the Amazon and Google Home Assistants might have been heard in every household, and might have even entered in most of these houses. These are nothing but Artificial Intelligence, an attempt of humans to install a sense of self-thinking into machines. Alexa and Google are already changing your life at home. Another marvel of technology is the social media. Almost every human being has a social media account now, whether it be Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp or Instagram. These social media accounts have actually become an extension of ourselves, a virtual organ within our bodies that has a direct impact on our minds. When these ideas were given birth, they were done so to create connectivity amongst human beings from all over the world. What social media has done is that it has created a virtual extension of a human being in the digital world. This extension has actually made humans, especially teens, vulnerable. They consider their performance and achievements on social media as the performance and achievements of themselves in reality. An invention used to connect people is now making them self-doubt themselves and judge themselves only on social media terms. People actually live their lives now with an aim to make their digital self-look better than their reality. From the continuity of the advance of technology, further activities will be left over to technology to perform. From the Home Assistant and Artificial Intelligence, where does the future lead us? Does humanity soon give up on all jobs to robots and cease to exist as a living entity? Do we stop living and dissolve into a digital world? In that case, we will become mere instruments to the tool we created. We will have lives, but they will be lived by technology. "Technology is a useful servant but a dangerous master"- Christian Lous Lange.



## EDITORIAL





# Texcity BUZZ!

The 'Eye Serve' projects for the month of Dec' 19 was held at Alstom Ltd., Crescent School, Police Recruitment School, SR Fuels Ltd., Vallalar Hospital, Kovai Hyundai Ltd., L&T Valves Ltd., Infognana Software Company, Shanthy Gears Ltd., Balapoorani Hospital, ZF Wind Power Ltd., Sowdeshwari College, Pavithra Medical Center and Logix Ltd. A total of 4,729 people were screened, out of which 1,093 people were found with defects. This month apart from screening, the 'Eye Serve' team also conducted free cataract surgery camps in Chellappagoundanpudur, Rajalakshmi Nethralaya, St. Mary's Hospital, Nizhal Mayyam, Bommanapalayam, Varappalayam and Seeranaickenpalayam. Cataract surgery was performed on 38 patients free of cost.





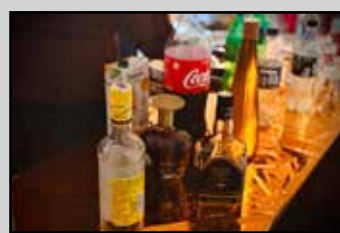


As a part of vocational service, Texcity has assisted three people with Mobile Ironing stations and 2 people with sewing machines in order to help them improve their living conditions. Texcitians, Rtn. Capt. Mathews, Rtn. R S Maruthi, Ann Devi Maruthi, Rtn. Senthilkumar Myslami and Ann Sowbarani have sponsored towards the mobile ironing stations and the sewing machines.

The installation of The Interact club at Sindhi Vidyalaya school took place on 4th December 2019. President Rtn. Kamal Kumar presided over the function in the presence of Mrs. Gowri, School Advisor and Mrs. Sheela Principal. Interactor Pranavi & Interactor Paramesh Sharma took over as president and Secretary respectively. Rtn.JC Kumar motivated the incoming office bearers to take up simple meaningful projects which can make a difference.

## FAMILY GET TOGETHER

“Christmas is the season of joy, of giving, and of family unions.” – Texcity celebrated this year’s Christmas with the same spirit. The Texcitians adorned themselves in Christmas colors – Gold, Green and Red. Dr. Cherian, spoke about the influence of Kerala traditions in Christianity and significance of certain practices followed by the Christians of Kerala. The evening would not have been complete without the Christmas Carols sung by the hosts of the evening. Together, they all danced, drank, ate and made merry.

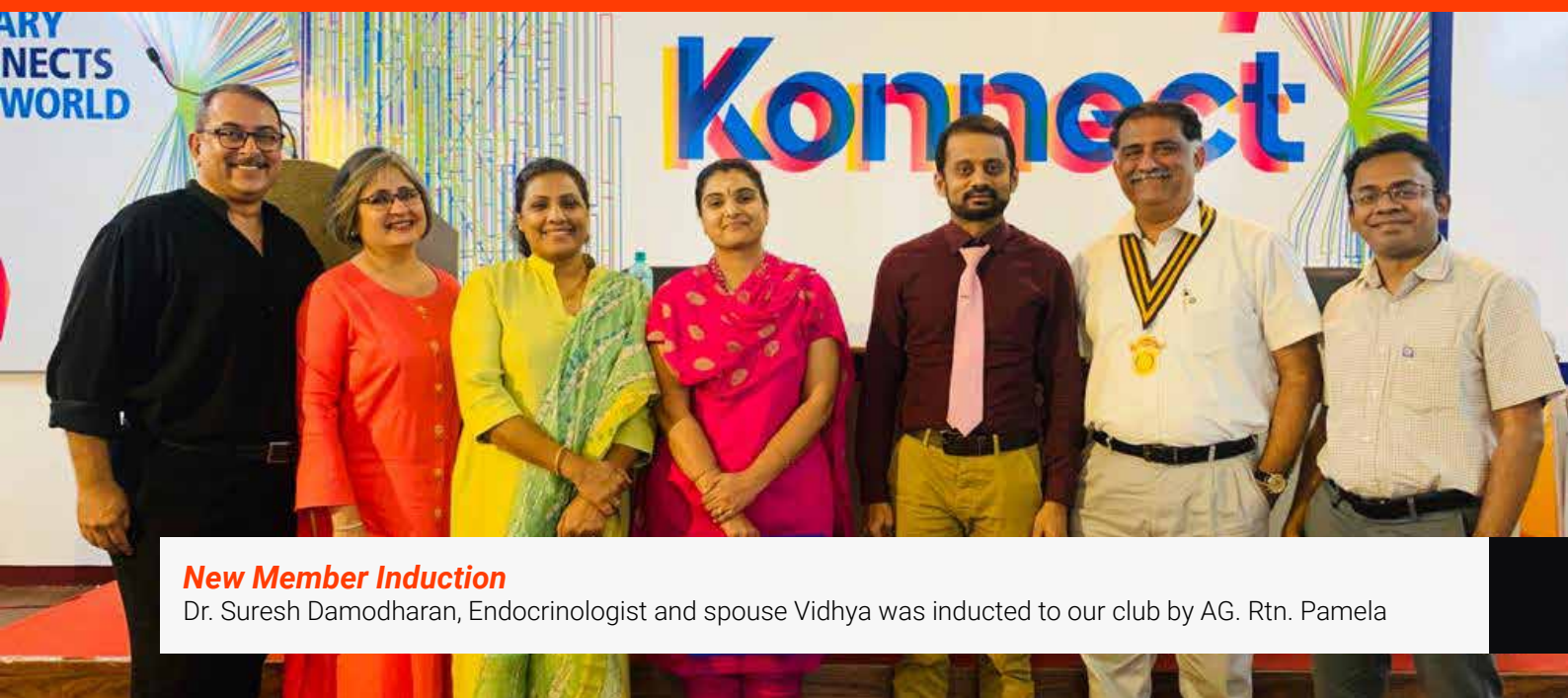






# TEXCITY PREMIER LEAGUE

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### **New Member Induction**

Dr. Suresh Damodharan, Endocrinologist and spouse Vidhya was inducted to our club by AG. Rtn. Pamela

### **Weekly Meetings – December 2019**

04.12.2019	<b>Speaker Meet</b>	The guest speaker of the month was Dr. R Karpagam of Oli Awareness Movement enlightened Texcicians on our duty towards protecting the environment.
05.12.2019	<b>Board Meeting</b>	The gist of the discussions that took place at the Board Meeting were as follows: 1. TPL Committee Formation 2. Hosting of Exchange families from Portland Vocational Service Awards
11.12.2019	<b>Felicitations</b>	The international youth exchange students from Brazil, Argentina, Germany and France were felicitated. They spoke about their country, culture, cuisine and tourist attractions.
18.12.2019	<b>Vocational Service Awards</b>	The vocational service excellence award was conferred on 4 deserving people who made a difference through their vocation.



# VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARDS



Rotary Vocational service is of 2 folds

- To Recognize deserving people in their vocation
- To help needy people in their vocation or to help them setup their vocation through which they can take care of themselves and lead a decent life.

Keeping this in mind, Texcity identified 4 people from different vocations and presented with the Vocational Service Award. Texcity also supported 3 people with mobile ironing stations and handed over 2 sewing machines to 2 deserving people. This would help them stand on their own feet and generate a minimum monthly income of Rs. 15,000/-



## Vocational Service Awardees.

- Mrs. D Poongodi Iyanar, Head Mistress, Government Hr. Sec. School Narasipuram is a dedicated and sincere teacher with a vast experience in the field of commerce and accountancy. She has received many recognitions and awards in her career spanning 21 years. She is instrumental in bringing out the best in the students from both government as well as private schools. Her students have been rank holders and top scorers. Apart from focusing on bringing out the academic excellence in the students, she also imbibes moral and cultural values in them.
- Dr. Saranyan, Medical Superintendent, RK Nature Cure practices in the field of Naturopathy and Yoga, the only drugless treatment system in the field of medicine which is recognized by the Government of India. With a vast experience of 22 years, he is involved in the research and revival of forgotten or poorly documented traditional and native health practices. It is a system of medical practice which strongly believes in body's innate and self-healing capacity and facilitates the same by administering a wide spectrum of therapeutic modalities to effect preventive care, management, palliative as well as curative care in various health ailments.
- Mr. Venketaraman Kannan, after working in Canada for 25 years, he has returned to India and is now MD, Milacron India P. Ltd. His desire to help the society in large and in the field of education in specific, he has donated close to a crore of rupees to enhance the facilities at various government schools in and around Coimbatore. He aims at educating at least 500 children every year.
- Fr. Dr. Jose Paul, Director, Divyodaya Inter religious center, Coimbatore is highly qualified and has obtained degrees in various fields from India and foreign universities. He writes articles for dailies and magazines on religious amity. His main forte is counselling and takes developmental psychology classes in schools, organizations, communities and companies. He also gives psycho-spiritual counselling to people of all categories.









## What's brewing in \ Ann's Café?

The Ann's of Texcity started off their projects for the month at the Ashirwad Special School, RS Puram. About 30 kids & adults with cerebral palsy are taken care of. The special educator & story teller Ms. Brindha kept the children engaged & laughing for half an hour and then special meals was served.

Being Christmas season, the Anns decided to celebrate Christmas with the children of Love & Grace Home. Apart from giving them snacks and gifts, they were entertained by Mrs. Muthu Annamalai, an amazing story teller who enthralled kids with her stories and also engaged them in a lot of fun activities.



'Carnival unfurls a fairytale of a princess, a pink rose & the white Christmas'. It was a pretty sight to see the Anns decked up in Pink and White ready to celebrate the festival at Ann Anu's beautiful mansion fully decorated and ready take on the festivities. Ann Anu always ensures that Christmas is celebrated in its traditional manner which starts off with a toast of wine followed by lip smacking snacks and sumptuous spread of Christmas feast. The Anns enjoyed playing various team based games and also could take back a lot of Christmas goodies which were in sale.

**Ann's Meet**  
*Christmas Carnival*

