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EVERY DROP FUELS ROTARY'S MISSION

Editor's Note

Dearest Rotarians,

We live in a world where children are beaten, women mistreated and people are gasping for a smile in abusive relationships on a daily basis. A world where hundreds of millions around us, if not a few billion, haven't had the same upbringing, advantages or fortune as the rest of us.

And yet many of these children show up to the morning school assembly with a smile on their faces. These women turn up to work cloaking their tears with a false glint in their eyes and layering their scars with makeup. Millions of people pack away their sorrows in the deepest corners of their hearts and step out looking brave and in control.

No one seems to have the time to hear others out let alone help them deal with their challenges. People want to hang out with those who are fun and positive. Everyone is looking for some comfort. But this does not give us the right to assume that all is well in everyone's life. Nothing in the world absolves us of our responsibility to do our bit for those around us. Making this world a better place is not a lofty ideal but a shared responsibility.

The next time you feel like someone is acting pricey or arrogant, just pause for a moment before you give them a piece of your mind. The receptionist who didn't greet you properly or that flight attendant who didn't get you the right coffee could be going through their own challenges. We don't have to take it personally. Behind their perfect smile could well be flickering a broken heart, a mourning heart, a sad heart.

We just don't know how big the void is in someone's life, how deeply the emptiness may be gnawing at their very existence. Maybe it's true that you can't help them, or maybe you can. Only you know. At any rate, however, we can show a bit of patience and courtesy. If you care to stop, you might see a different world. Or at least you will see the world differently. That's all it takes for a transformational shift sometimes. And begin the new year to make someone smile.

Happy New Year



Aarthy Mukesh,

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Rotary Club of Queencity Dindigul.

RI Presidential Address

2025-26

January 2026

In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill — they are reclaiming their futures. This training program provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience, and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January — the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

The California automotive program has been such a success because it was built on integrity. Members of the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea didn't assume they knew what the community needed. They listened. They learned there was a shortage of skilled mechanics as well as a large number of young people lacking job training. They recognized that technical skills alone wouldn't be enough, so they partnered with Rancho Cielo, a nonprofit offering counseling and support services alongside vocational training.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world's children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus. Keeping this promise is the very definition of integrity.

The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

You have knowledge that can transform lives. Whatever your profession, your expertise combined with Rotary's values creates lasting change. The question isn't whether you have something to offer, it's how you'll use your skills to serve.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. And let the young people in California and the multitudes worldwide who need job skills remind you why vocational service matters.

Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
RI President 2025-2026



Presidential Address

ரோட்டரி நண்பர்களுக்கு வணக்கம்

டிசம்பர் மாதம் எங்கள் கீளப்பிற்கு மிகவும் பயனுள்ள மற்றும் மகிழ்ச்சியான மாதமாக அமைந்தது. Our Interact பள்ளி மாணவர்களுடன் இணைந்து, Rotary Blossom குழந்தைகளுக்காக Christmas Celebration சிறப்பாக நடத்தப்பட்டது. அந்த குழந்தைகளுக்கு பரிசுப் பொருட்கள் மற்றும் மதிய உணவு வழங்கப்பட்டு, அவர்கள் முகத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சி மலர்ந்தது.

அதேபோல Club Foot குழந்தைகளுடனும் Christmas Celebration உணர்ச்சி மிகுந்த நொடிகளுடன் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது.

கிளப் உறுப்பினர்களின் தொடர்பு மற்றும் நட்பு வட்டத்தை மேலும் வலுப்படுத்தும் வகையில், "அவளும் நானும்" என்ற Friends Get-Together நிகழ்ச்சி உற்சாகமாக நடைபெற்று, அனைவருக்கும் இனிய அனுபவமாக அமைந்தது.

வரும் புதிய வருடம் அனைவருக்கும் ஆரோக்கியம், சந்தோசம் மற்றும் வெற்றிகளை கொண்டு வர என் மனமார்ந்த வாழ்த்துகள்.



**நன்றியுடன்,
Rtn.Rajathi KamalaKannan,
President, 2025-26
RC of Dindigul Queency.**

Spectacular Moments in the month of December

“Endings of December carry the promise of new beginnings and brighter days ahead.”

Article By
Rtn.Dr.Shakthi Sri



1st Dec FAMILY TOUR

Every year, Queens go on a family trip. This year, our Queens travelled to Egypt. Queens visited the iconic Pyramids of Egypt and learned about their purpose, precise construction, and the remarkable engineering skills of ancient Egyptians. During the journey, they got to understand one another better—learning about each other’s food preferences, likes, and dislikes. These shared experiences strengthened mutual understanding and created a strong bond among the Queens.



1st Dec QUEENS' JAUNT

Queens went to Egypt for the Queens’ Jaunt. They visited the majestic Luxor Karnak Temple, one of the largest temple complexes in the world. The Queens learned about its grand columns, massive stone structures, intricate hieroglyphics, and the advanced architectural skills of ancient Egyptian civilization. The visit offered deep insights into the religious, cultural, and architectural significance of Egyptian temples.



1st Dec HPV VACCINATION

Queencity successfully vaccinated 202 children at Annamalaiyar School with both the first and final doses. The children expressed their gratitude to Rotary for this initiative.



3rd Dec CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAM

Cervical Cancer Awareness Program was conducted at Gurumuki Vidyashram. The session was led by Rtn. Kavitha and Rtn. Parkkavee, who created awareness about cervical cancer and the importance of early prevention.



5th Dec - நூலா முற்றம்

நூலா முற்றம் was celebrated in Egypt, making it a truly memorable experience. The Queens joyfully shared their travel moments and spoke about the rich Egyptian culture they discovered during the trip. The lively discussions reflected their curiosity, learning, and the deep impressions the journey left on them.



9th Dec CLUB MEET

Club meeting for the month of December was held at Stitch N Style. During the meeting, the Queens discussed the upcoming Cervi cure awareness programs and vaccination camps. Detailed planning was done to ensure the programs are conducted smoothly and without any flaws. Other ongoing and future projects were also discussed.



10th and 11th Dec Vaccination Camp

With higher responses every day for the cervi cure project, Vaccinating girls, young women and boys had been exceeding the target set. It's a proud moment for Queens who who camped at Dindigul GH, Medical College, Nursing College, Gurumuki Vidyashram, Dharshini Hospital, Parvathy,s arts and Science College, Prassidhhi vidyodaya school, NPR College and SBC academy. A record total of 1074 vaccinations given out. Proper adherence and strict precautions were taken at every camp sites ensuring well being and health as the top priority.



17th Dec JOINT SPEAKER MEETING

A joint Speaker Meeting was organized by the Rotary Clubs of, Dindigul Queencity, Dindigul Kingtown, Vathalagundu, Dindigul Aram, Chinnalapatti Dream, Dindigul Dreams, and Dindigul Miracle on 17th December 2025 (Wednesday) at Kingtown Rotary Hall. The session featured Rtn.Dr.R.Balaguru, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Mahatma Mind Care Hospital, Vadamadurai & Dindigul, who



spoke on the topic “Understanding Mental Issues & Their Solutions.” The talk was informative and insightful, creating awareness about mental health issues and practical approaches to address them.

18th Dec CLUB MEET

Club Meet was held as a small and focused meeting prior to the Club Foot programme. The members discussed the January projects, reviewed the needs of Blossom kids and Club foot toddlers, and planned the necessary arrangements to support them effectively. The meeting also covered important points related to finance and accounts, ensuring proper planning, transparency, and smooth execution of upcoming activities.



18th Dec CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH CLUB FOOT CHILDREN

Queens visited the clubfoot children at Dindigul Government Hospital, interacting with both the children and their parents to understand their treatment progress and specific needs. They ensured that all the children were adhering to their prescribed treatments and monitored their improvements. The Queens also held discussions with the doctors regarding the progress and care of the clubfoot children. To spread joy during the festive season, Christmas was celebrated with the distribution of gifts and cakes to the children, parents staffs and doctors bringing smiles and warmth to their day.



Trivia

1985: Rotary launches PolioPlus
PolioPlus supports the commitment Rotary made a few years earlier to "eliminate polio through immunization." Today, that commitment remains a top priority and the PolioPlus program coordinates the efforts of Rotary and its partners.

1987: Women join Rotary
Women join Rotary clubs throughout the U.S. following a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1989, women join clubs worldwide.

Trivia

19th Dec TRASH -TO- TREES

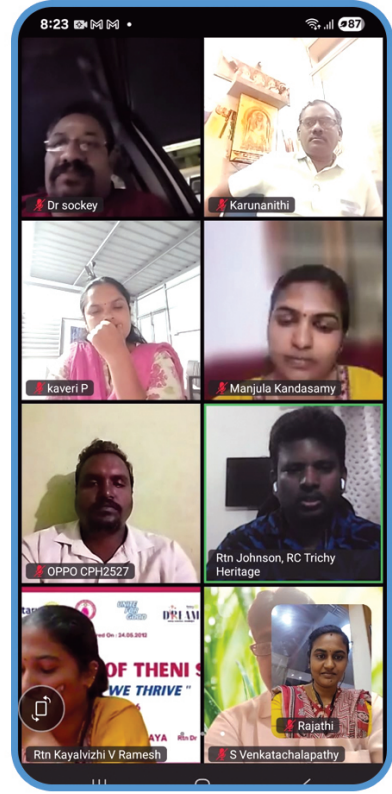
Interact students of TPKN conducted a plastic collection campaign, encouraging their peers to gather plastics both from the school campus and their homes. The Queens appreciated their initiative and took the opportunity to raise awareness about



common issues faced by school children, including the importance of not bullying others and strategies to overcome such challenges.

19th Dec JOINT SPEAKER MEETING

Queencity, along with the Rotary Clubs of Theni Stars, Karur Angels, Trichy Heritage, Perambalur, Thuraiyur Perumal Malai, Madurai North West, Kodaikanal, Ariyalur, and Pudukkottai Crown City, jointly organized a Zoom Speaker Meeting on 19th December 2025 from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm. The programme featured an inspiring session on the topic "Live to Lead (வாழ்வது ஆள்வதற்கே)" by Jc.Rtn. Sathees Sundaram, Business Leadership Coach from AGAM HR Academy, who emphasized purposeful living and value-based leadership. The meeting was graced by Rtn. J. Karthik, District Governor, RID 3000, as the Chief Guest, and Rtn. PDG.P.Gopalakrishnan, District Learning Facilitator, as the Guest of Honour. The session was interactive and motivational, leaving a strong message on leadership, responsibility, and service among the participating Rotarians.



20th Dec அவளும் நானும்

Rotary Club of Dindigul Queen City organised a joyful "அவளும் நானும்" Friends Get Together programme at Rtn.Alamelu Valliappan's Residency, Dindigul, bringing together members for an evening of bonding, happiness, and relaxation. The meet aimed at Celebration of New Year and friendship, Stress relief and relaxation, Sharing conversations, laughter, and cherished memories with a spirit of togetherness. Adding charm and colour to the occasion, the Queens came in twinning costumes and matching accessories, creating a vibrant and cheerful ambience. The Queens enthusiastically played various fun-filled games, shared laughter, and enjoyed every moment, making the gathering lively and memorable. The event truly reflected the bond among Queen City members and leaving behind beautiful memories of togetherness.



20th Dec BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting focused on the discussion of the six-month budget, review of upcoming projects, and the allocation of responsibilities among the members to ensure effective planning and execution of club activities.



22nd Dec CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH BLOSSOM KIDS

The Interact students of Luxor World School celebrated Christmas with the Blossom kids in a joyful and heart-warming manner. The students gained awareness about kids at Blossom centre and their treatment procedures through discussions with both the parents and the Blossom staff. To spread festive cheer, the Interactors presented colourful cultural performances exclusively for the Blossom kids and brought smiles to their faces. The children were delighted when one of the students dressed up as Santa Claus, adding

balloons to the Blossom kids. Queens are thankful to Interact Club of Luxor World school for their presence, activities, gifts and food to the children parents and Staffs of Blossom Centre. Overall, it was a truly meaningful and heartfelt Christmas celebration, filled with joy, care, and the spirit of sharing.



23rd Dec FREE MENTAL HEALTH CAMP

Rotary Club of Dindigul Queen City, through Rotary Blossom – Mission Mental Health, organised a Free Mental Health Medical Camp, during which Rtn.Dr.R.Balaguru., Consultant Psychiatrist, provided medicines to persons diagnosed with mental health issues and autism children. He also gave awareness and explained necessary precautions for individuals suffering from mental health concerns due to climate change-related factors. In addition, drug-addicted persons were offered counselling and appropriate medicines to support their recovery.



Queens Across Rotary

Foundation Seminar

Queens attended the foundation Seminar hosted by RC of Madurai Classic at AKNK Palace, Madurai on 6th Dec 2025. This district-level event for Rotarians is to learn about and get motivated to support The Rotary Foundation TRF), and how members can contribute to global service projects, increasing support and building strong club committees. Queen Rtn.Rajathi, President joined with other Rotarians Across RID 3000 for a skit.



MunPani

Rtn.Parkkavee Santhosh, President Elect and Rtn.Kavitha Senthilkumar, Assitant Governor Elect attended the Pre PELs and SELS at Karpaga Vinayagaa Mahal, Pudukottai on 21st December 2025. Chief Guest Rtn. Gowri Rajan, RRFC, Zone 5 and Guest of Honour Rtn.Gandhi Krishnan, District Governor 2026-2027, RID 3212 focused on preparing them for leadership with sessions on Rotary values, club administration, finance, membership, and strategic goals.



Trivia

1988: Peace Forums and advocacy
The Foundation holds its first Peace Forum in Evanston, Illinois, USA, as part of a pilot program. The program is later broadened and peace-focused events continue under many names.

Team RBS Take off - Bon Voyage and New Year Bash

Rtn.R.Subramani @RBS Mani, District Governor 2026-2027 and Mrs.Shalini Mani, District First Lady were wished good luck and wished a safe journey as they embark their journey to represent RI District 3000 at the Rotary International assembly, Orlando, USA at RBS Royal Palmson 31st Dec, 2025. The event also brought together Queens and all the team members of next year celebrating Rotary friendship and New Year. The event also hosted past Governors, and other important members from District 3000.



Across Queens Family

Heaven of Talent

Annet Sahana, Daughter of Rtn.Hemalatha, has won and has been selected to represent Solo Dance in the age group 8-16 yrs at Chennai Heaven of Talent show.

Rotary international district 3000
Heaven of Talent
S.Sahanaa
8-16 age group
Solo dance



Trivia

1988: Partners in the fight against polio
Inspired by Rotary's immunization work in the Philippines and global fundraising success, the World Health Assembly sets a goal of worldwide polio eradication. Rotary is a founding member of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

National Artistic Roller Skating Championship

Annet Ms.Uthrah Pandiyarajan, daughter of Rtn.Sujana Pandiyarajan won silver in Solo Dance category at the National Level Artistic Roller Skating Championship held at Visakhapatnam, Andrapradesh.



Doctorate

Queen Rtn.Dr.Shakthi Sri, Sub-editor, have received her Doctorate Degree for her project-: "Production and Marketing of organic products in Dindigul District". Very dedicated as a Lecture at GTN College of Arts and science took 3 years to complete her thesis. She is respected and looked upon for her compassion, Kindness and approachability by her students.



Trivia

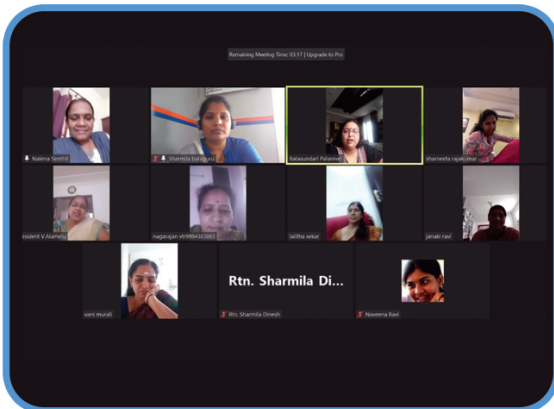
1999: Peace Centers empower leaders Foundation Trustees approve the creation of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, now known as Peace Centers. An inaugural class of Rotary Peace Fellows begins studies in 2002.

Trivia

2004: Arch Klumph Society recognizes donors Rotary creates the Arch Klumph Society to recognize individuals, couples, and organizations that have contributed \$250,000 or more to the Foundation. The first annual dinner is held at the 2005 convention in Chicago.

Nostalgic moments

Nostalgic moments are those that evoke a sentimental longing for the past, often bringing a mix of positive and bittersweet emotions. Let us go back to refresh, learn, share and take a positive action from the past.



Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENTS
Jan 3rd - 4th	Rotary Conference
Jan 6th	Club meet
Jan 8th	Interact SBC Academy
Jan 12th	Pongal Celebration
Jan 12th	Board meet
Jan 20th	Nila Muttram
Jan 20th	Club Meet
Jan 28th	Interact Gurumuki vidyashram
All Tuesdays	Blossom
All Thursdays	Clubfoot

Birthdays & Anniversary

Wishing Beautiful Queens remembering their Birthday

"On your special day, may you feel as awesome and extraordinary as you make everyone else feel every day. Happy birthday, my amazing friend!"

Wishing Beautiful Queen remembering their Anniversary

"Wishing you both a lifetime filled with adventure, laughter, and endless love."

ANNIVERSERIES	
Jan 27th	Rtn.Lalitha
Jan 31st	Rtn.Alamelu Valliappan

BIRTHDAYS	
Jan 5th	Rtn.Dr.Shakthi Sri
Jan 10th	Rtn.Malathi Nagarajan
Jan 12th	Rtn.Ramathilagam
Jan 24th	Rtn.Dr.Sunitha Babu
Jan 27th	Rtn.Shanthi Swaminathanq
Jan 29th	Rtn.Valarmathi
Jan 29th	Rtn.Dhana shree Liviya

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