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EVERY DROP FUELS ROTARY'S MISSION

Editor's Note

Dearest Rotarians,

Does faith have any scientific or even reasonable basis? And if you genuinely have faith, then how come worries of the future still grip you? I believe if you want your faith to be firm, then put aside any logic. And if you want your rational mind to be firm, then set aside faith.

Faith is knowing that not every day out there will be sunny. And that's okay. It is realizing that dawn will follow dusk. Faith is the awareness that a cloudy sky doesn't mean the sun has set. I've always held that faith doesn't mean life will go according to you. Instead, it means that you learn to get along with life. You recognize that life must run its own course. That your individual life is a tiny, albeit integral, part of the grand play of nature. An immensely grand play, at that.

Many people see faith or surrender as a way to have their dreams come true. They believe that they'll pray to some god and their wishes will be granted. This is not how nature operates. It can't afford to, for we often wish for the wrong things. We desire certain outcomes without realizing or understanding the cost of those desires. We forget that our choices are intricately linked to our fate, they shape our destiny. In wanting the 'good' stuff alone, we only see what we want to see.

A child feels secure in his mother's arms because he knows that she'll protect him. It's not an intellectual idea, but an ingrained belief that the child has. And, it is this subtle differentiation between believing you have faith, and having it, that makes all the difference to your inner peace.

To work on everything that you can and to let go of everything beyond your control is faith in a nutshell. Such faith, made up of action and surrender, is the most potent antidote to all fears.

Faith is the heart's wisdom. It's what your mind can't grasp but your heart knows. Give it a place in your life and you'll fly with a thousand wings. Higher and swifter. Across the seas, beyond the skies.



Aarthy Mukesh,

Editor,

Rotary Club of Queencity Dindigul.

RI Presidential Address

Shoki Wafula did not know what to expect when he was forced to leave his birth country of Uganda for South Africa. What he found was a Rotary community that welcomed him with warmth and friendship. That experience inspired him to help create a Rotaract e-club where young leaders from around the world could connect, develop their skills, and serve together.

Today, that community includes members across multiple continents who collaborate on leadership development, peacebuilding, and service initiatives. For Wafula, the experience reinforced the lesson that meaningful service begins with people who feel connected, valued, and empowered to lead.

His story reminds us why Youth Service Month is so important. Through Rotaract and programs like Rotary Youth Exchange, young people build leadership skills, develop global understanding, and discover the impact they can make through service.

Rotary's Action Plan calls on us to enhance participant engagement. At its heart, that goal asks a simple question: How can we ensure that participation in Rotary is meaningful and fulfilling for everyone? Youth programs and Rotaract provide a powerful answer.

When clubs mentor Rotaractors, host exchange students, or support youth leadership initiatives, they create opportunities for members to share their experience in ways that feel personal and rewarding. These connections deepen members' sense of purpose and strengthen the bonds within our Rotary family.

They also create lasting pathways into Rotary. Thousands of young people complete Rotary programs each year, and they carry those experiences with them throughout their lives. Many remain eager to stay connected.

Organizations such as Rotex International, an association of former Youth Exchange students, help Rotary program alumni continue serving as mentors, leaders, and advocates for our youth programs. As Rotex co-founder Hans Lee wrote in a recent reflection on Youth Exchange alumni, "exchange doesn't end when you return home."

When we welcome these young leaders into our clubs and activities, we strengthen the continuity of Rotary across generations.

During Youth Service Month, I hope every Rotary club reflects on how youth programs can enhance engagement for new and longtime members. Collaborate on service projects and invite youth voices into your planning and decision making.

Rotary's message to the world is that we can Unite for Good. Youth programs show us how that happens in practice — when generations come together, share ideas, and work side by side in service.

When we invest in young people, we are not only shaping future leaders. We are building a stronger, more connected Rotary today.



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
RI President 2025-2026



Rtn. Kavitha Senthilkumar
with fellow Rotarians in Goodwill mission at New Zealand

Presidential Address

ரோட்டரி நண்பர்களுக்கு வணக்கம்

ஏப்ரல் மாதம், நம் கிளப்பிற்கு மிகவும் சிறப்பான மற்றும் உற்சாகமான மாதமாக அமைந்தது. உறுப்பினர்களின் இணைப்பை வலுப்படுத்தும் நோக்கில் மாதந்தோறும் நடத்தப்படும் நீலா முற்றம் இந்த மாதமும் மிகச் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து, **Queen's Jaunt** என்ற கேரளா பயணம் சிறப்பாக அமைந்ததுடன், கொச்சின் ரோட்டரி கிளப்புடன் நடைபெற்ற **Flag Exchange** நம் நட்பையும், ஒற்றுமையையும் மேலும் வலுப்படுத்தியது. மேலும், நம் கிளப்பின் முக்கியமான **Signature Projects** ஆகிய **Club Foot** மற்றும் **Blossom** தொடர்ந்து வெற்றிகரமாக நடைபெற்று, சமூக சேவையில் நம் அர்ப்பணிப்பை வெளிப்படுத்தி வருகின்றன.

இந்த மாதத்தில் நடைபெற்ற முக்கியமான சமூக முயற்சிகளில் ஒன்று - சொவிக்கல் கேன்சர் விழிப்புணர்வு மற்றும் பரிசோதனை முகாம். இந்த முகாமில் பலர் கலந்து கொண்டு பயன்பெற்றதோடு, அவர்கள் அளித்த நேர்மையான கருத்துகள் நமக்கு மிகுந்த உற்சாகத்தையும், மேலும் இத்தகைய சேவைகளை விரிவு படுத்தும் பொறுப்பையும் கொடுத்துள்ளது.

நாம் செய்யும் ஒவ்வொரு முயற்சியும் ஒருவரின் வாழ்க்கையில் மாற்றத்தை உருவாக்குகிறது என்பதே இதன் மூலம் மீண்டும் உறுதியாகியுள்ளது. இந்த முயற்சிகள் அனைத்தும், நம் கிளப்பின் ஒற்றுமையும், அர்ப்பணிப்பும், வளர்ச்சியும் எவ்வளவு வலிமையானவை என்பதை தெளிவாக காட்டுகின்றன. நன்றி.



நன்றியுடன்,

Rtn. Rajathi KamalaKannan,
President, 2025-26, RC of Dindigul Queencity.

Spectacular Moments of April

"In the spirit of April, every small initiative can blossom into meaningful impact."

Article By
Rtn.Dr.Shakthi Sri



3rd April - நலா முற்றம்

நலா முற்றம் gathering was beautifully hosted at Rtn.Revathy's residence. A delicious dinner was thoughtfully prepared by Rtn.Revathy and Rtn.Malliga. The

evening was filled with fun games, warm interactions, and the joy of welcoming new members.

Rtn.Kavitha shared an insightful story about the Full Moon Day, highlighting its positive energy and significance, adding a meaningful touch to the celebration. Rtn.Dr.Shalini and

Rtn.Dr.Vanithasri, who are usually busy with their patients and unable to attend evening programs, joined us this time and truly enjoyed the gathering, making the evening even more special.



3rd April - Board Meeting

A Board meeting was conducted after the நலா முற்றம் and dinner. The Board Meeting focused on discussions about upcoming projects, financial planning, and effective utilisation of the available funds.

Members also explored possible activities and initiatives that could be carried out during the holidays. President-elect Rtn.Parkavee and Secretary-elect Rtn.Padmasini presented their ideas and strategic plans for the upcoming year, offering valuable insights and direction for the club's future initiatives.



15 - 16 April - Kumbalangi Nights

Queens explored the Kumbalangi backwaters to witness the enchanting bioluminescent glow —nature’s own night-time magic. This glowing effect is caused by microscopic organisms, mainly bioluminescent algae (often dinoflagellates), which emit light when disturbed.



The light is produced through a natural chemical reaction inside the organism. The glow becomes visible when the water is agitated—by waves, movement, or even a gentle touch. It appears as a sparkling blue or green shimmer in the dark. This phenomenon is harmless and occurs under specific environmental conditions like warm temperatures and calm waters.

A truly magical blend of science and nature, turning the backwaters into a living canvas of light. This visit strengthened the bond among members, transcending age differences and fostering a sense of unity. The group also explored the rich flavours of Kerala cuisine, adding a delightful cultural experience to the trip.

16th April -Joint Meet and Flag exchange

A joint meeting and flag exchange in Rotary is a cherished tradition designed to foster international friendship, goodwill, and collaboration between clubs, often marking the start of partnerships and joint service projects. Valuable insights were gained into the functioning and projects of RC of Cochin Milan, and the discussions proved to be highly productive and enriching



21st April – Club Meet

During the club meeting, the Incoming President Elect Rtn.Parkavee and Incoming Secretary Rtn.Padma shared their PELs and SELs experiences, providing valuable insights and perspectives for the members. They also demonstrated a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities.



Queens Across Rotary

ISION 2030 Regional Membership Summit

Rotary Tamil Nadu districts (2981, 2982, 3000, 3203, 3206, 3212) aligned with Rotary International's ambitious Vision 2030, aiming for 1.25 million Rotarians and 125,000 Rotaractors by the organisation's 125th anniversary. Summit, in Madurai on April 1, 2026, attended by RIPE Yinka Babalola, focused on strengthening membership, fostering collaboration between incoming and current leaders, and creating lasting impact through service.

It was a proud moment where everyone cheered as RI President Yinkka and VP MMM initiated our District focus project, HPV Vaccination, along with RC of Madurai Northwest and Queencity. It's the recognition Queencity got for the tireless works from our club for the past two years.



PELS and SELS

PELS (President-Elect Learning Seminar) and SELS (Secretary-Elect Learning Seminar) are critical training seminars for incoming Rotary Club leaders. Held at the district level, was attended by President Elect Rtn.Parkavee Santhosh and Secretary Elect Rtn.Padmasini. The event prepared leaders for their roles in the upcoming Rotary year by focusing on leadership, club administration, and the "Create Lasting Impact" theme. The incoming leaders enjoyed the event as the facilitators made the program learning in an interesting way.



DGL AG's and RC Meeting

"Sigaram meet" is the projects planned for the next year by Governor Elect Rtn.RBS.Mani's Team members at Dindigul for the next year was headed by RC elect Rtn.Madhavan and Dindigul AG elect Rtn.Shanmugam, AG elect Rtn.Jeyaraman, AG elect Rtn.Aravind Patel and AG elect Rtn.Kavitha Senthilkumar. Various Governors projects for the next year was planned, sorted out to be reached for the community in the most effective way. This meeting was organised well ahead to co ordinate between the clubs projects and Governors project through the Assistant Governors.



Trivia

1979:Rotary International begins its fight against polio with a multi-year project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines.
1985:Rotary International launches PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of US\$120 million.

1995:Health workers and volunteers immunize 165 million children in China and India in 1 week. Rotary launches the PolioPlus Partners program, enabling Rotary members in polio-free countries to provide support to fellow members in polio-affected countries for polio eradication activities.

Trivia

Goodwill Mission

Rtn.Sharmila Balaguru and Rtn.Malathy are in their way to Japan on a Goodwill mission. The trip has been planned to dedicate fostering international understanding and creating a peaceful world through service initiatives. The goodwill mission focuses on service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership. Quuens would participate in Rotary Friendship Exchange, attend project fairs to connect with global partners, and use intercountry committees.

Blossom 10th Anniverswary

"Project Blossom" in RI 3000 refers to community service initiatives focused on education, health, and welfare. Key initiatives include supporting differently-able special children, providing career guidance, conducting medical camps, counseling and vocational services.

This project in Queency typically runs for several years as it is designed to be sustainable, addressing a long-term community need, and is structured as a multi-year partnership. Blossom goal strategy allows successive leaders to collaborate on shared objectives, ensuring continuity and stronger outcomes for the beneficiaries. Each year, the leadership team will review and modify upcoming goals, adapting to the club's evolving needs. Running long-term, decade-long Rotary projects presents significant challenges, primarily rooted in maintaining community engagement, technical sustainability, and volunteer continuity over time.

Being in Rotary and being a editor I had the opportunity to look into all the details of this project and as the 10th year anniversary coming in, I am proud to share the so much happenings which involves lots of dedication, commitment to have created a better lifestyle for the kids at Blossom centre.



The past present and the future.....

It all started as a small thought shared at PELS and SELS by Actress Rohini who spoke about mental health in the year 2015. PGD Rtn.Dheenachandran who took this thought seriously was guided by Dr.CRS, Psychiatrist whom he met accidentally in flight on his way back from PELS and SELS. PDG Rtn.Dheenachandran on his period brought this as governors project in RI 3000. With Queency doing monthly medical camps, Rtn.VTR Nagarajan approached Rtn.Vanithamuralidharan. Queens who were always ready for high challenges hesitated a bit initially but as we gave a thought for the support system for the project, we involved giving our best.



On May 4th, 2015 this project was officially launched with Rtn.Vanitha Muralidharan, Rtn.Baskaran and Rtn. Narayanan as a core committee. We started looking for a place which was easy for us to reach and thus landed at where the centre is located right now. The advance for the home about Rs.90000 was sponsored by Rtn,Vanitha Muralidhran and the other expenses were shared by Matching Grants from Rotary. Rtn.Vanitha still sponsors for the centre's rent every month.



The biggest hurdle was getting in the beneficiaries as the special children were neither spoken about nor treated. The staffs appointed for the centre played a huge role by travelling to and far many villages, knocked every door asking about children who are in need. Rtn.Dr.Balaguru, Consultant psychiatrist, Mahatma Mind Care Centre, gave his time every Tuesday to treat the beneficiaries. Various camps were organised at various towns and Rotarians in those towns gave in their place and volunteered for the service. These camps made beneficiaries reaching out to us.



Treatments were given based on individual conditions. It started from regular checkups to counseling, physiotherapy, speech therapy, extending day care for the needy and so on. The centre staffs played a crucial role even at the most difficult times of corona, where beneficiaries were not allowed to travel given their health conditions as well as there were short supplies of medicines and funds to run the centre. Rotary norms were even installed with the staff members who had been a family, worked for no salary during corona times also delivered medicines to the homes of the beneficiaries.

Parents of the beneficiaries also supported each other, taught tailoring, soap making, basket weaving and they counseled each other as well as economically improved themselves through various vocational activities. From 30 children in the year 2015 to 110 children, Blossom unit is working around the clock has given smiles to various families and improved the standard of living of the special children across Dindigul district. And Queens plan the steady growth for the need of the special children at the centre as well reaching out for more



On this occasion Queencity is thankful to East West Pharma, Karur, Rtn.Venkatraman, Rtn.Aud.Anand, Rtn.Dr.Balaguru whose support had been the backbone of running the Blossom centre all through the years. Queencity is also further thankful to all the sponsors, members and well-wishers for their contribution and support when in need.

Across Queens Family

City Play Zone

Rtn.Vanitha Muralidharan, opened City Play Zone at City Square, Dindigul on April 5th. Arcade games, Trampoline Games and Soft play Area were inaugurated by Mr.P.Murugesan, Correspondent/ secretary, MSP School, Rtn.P.Senthi Kumar, President, RC of Dindigul West and Rtn. Aarthi Senthilkumar,



Correspondent, SBC Academy. The play area was beautifully designed to reach out to all age groups if it be a family or friends getting on together.

Lalith Kala Academi Chennai

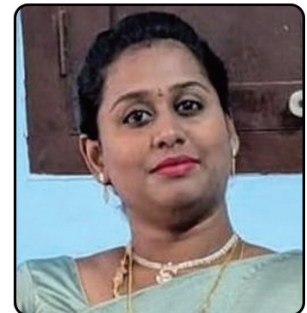
Annet Rishana Mukesh, daughter of Rtn. Aarthi Mukesh, an artist who pursued her dream in studying Finearts. She excels in various art forms and designing. Annet Rishana exhibited her Picture book at Lalith Kala academi from 20th April to 27th April. Her work was much appreciated for her illustrations.



Queens Reflection

Rtn. Devi Kamatchi – Calm and always with a smile, ready to do the job with perfection on her 1st year as a young Queen

"Joining Queencity has been one of the most heartwarming and meaningful journeys in my life. What started as a simple step, turned into an experience filled with connection, purpose, and genuine happiness.



From the very first day, I was welcomed not just as a member, but as a part of a family. The warmth, kindness, and encouragement I received made a deep impact on me. Every member carries a spirit of service and compassion that is truly inspiring. Their willingness to support, guide, and uplift one another creates an environment where everyone feels valued.

Being part of this club has given me more than just memories—it has given me a sense of belonging. The service activities we take part in are not just tasks, but meaningful contributions that touch lives. Each moment spent here reminds me how powerful unity and less can be.

I feel proud, grateful, and truly happy to be a part of the Queencity. This journey has strengthened me, inspired me, and filled my heart with purpose. I look forward to growing, serving, and creating many more beautiful memories with this wonderful family."

Rtn.Lakshmi Thiruvengadam- friendly with a smiling face. Always eager to participate in the events. Loves dogs. Shares her experience in Queencity.



Rtn.Dr.Sharmila Balaguru introduced me to the family (Queencity), I am still in learning phase of the club but love being a part of it. As a new member in was totally different in past 25 years. Had my First event was in December end in this six months I could see half of the members regularly involved in all the happenings. I felt very much connected and welcomed into as a family by the members who invite me for their family functions. I am surprised by the member's enthusiasm and motivation in successfully achieving goals, celebrating it and creating meaningful projects. Our signature projects and events like நிலா முற்றம் made a huge impact on me. Most of the members are successful entrepreneurs either small scale or large scale yet they find time connecting and doing services as they motivate me to do more in business and balance in social activities. I am looking forward to many more meaningful days to be created.

"Everday at Queencity is a beginning of a new knowledge.ooh feeling wonderful."

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Trivia 2000:A record 550 million children – almost 10% of the world's population – receive the oral polio vaccine. The Western Pacific region, spanning from Australia to China, is declared polio-free.

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2003:The Rotary Foundation raises \$119 million in a 12-month campaign. Rotary's total contribution to polio eradication exceeds \$500 million. Six countries remain polio-endemic – Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan.

Trivia

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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.



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!”

BIRTHDAYS	
12th May	Rtn.Lalitha
13th May	Rtn.chitra Jeyan
25th May	Rtn.Geetha Sivaraman
26th May	Rtn.Alamelu Valliappan

Wishing Beautiful Queen remembering their Anniversary

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

ANNIVERSERIES	
4th May	Rtn.Vanaitha Muralidharan
7th May	Rtn.Dhana shree Liviya
7th May	Rtn.Nalena Senthilkumar
18th May	Rtn.Rajaeswari Mohan
22nd May	Rtn.Vijaya
25th May	Rtn.Susila
26th May	Rtn.Saroja Veluswamy
27th May	Rtn.Mythili Chinnaraj

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