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# Editor's Note

## Dearest Rotarians,

Continual learning contributes to higher levels of resilience and self-efficacy in completing a task or tackling a challenge. A healthy mind is just as important as a healthy body and learning something new keeps your brain developing, even as you age. In addition, learning something new can help reduce stress.

Learning is a process that is often not under our control and is wrapped up in the environments we inhabit and the relationships we make. It involves encountering signals from the senses, attending to them, looking for connections and meanings, and framing them so that we may act.

Learning is the purpose of life, it prepares us for what's coming, and it makes us ready to learn even more, we are built to do great things, but unless we learn how to create and manage them we'll never realize our full potential, and quite often our lives will require everything we've got if we are to live a happy life.

Rotary gives you ample opportunities to learn. Those opportunities make way unknowingly into our hearts to become a better person than we were yesterday. Learning in Rotary also doesn't end in a day and is a continuing process of our self-development.

Life is about learning when you stop you die.



**Aarthy Mukesh,**  
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## RI Presidential Address

One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without the continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship — a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

Opening yet another peace centre is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference, 20-22 February, will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of nowhere. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for The better.



**Rtn. Stephanie Urchick**

RI President 2024-25

# Presidential Address

## இனிய நட்புக்களுக்கு, வணக்கம்.

ரோட்டரி பவுண்டேஷன் மாதத்தில் உங்களை சந்திப்பதில் மகிழ்ச்சி கொள்கின்றேன்.

குளிர்கால துவக்கமாய் இருக்கும் இந்த நவம்பர் மாதம், நன்றி சொல்லும் மாதமாகவும் இருக்கிறது. ரொட்டேரியன்களாகிய நமக்கு கொடுக்கும் மாதமாக, ஈதல் மாதமாக இருக்கின்றது.

பட்டாசுகளின் சத்தம் மெது மெதுவாய் அடங்கி இருக்கிறது. இவருடத்தில் பாதி வாழ்நாள்களை கடந்தாகிவிட்டது. கொண்டாட்டங்களின் களைப்போ, அல்லது நின்று ஓய்வெடுத்த ஓட்டத்தின் நிதானமோ, கூட்டுக்குள் அடங்கி விடச் செய்கின்றது. ஓட்டம் முடிந்து விடவில்லை என்பதை நினைவுபடுத்தி, சோம்பல் முறித்து மீண்டும் எழுந்து நின்று விரைவாக ஓட வேண்டி இருக்கிறது. ரோட்டரி பிளாசம் சிறப்பு குழந்தைகளுடன் எஸ்பிசி இன்டராக்ட் மாணவர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து கொண்டாடிய தீபாவளி தருணங்கள் இன்னும் இனித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கின்றன. எதிர்பார்த்ததை விட அழகான நிகழ்வு அது.

கர்ப்பப்பை வாய் புற்றுநோய்க்கு முதற்கட்ட தடுப்பூசி கொடுத்து கண்ணிமைக்கும் நேரம் இதோ இரண்டாவது தடுப்பு ஊசி காலம் வந்துவிட்டது. ஓடுவதற்கான உத்வேகத்தை இலக்கிற்கும் நமக்கும் இடையே உள்ளது தூரம் தந்து கொண்டே இருக்கிறது.

அள்ளிக் கொடுப்பதோ, கிள்ளிக் கொடுப்பதோ என்பதல்ல கொடுப்பது நம் கடமை, என்பதை "எனைத்தும் சிறுவரையே ஆயினும் செய்த நன்றன்றால் ஒரு பயனோ இல்லை உயிர்க்கு" என்று ஈதலை நமக்கு வலியுறுத்துகிறது நம் இலக்கியங்கள்.

"கடிப்பிடு கண்முரசம் காதத்தோர் கேட்பர்

இடித்து முழங்கியதோர் யோசனையோர் கேட்பர்

அடுக்கிய மூவுலகுங் கேட்குமே சான்றோர்

கொடுத்தார் எனப்படுஞ் சொல்."

-நாலடியார்

காத தூரம் கேட்கும் முரசின் ஒலியை விட, அதையும் தாண்டிக் கேட்கும் இடியின் ஓசையை விட, ரோட்டரி அங்கத்தினர்கள் கொடுத்தார்கள் என்னும் சொல் நம் உலகையும் தாண்டி எல்லா உலகிற்கும் கேட்கட்டும்.



**Rtn. Kavitha Senthil Kumar,**  
President,  
Rotary club of Queencity, Dindigul.

# Moments from the month of October

## October 1<sup>st</sup>, Club Meet

Club meetings ensure the effective running of the club with its team. Likewise, as usual, this Club meeting brought various topics running around different projects put forth. Discussions, planning, and finalization of various matters were taken into care. The Club meeting was enthusiastically participated, filled with laughter and wise decision-making while enjoying snacks.

## October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Donating Pre-used Dresses to kids

Each week, we see kids who have clubfoot. The children's mothers had asked if they could get clothes for the children, even if they were used clothes. Little children grow up so quickly that recycling seems meaningless, and the clothes we buy over and over again for them are sleeping somewhere in the house. The surplus of one person turns into an essential need for another. As for children's clothes, all the members of the association willingly brought clean and tidy clothes in good condition for children from six months to three to four years of age. Seeing the extreme happiness on the mothers' faces, we decided to conduct the program in the upcoming months as well.



## October 8<sup>th</sup>, Donating Chairs to an Old Age Home at Gandhigramam

Chairs were donated to the inmates of an old age home at Gandhigramam. Time spent on their stories was heartwarming.



## October 10<sup>th</sup>, Joint Speaker Meeting “Beat the Stress”

Beat the Stress event was jointly organised by RC of Dindigul West, RC of Dindigul Fort, along with the Queencity to honour the Best Humanitarian Rtn. Baskaran, District Joint Co-ordinator of Rotary Blossom(MMH). Dindigul, for his spouse’s body donation to Govt. Hospital, Dindigul. The Chief Guests Dr.Balaguru and Rtn. Dr Sharmila Balaguru highlighted stress-related issues and how to handle stress to live a healthy life.



## October 15<sup>th</sup>, நிலா முற்றம்

நிலா முற்றம் is the event which queens look forward to getting to know about the culture, traditions, and learning through stories. This month was a bit different as families became part of the event. The younger children, along with the parents or grandparents, joined the Queens and participated enthusiastically. Queens laughed as we listened to their stories. Important club decisions were also taken. Queens celebrated our club secretary Rtn. Parkavee’s birthday is on the same day.



### Trivia

January 1972 – The Rotary Club of Upper Manhattan, New York, proposes an Enactment to the Council of Legislation to admit women to Rotary clubs. After laughter and discussion, it is rejected.

## October 17<sup>th</sup>, ஆசிரியர் போற்றுதும்

Teachers are honoured for their role in shaping the lives of students and the future of society. The motivational session was conducted by Dr N.Jeyaseelan, CEO of Virutchan Academy. The session highlighted the importance of their dedication as well as other points the teachers should keep in mind for the betterment of the students.

Later 13 teachers from various government schools from Dindigul district were selected based on their exceptional contributions to teaching as well as their role played above expectations with dedication and selfless acts. Those exceptional teachers were honoured at the Book exhibition at Dudley School Campus in the presence of the public by giving them precious "National Builders Award".



## October 17<sup>th</sup>, Book Donation

Reading is a very important activity in a child's life. It is not only an activity that develops skills but also enhances the way the brain functions. Queens understand this and donate books to the needy through "திண்டுக்கல் இலக்கிய களம்" at the book exhibition organised at Dudley School Campus.



## October 17<sup>th</sup>, Club Meeting

Club meetings took place at Stitch and Style venue, where queens actively put forth different ideas and suggestions for the betterment of the community. Innovative ideas were much appreciated. Planning and execution of the same was also framed making different teams for each event in the coming months.





## October 20<sup>th</sup>, Public Image Seminar

Our public image is shaped by the actions of our members, the activities we engage in, the impact we have, and more. A strong public image promotes trust and encourages people to engage with us. We can help build our public image by sharing stories that show us as people of action and inspire others to get involved. Public Image seminar “வெற்றி வாகை” brought out the same. Rotarians with 25 years of membership were honoured, and New members' IDs and pins were given to the President of the clubs. **RIDE RTN.AKS.ER.MURUGANANDAM**, graced the occasion, பட்டிமன்ற பேச்சாளர் “சொல்லின் செல்வர்”, **THIRU P.MANIKANDAN**, gave an amiable speech **DISTRICT GOVERNOR, RTN.RAJA GOVINDASWAMY** inspired everyone to participate in the seminar.



## October 28<sup>th</sup>, பட்டாசும் பட்சமும்

Diwali was celebrated with Blossom Special Kids. Interact Club students of **SBC Academy** volunteered to celebrate Diwali with the special kids. 15 special kids were involved in playing games, making sweets, and bursting crackers and finally, gifts were given to them, making a Memorable Day for them.



## October 28<sup>th</sup>, Donation of chairs to தென்னக விழி இழந்தோர் சங்கம்

25 Chairs were sponsored to தென்னக விழி இழந்தோர் சங்கம் as they requested the same. Also, while donating the chairs, sweets were given and celebrated Diwali.



### Announcement

#### Article Focusing on our President Rtn.Kavitha by தொழில் நண்பன் Magazine

Thozhil Nanban is a leading Tamil-language monthly magazine that covers topics of interest to young people, students, women, entrepreneurs, and those interested in starting a business. We are proud to share the interview of our President Rtn. Kavitha SenthilKumar, where she talks about her determination, life, work and Rotary. She is an inspiration to all who want to shine anywhere, at any time. Check out the link to read the full article.

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/fqwfc/wsiq/#p=37>



#### Assistant Governor

Queencity is happy to inform you of a change in next year's Assistant Governor. Rtn. Dr.Sharmila Balaguru will be assigned as Assistant Governor for the year 2025-2026 under the Governorship of Rtn.Karthik.

#### St.Antony College Charter

Queens are happy to announce that the charter for St.Antony's College has been received with much effort from the college and team Queencity.

#### Trivia

June 1, 1977 – The Rotary Club of Duarte, CA holds its 25th Anniversary Celebration and introduces three women as new members: Mary Lou Elliott, Donna Bogart and Rosemary Freitag.

# From the Queens Family

## Dr.Tharien Award-2024

Mahatma Mindcare Centre run by Rtn. Dr Sharmila Balaguru, along with her spouse, Dr Balaguru, received the prestigious "Dr Tharien Award-2024" by Gandhigram Trust in recognition of dedicated and committed services to the rural people in and around Dindigul District on 7th October 2024.



## Business Excellence



Jc Nishanth, son of Rtn.Sharmila Dinesh has been bestowed with the Prestigious JCI Zone 29 Highest Award for Business Excellence, Namely the Kamal Patra Award.

## Book Release

Queens had a proud moment when our fellow queen Rtn.Valarmathi released her book "நோபல் பரிசு வென்ற பெண்கள்". The book focuses on the life, difficulties faced, and determination of the Nobel prize winners. The book was much appreciated for the writing style, content and information given in every aspect.



## Trivia

February 1978 – Rotary International provisionally revokes the charter of the Duarte club. The club requests a hearing. The Board tells the Duarte club that it must remove women members. The club refuses.

## National Yoga Competition

Sahana, Daughter of Rtn.Hema is a proud participant among 72 students selected from various states in the NationYogaoga Competition held at Una, Himachal Pradesh.

## Shuttle Competition

Ishaan Karthik, Son of Rtn.Aarthi Mukesh won bronze in both under-17 boys singles and doubles categories at the Phoenix trophy badminton tournament held at Feathers Badminton Academy, organised by the Lions Club.

## CBSE Cluster Championship

Akshat Raajan, Son of Rtn.Sujana PandiyaRajaan participated in the National Level CBSE Cluster football competition held at Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He and his team held 8th position among all Indian state and union territory teams.

## Picture of the Month

ரோட்டரி பிளாசத்தின் சிறப்பு குழந்தைகளும் எஸ்பிசி அகடமியின் இன்ட்ராக்ட் மாணவர்களும் இணைந்து பட்டாசு வெடித்து பட்சணம் செய்து தீபாவளியை கொண்டாடினார்கள். முற்றிலும் வேறு வேறு தளத்தில் இயங்கும் குழந்தைகள். எதிர்பார்த்ததை விட மனதிற்கு நிறைவாய், நெகிழ்வாய் நிறைவேறியது. மாணவர்களுக்குள் இருந்த தாய்மை உணர்வு மலர்ந்த தருணங்கள் இவை. அன்பின் முன்னே எல்லா வேறுபாடுகளும் கரைந்து தானே ஆக வேண்டும்.



## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENTS
Nov 5	Club Meet
Nov 9	Free Mammogram and Pap smear Camp for Women Police
Nov 10	District Foundation Seminar
Nov 12	Board Meet
Nov 15	நீலா முற்றம்
Nov 19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vaccination Camp
Nov 20	Interact Installation
Nov 24	Ignite'24
Nov 26	RCC Installation
Nov 30	Queens Jaunt
All Thursdays	Clubfoot, Cervi Cure Project Awareness

We Wish Beautiful Queens Remembering their Birthdays & Anniverseries

### BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Rtn.Malliga Chinnaswamy
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rtn.Dr.Saroja Velusamy

### ANNIVERSERIES

1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Rtn.Amudha
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rtn.Chitra Murugan
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rtn. Dr.Sharmila Balaguru
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rtn.N.Hemalatha
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Rtn.Amritha Sanjay
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Rtn.Shanthi Swaminarayan

## Compassionate Interact Children

Studies show that giving children tasks to complete at a young age also helps create a solid work ethic while developing self-reliance and other vital life skills. Chores teach kids about respect. Interact Club teaches the same when they are given responsibilities through various events from the club.

The Interact Children from SBC Academy took the Event பட்டாசும் பட்சுமும் to celebrate Dewali with 15 special kids from Rotary Blossom. The event mesmerized people who participated by the acts of the Interact children in handling the special kids at the very young age. Interact Club students tended the special Children with utmost care and dedicated themselves for their happiness. They broke barriers to bring the special children trust them within few minutes.

Their gentle comforting protective care brought out the expected output from the special children in making sweets, participating in games, enjoying themselves in the new environment. They proved age isn't the barrier to show love, care and make others life beautiful.

The selfless act by the children is much appreciated. Rotary is all about giving to make a better community but the Interact Children displayed a compassionate work which can not be described in words and their act showed selfless indulgence. That kind of act needs to be saluted and honored. Let us salute those kids for they will be making a better tomorrow. We are proud to have you as our part.



# Rotary Ann

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The term "Rotary Ann" originated in 1914 as a term of endearment for the wives of male Rotary members. The term came about when a group of San Francisco Rotarians chartered a train to the Rotary Convention in Houston, Texas, and the only woman on the train until it stopped in Los Angeles was Ann Brunnier, the wife of Rotarian Bru Brunnier. As the train picked up more delegates, Brunnier was introduced as the Rotarian's Ann, and the title soon became "Rotary Ann". When a second woman named Ann, Ann Gundaker, also boarded the train, the name quickly became "Rotary Anns". The group loved the title and used it for all the wives in attendance.

In 1928, the Rotary Anns became their own organization with the goal of supporting their husbands through social, fundraising, and service activities. The group's original purpose was to: Foster acquaintances among Rotary spouses, Promote support to Rotarian husbands, Help spouses stay informed about the community, and Promote interest in local Rotary projects.

However, the term "Rotary Ann" fell out of favor after the United States Supreme Court admitted women to Rotary in 1987. Today, wives are more commonly known as "Rotary Spouses" or "Partners".

## Trivia

Guy Gundaker became President of Rotary International in 1923 and Bru Brunnier was elected President in 1952. Thus, each of the two original "Rotary Ann"s became the "First Lady of Rotary International

## Trivia

Very few clubs have "Rotary Ann"s now, but many have Partners Organizations; some are still called "Inner Wheel." The words "Rotary Ann" can be heard on rare occasions, and now you know.



## **QUEEN'S YEAR FOR CERVI CURE**

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*Pic: Cervi cure project approved and signed by RI President*

# **To Secure Tomorrow's Women, Vaccinate Today's Girls.**

**Let's Join Hands this Year to  
Create Awareness & Fight Against Cervical Cancer**

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