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Economic development cannot take a nation forward on its own. We need a society and economy which complement each other. We need to take care of the poor, deprived and left behind sections of society. - Shri. Narendra Modi



President's Message

Dear Texcitians,

October turned out to be an incredibly pleasant and historic month for Texcity as we forged a great friendship with RC of Portland in the US. I travelled all the way to Portland and it was a warm gesture by Rtn John Curran, to have driven to Boston to pick me up and drive back to Portland. He drove me back to Boston on my return too though its a two and a half hour journey.

We had several dinners and meetings there but the highlight was the opportunity given to me to address Portland Club during their weekly meeting. I had conveyed to them our Club legacy and activities and they all reciprocated their love in equal measure. We had an understanding to do Projects in India jointly in the areas of 3H, Hand H2O and Hearing Aids.

Several members evinced keen interest to come to India on a trip sometime in February and we can undoubtedly have a great time when that happens.

The pictures in the pages of this issue will be a reflection on the good times in Portland. All I can emphasize is that if we extend ourselves to forge new friendships in Rotary we are bound to receive much more in return and you will realise Rotary is pure joy.

This relationship is going to last long and it will drive a whole new way of doing Projects to the needy in the coming years.

Yours in Rotary
Rtn. Kamal Kumar

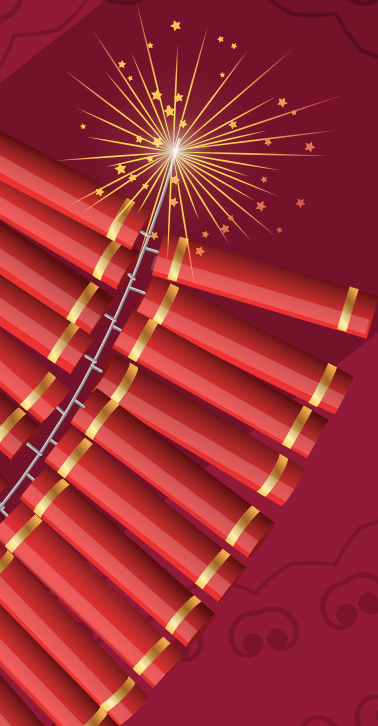


EDITORIAL

Dussehra and Diwali, the two most awaited festivals are finally over. An overdose of sweets, colours, clothes and gifts is what we all would have experienced and enjoyed, without a doubt. But the one thing that has left me overwhelmed and thinking, is that of the poor animals that were harmed physically and emotionally during Diwali! If you have a pet you will know what I mean. How scared, anxious, and confused they are, with the sound of crackers. Most of them hide under furniture or look for dark corners to hide, in order to avoid hearing the noise of crackers.

It is proven that noises caused by fireworks and firecrackers can lead to loss of hearing. Repeated exposure to unexpected, unpredictable loud noises can cause phobias in many animals. While the festival brings joy and happiness to humans, it brings equal amounts of distress in the lives of animals.

Times are changing and so must we. The animal activists and eco- friendly brigades are campaigning strongly for us to Go- Green during Diwali. While a large number of them still want to 'Preserve' the tradition, there are countless people, old and young, who have given up the practice to preserve the environment and to protect animals and the elderly, sick, and newborns from the noise and air pollution. We can only hope and pray that, in the near future at least, people realize the harmful effects that firecrackers have on Planet Earth, and move towards celebrating the 'Festival of Lights' in a better manner!





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BUZZ!



2nd October, 2019 has been declared as "Swachh Bharath Divas" by our honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Gandhiji. Texcity contributed towards this campaign by organizing and sponsoring jointly with Rotary Club of Coimbatore Central and Rotary Club of Coimbatore Town. 1500 college students created awareness amongst the people of Coimbatore by 'Plogging'. Plogging is a combination of jogging with picking up litter (Swedish: plocka upp). It started as an organized activity in Sweden around 2016 and spread to other countries in 2018, following increased concern about plastic pollution. The students plogged from VOC Park to Corporation Kalaiarangam in the heart of the city. All leading newspapers, web channels and Radio FM's covered the event.



Being the Community Economy Development Month, Texcity, at the Vocational training center, Vedapatti trained 45 women in tailoring. This would enable these women to be independent and contribute towards the economic development of the country.



As a part of the International Service Project of Texcity, our president Rtn. Kamal Kumar visited Portland Maine regarding the Prosthetic Hands project during the month of October. He met Dr John Caran and De Rock who was instrumental in helping with the design part for the prosthetic hands. In the lab the measurements were taken for the prosthetic hands and 3D prints generated. The president also met Dr Roger who is an audiologist, a member of Rotary Club of Portland Maine who helps in hearing aids. The doctor promised that 300 hearing aids would be given in India during his visit in February 2020. 3D machines would be manufactured in India for the prosthetic hands.

Eye Serve



The Eye Serve project was conducted in the following places during the month of October : RPM School, Bengal Association, Kulathupalayam, Doiter Engineering, Yuva Bharathi School, SNMV, Sindhya Industries, Ramalinga Colony, Pristine Academy, Siddarth Plastic Industries, Jayam Foundation, : IDFC, : St. Joseph School, Avinashi Lingam School, Pavithra Medical Center, PRS

Weekly Meetings – October 2019

02/10/2019	Speaker Meeting	This meeting had a very interesting dance session for the members. A professional dance instructor and the only certified Bombay Jammer in Coimbatore - Miss Archana along with her 2 assistants, introduced Texcitians to this novel dance exercise. The Rotarians, Anns and Annets present had a relaxing and fun time by trying out her sizzling moves.
09/10/2019	Club Officers Training Session	The main agenda of the meeting was to train the Club Officers on the District priorities by the office bearers of District 3201. AG Rtn. Pamela Suresh spoke about District Priorities - Responsible India. Chair of Vocational Service - Rtn. Lakshmanan spoke about the aspects covered in Vocational service, Dist Chair. Public Image - Rtn. Maruthi spoke about the importance of branding and Public Image for Rotary.
23/10/2019	Impressions of Portland Maine	The president shared his experiences on his trip to Portland. He informed the club members about the interactions he had with Dr John Caran. The Rotary Club of Portland Maine promised our president that he could get a sum of 7000 USD for our EYESERVE project. Water and hearing aids would be given in India. 3D machine would be manufactured in India for the prosthetic hands.
30/10/2019	Joint Speaker Meet	A joint speaker meeting was organized at the Chamber Hall along with RCC Satellite, RCC Town, RCC Uptown, RCC Zenith and RCC Vadavalli to bring in Eminent speaker Mr. Ganesh Lakshminaraynan. The speaker spoke about Keezhadi - a place near Madurai, where excavation had taken place and it revealed many a things which were far ahead of it times and perhaps relevant even more now. It was an insight into Tamil Civilization during the Sangam Age.





What's brewing in \ Ann's Café?

The Anns Club of texcity started off their projects for the month with the Diwali celebrations at the The Deaf and Dumb School, RS Puram. 24 children and teachers were treated to delicious homemade sweets and savories made by our dear Anns. The kids expressed gratitude for the Diwali gifts that they received from the Ann's club.



The Anns Club of Texcity visited Brindavan Vidyalaya and distributed spectacles for 45 children. AG Rtn. Pamela Suresh was also present to distribute the frames to the children. The importance of periodic vision check was emphasized. She also spoke about the Responsible India projects to the students of Brindavan School. She taught the teachers how to log into the website and play videos based on different Moral Values.

The Anns Club with the help of Ms. Sangeetha Subash of Global Art conducted a Mandala workshop for the special children of Amrit School. Mandala art brings out the creativity as well as is a form of meditation and relaxation. These special kids benefited from this art therapy and also expressed their enthusiasm to have had a colorful time this festive season.



The Anns organized a Movie fund Raiser on the 25th October, 2019. The proceeds of the same will be used for the benefir of the Cancer Kids.



An Industrial visit to the Kirtil's Diamond Factory was organized by the Ann's club. 18 Anns of Texcity were taken on a guided tour of the factory where they got to know the state of the art facilities and the process of bringing out beautiful diamond jewellery. This was followed by a sumptuous lunch provided by Kirtil's.



The 4th Ann's Meet was held at Ann Sumithra Rajesh's residence. The festivities of Navaratri and Diwali were at its best. The Anns came beautifully dressed in traditional attire, fine jewelry and lots Madurai, where excavation had taken place and it revealed many a things which were far ahead of it times and perhaps relevant even more now. It was an insight into Tamil Civilization during the Sangam Age. of energy, to dance until they dropped. The highlight of the evening was the Dandiya/ Garba, assisted by a professional Dandiya dancer, mouthwatering Gujarati delicacies, plenty of games and loads of fun!



Annet's Corner



The United Nations (UN) has envisaged eliminating hunger by the year 2030 and Thiyana Foundation is partnering with the UN in this initiative. Their project clay pot aims at selling pots to ensure income to clay pot artisans. The Annettes of Texcity bought 50 cooking pots from the foundation and gave it away to the needy to support this cause.

Idhayangal is a charitable trust that supports children from financially backward families, with type 1 diabetics who require insulin for life. They support more than 100 children. The Annet's Club of Texcity met 3 of their children and supported them financially for their Insulin dosage for a year. Their story of how they are managing with diabetics to lead a normal life was truly inspirational.

As Dhanya Dhan, the Annettes of Texcity sponsored food for the inmates of "Family for Children, an orphanage in Podanur.