

*From P.H.F's  
to Young Inventors*



## *RCC of K.G. Byadarahalli - An Introspection*

*PP Rtn. K.Shankar*



**K**.G.Byadarahalli is a part of Majura Ramaswamy Palaya on the outskirts of Bangalore City, situated to the north of Nandi Durg Road and about 2 km from Munireddypalya Police Station.

We can really call it an urban slum of an area of approximately 4 acres with about 275 houses and a population of around 2,500. The residents belong to the Scheduled Castes.

Our Club's involvement, at least that is what we thought at that time, was to end with the construction of Rotary Ambedkar Primary School building of 4 class-rooms. But in the long term it proved to be the beginning. The RVC of K.G.Byadrahalli was chartered in 1987.

One of the first activities was to immunize all the eligible children and

our Club achieved 100 percent coverage in the programme. The young and eager members of the RVC had the potential to take charge of activities. Our task of encouraging leadership in the village began to take an optimistic attitude and we started involving them more and more with the view to improve their life-style.

Members of the RVC came forward with spontaneity and a sense of participation. The perspectives began to become clear and the direction of travel had a definite purpose.

At this point I would like to emphasize the fact that our Club has invested very little in terms of finances; but the leadership we developed and encouraged began to take a definite shape. The following are the achievements:

1) Rotary Primary School: The second year of primary school started in 1986-87. The school was constructed during 1986-87 by our club.

2) Adult Education : With the help of the State Government over 60 adults have already become literate; and presently 25 members are regularly attending the ongoing scheme.

3) Balavadi : Over 45 children are being looked after. These children get mid-day meal and vitamin tablets every day.

4) Old Age Pension: 57 senior citizens are receiving aid by the State Government.

5) Widow Pension: 20 widows are getting monthly remuneration under this scheme.

6) Sports and Recreation : The Director of Youth Services has provided sports equipment and a black and white TV sets for the benefit of the community.

7) Free Milk and Bread : The Social Welfare Department supplies everyday 1 glass of milk to children under 1 year of age; and 1 glass of milk and two slices of bread for children in the age group of 1-6 years. This programme also benefits pregnant women and nursing mothers. Total beneficiaries as of date 600, daily.

8) Bhagyajyothi Scheme: 15 houses have been provided electricity free of cost under the Central Government Scheme. 30 more houses got the benefit in the year.

9) Reading Room: A free reading room is opened for the use of the residents. The Government Public Library supplies free of cost 3 dailies and 5 magazines. The Hindu supplies their magazines free of cost.

10) Our Club Scholarships: 3 Scholarships of the value of Rs.300 each were given to poor students in 1988. Last year we provided 10 Scholarships. Our commitment to this area enables us to provide more Scholarships in the future also.

11) Over head Tanks: During the last year our Club assisted in providing 2 overhead tanks – one exclusively for the school building where the Bangalore Corporation provides water. The other tank of 2,000 gallons capacity was completed recently over an open well, for the benefit of the residents at a cost of Rs.26,000/-

12) Co-operative Society: Probably this was the PROJECT OF THE YEAR. The society was financed by the members themselves, who contributed Rs.100 each at the rate of Rs.10 per month. Total amount collected Rs.15,000/-. The Society is run by the RCC members, without remuneration, supplies essential requirements at attractive prices and in the past 5 months of working has made a profit of Rs.5,000/-. A very successful venture, indeed. Probably this was the only one of its kind in the RCC villages all over the world. A matter our Club is justifiably proud of.

13) Vocational Training: Thanks to voluntary help by our own Rotarians, over 25 women were trained in Agarbathi making which enabled them to make good living.

The RCC gave our Club very encouraging results, which are overwhelming. The leadership has become more clear. The members of RCC of K.G.Byadarahalli are more sure of themselves. They know the value of self-help. They are prepared to take up more projects for their little village.



## Rotary Community Corps

Rtn. Lalitha Subbarao



The Rotary Club of Bangalore started a Rotary Village Corps at Nagondanahalli, Whitefield on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1991. Dist. Governor Rtn. S.K.Sen inaugurated the RCC and Rtn. M.R.Doraiswamy Iyengar, President, presided over the function. On this occasion the RCC Committee collected donations from Rotarians and presented two sewing machines for conducting vocational training programme to Nagondanahalli. For the other sewing machine Rtn. Director Dr. H.Ramananda Hegde, Rtn. A.Gowrishankar and Rtn. Amaranath Kamath contributed funds for purchasing sewing machine and donating the same on behalf of our Club.

The District Governor, who inaugurated the RCC announced donation of one sewing machine from the District funds to the RCC.

Mr. Venkataramanappa, President of Nagondanahalli RCC thanked the Rotary Club of Bangalore and also all the donors.

The efforts of the Committee at Nagondanahalli has been appreciated by the residents of the village. The

meetings of the Committee at that place were attended by the local people in large numbers. They were always enthusiastic to receive the Rotary Club members.

The Rotary Club donated four Sewing machines to the RCC at Nagondanahalli. With the help of these machines, the RCC has trained 30 girls in tailoring. The Committee is making efforts to provide suitable jobs to these girls. The RCC Committee is also making efforts to raise about Rs.25,000/- to sink a borewell to overcome the drinking water shortage. The RCC members at the village have agreed to raise another Rs.25,000/- to meet the cost of the borewell.

The village has only about 35 percent literacy now. The residents are mainly agricultural labourers. The Committee has taken it as a challenge to make the village 100 percent literate before the end of the present Rotary year.

Another project the RCC Committee had decided to undertake was to provide uniforms to the school children in the village. In providing the uniforms, the Committee took the help of the girls who were trained in tailoring. The Rotary Club had already

provided furniture to the school earlier.

This Annual Republic Day (1993) was celebrated in a unique manner by the RCC Committee. A small function was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> January, at Nagagondanahalli to mark the inauguration of Typing classes. The typing classes benefitted the youth of Nagagondanahalli and the villages surrounding it. Speaking on the occasion Rtn. Lalitha Subbarao urged the youth to work hard and lead a disciplined life. She appealed to make use of the facilities provided and think of making a career for themselves. President Rtn. H..R.Suresh handed over a typewriter to the RCC and Rtn. Dr. S.G.Ramnarayan Rao handed over the certificates to the successful students of previous year.

With the help of Medinova Diagnostic Services a medical check up was conducted at our Rotary School in K.G.Bydarahalli on 29<sup>th</sup> January. Cases of eye problem, Dental Disorder and one case of Oedema were diagnosed. Medinova followed up these cases.



# Women's Empowerment Committee of Rotary Club of Bangalore

-Rtn. Vanita Singh



“There are no excellent organizations” says Tom Peters author of the book “Thriving on Chaos”

Could we at the end of 75 years of existence proclaim our excellence?

Or could we say that we are an organisation that has excellently thrived on chaos?!

Nostalgia, sweet memories and lot of hope for the unseen future

Life as just begun at 75, what shall we strive to achieve?

Do your eyes close and hands fold to pray?

*“Where the mind is without fear and  
the organisation's image held high;  
Where development is second nature  
Where the committees function in  
harmony towards a common goal;  
Where policies demonstrate concern  
for the members/society*

*Where service has reached new heights  
of excellence;*

*Where the clear stream of logic has  
not been confined to fellowship alone;*

*Where rewards are based on merit to  
exploit the human potential;*

*Into that heaven of service culture –  
almighty let us thrive”*

PP. Rtn. Elizabeth Zachariah, writing an article in the 2005-2006 inaugural function, expressed Women were made a part of Rotary in recognition of their strong leadership abilities, their outstanding citizenship, their importance to the community, their worthy performance in their vocation and their strong family values. It was recognized that women possessed the ability, the desire and a true calling to service. Rotary's history is being rewritten by the courageous actions and good will of women Rotarians who time and again have offered their services, their intelligence and their ideas to the work of this organization. Women's Empowerment Committee of Rotary Club of Bangalore, started in

the year 2005-2006, and has taken a lead to devise better awareness campaigns and ensure that appropriate measures are taken.

Studies show that when women are supported and empowered, all of society benefits. Their families are healthier, more children go to school, agricultural productivity improves and incomes increase. In short, communities become more resilient. WEC firmly believes that empowering women to be the key change agents is an essential element to achieve the end of hunger and poverty. Wherever we work our programs aim to support women and build their capacity. In India, various Women's Leadership Workshops have empowered 70,000 women to be effective change agents in their villages.

Taking a link from here WEC of Rotary Club of Bangalore, with its 31 women Rotarians is striving towards:

- Taking key initiatives in Empowering Women
- Celebrating Girl Children

To begin with the WEC was established to support women related issues as only a woman can understand a woman. WEC worked for all the projects already existing but did not have any exclusive projects

First year of WEC was focused on poor feeding, offering vocational training like candle making and sewing and stitching to women from various slums and homes was taken up. Later Counseling for Distressed Women, Breast Cancer Awareness, Adolescence Education for School Children were some of the projects and ongoing projects.

Women Empowerment Committee feel that Domestic Violence in any form is unacceptable and we as citizens of Bangalore, can all play a part in preventing abuse from happening to anyone in our society. In the current



*The first all women's committee of our club with PP Rtn. G.V. Radhakrishnan at the first ever meeting of Women's Empowerment Committee in July 2005.*

year the focus was on Legal Awareness program on this issue , and to gain momentum and visibility on the issue Dr. Kiran Bedi who has in-depth knowledge on the issue addressed a large seminar participated by various NGOs, Women's organisations and victims. At the end of the seminar, we

hope to arrive at a conclusion on concrete action which could be taken up by Women Empowerment Committee in helping to bring about a change.

Cancer Detection camps in slum areas with Kidwai Memorial Hospital providing free screening and free treatment of those affected. Also, screening of women for cervical cancer for slum women in government hospitals. 2000 women benefitted.

Micro credit funding for 5000 village

women and follow up by helping them set up their own businesses. Adolescent Education on Sexual Hygiene, Nutrition, and General Health was provided in government schools. An ongoing project has covered about 8000 girl students.

- Candle and Paper Bag Making. Women were taught to make candles and paper bags and to convert this to a business by supplying shops in Bangalore.

- Home Care for the Sick. Needy women with basic educational qualifications were trained at specialized hospitals to learn the administration of medicines, taking blood pressure and total care for the sick. 40 women were trained and provided employment in the first year of WEC.

- Legal Awareness Camps on individual rights & Domestic Violence

constitutes a huge portion of WEC activities. Several Legal Awareness Camps were held.

- AIR Broadcast on Domestic Violence Act and action to be taken in cases of Violence was discussed by Ms. Premila Nesargi, WEC guest speaker on the subject.

- Seminar on Domestic Violence. Dr. Kiran Bedi (IPS) was invited to Moderate at a Seminar on Domestic Violence, where Media, Judges, NGOs, Corporates were present to join hands to address the cause.

Further WEC has taken an annual initiative to recognise Women achievers and has instituted '**Rotary Arnav Women of Substance Award**'

Though the WEC started for Rotary Women to support women in need by women, it is consistently supported by all members of Rotary Club of Bangalore and in the current year all gentlemen Rotarians are invited to be an integral part of this committee and help in moving forward to take it to heights in Service.



## *Ashvasan Foundation*

*Rtn. Lalita Ubhayaker*



**A**shvasan Foundation, a Voluntary Service Organization was started Fourteen years ago to reach out to senior citizens, the aged and the lonely. We had realized that changes in our value system, disintegration of the joint family system into nuclear families, inflation and high cost of living have put tremendous pressure on senior citizens making them feel insecure, uncared for and inadequate both at home and outside. Whether the person is staying in a family environment or staying alone or in a Home for the Aged, the key word to this problem is loneliness and attitude to life is the key to better living. Ashvasan has sought to address itself to this problem. Volunteers of Ashvasan contribute care and concern and spare time to share it

with the lonely without expectations of any kind, to restore a sense of self esteem, confidence and dignity in them. The warmth given relieve the loneliness of the senior citizens to a considerable extent. Over the years Ashvasan has touched the lives of hundreds of senior citizens in Bangalore. We have established 10 recreational centres and have approximately 1000 senior citizen members.

All our activities are geared to cultivate aging gracefully with no self pity, have a purpose, to become self reliant, self sufficient and at the same time accept dependence without resentment.

While whole heartedly congratulating the Rotary Club of Bangalore on its manifold service activities, I feel a great sense of pardonable pride in recounting the numerous ways in which Rotary Club of Bangalore has contributed towards the work of Ashvasan.

In 2000 we had felt the need to establish a Day Care Centre for the elderly, just as we have 'Creches' for Children. In response to our appeal, the Rotary Club of Bangalore, came forward with generous and timely help which enabled us to start and run the Day Care Centre for two years in Jayanagar, Bangalore. It was inaugurated by Shri. S.M.Krishna during the Presidentship of Rotarian M.K.Ananth. The Inner Wheel Club of Bangalore came forward to assist in furnishing and equipping the Day Care Centre. Ashvasan acknowledges this with gratitude.



For the past six years, we have started five projects for feeding senior citizens in the slums who are other-wise neglected and helpless. The places are Vasanthanagar (30 People), Bhuvaneshwari Nagar (30 People), CSI Slum – Shivajinagar (25 People), Vyalikaval Slum (20 People) where we are feeding everyday and giving clothing and medicines. The cost of this comes to approximately Rs.12,000/- per month (Rs.1.78 lakh annually) for all the 5 centres. The Rotary Club of Bangalore, during the Presidentship of Rtn. Manohar Row extended support for our feeding programme for the under privileged senior citizens for one year daily (2003-04) for one of our centres in Vasanthanagar Slum. Also the Women's Empowerment Committee gave us immense support with individual members contributing

handsome donations for this feeding programme.

Rotary Club of Bangalore has been a source of support and encouragement to Ashvasan in yet another are. Ashvasan Annual Seminar has been a regular feature for last 12 years. To create awareness of problems related to the elderly, we arrange regularly annual seminars where eminent personalities speak on three main topics health, wealth and spiritual well-being. In the last five years the Seminar has been held at the Rotary House of Friendship and the Hall has been made available to Ashvasan Foundation free of cost as well as for World Elders Day.



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1952-53	Graduate Fellow	Manorama Hosali	University of Wisconsin Madison Wisconsin
1960-61	Graduate Fellow	Nuggehalli G.Parthasarthy	Stanford University Palo Alto, California
1964-65	Graduate Fellow	Mysore G.S.Swamy	Southern Methodist University Dallas, Texas
1964-65	Graduate Fellow	Bhoopalam K.Punyavathy	University of Copenhagen Copenhagen, Denmark
1968-69	Graduate Fellow	Mandyam B.R.Prasad	Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago, Illinois
1969-70	Technical Trainee	Hiriyana Sriram	Milwaukee Technical College Milwaukee, Wisconsin
1970-71	Technical Trainee	H.V.Nagaraj	School of Mineral Industry State College Pennsylvania
1972-73	Technical Trainee	Vellore Krishna Murthy	General Electric Company Baltimore, Maryland



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1973-74	Teacher of the Handicapped	Lalitha Pratap	University of the Pacific Stockton California
1975-76	Graduate Fellow	Geetha Krishnan	Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana
1981-82	Undergraduate Scholar	Kotha Anantha Padmanabhan	Robert Bosch Corporation Charleston, South Carolina
1981-82	Journalism Award	Ratna Rao Sekhar	University of Oklahoma Norman, Oklahoma
1982-83	Graduate Scholar	Raghavendra Goverdhan Maragapura	Lincoln College Canterbury, New Zealand
1986-87	T.A.	Smt. V.Kamakshi	Michigan State University
1986-87	T.A.	Smt. Vasanthi Soundar Rajan	Pennsylvania
1987-88	G.S.	Ms. N.V.Anuradha	Washington Seattle



## *Youth Exchange*

1.	Sri. Amar K. Murthy	Neloraska, U.S.A.	One year of High School Study
2.	Smt. Mala Krishna Murthy 1980-81	Seymour, Australia	One year of High School Study
3.	Xerxes Cursetjee 1984	USA	

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4.	Rtn. PP. Capt. V.V.K. Mani & Lakshmi Mani (First all Woman's Team)	District 971 Australia	
5.	Rtn. T.K.Sreenivasa Setty	District 5260, Los Angeles, USA	1997-98
6.	Rtn. K.N.Prabhashankar	District 5970, IOWA, USA	1999-2000



## Shields

## Trophies

### **The Rudra Rolling Shield**

The Youth Activities Committee brought off the first Inter-School Swimming Competition in 1960. The Rudra Rolling Shields for boys and girls, to be awarded to the institutions which scored the highest points, were instituted by Rtn. B.Rudra (grand father of Rtns Shailesh Rudra and Jayanth Rudra). The competition has become one of the most popular sports events in Bangalore.

The Rudra family successfully extended support by meeting expenses for the next 40 years.

### **Amco Rolling Shield**

Instituted in 1979 to award and recognise the best Employer-Employee Relations, to be given to the

industrial unit in Bangalore which maintained the best Employer-Employee relations. A comprehensive, interesting and educative questionnaire was prepared and the results judged with the assistance of IIM, HMT and HAL.

**1987 :** Mr. Manjunath, Minister for Labour, Karnataka handed over the shield – spirit of 'Honouring of Vocations' was explained.

**1990 :** M/s AMCO Batteries Ltd, the sponsors of this Rolling Shield, in consultation with our club agreed to extend its support by accepting to meet the expenses. The Award winners will be given Replica of the Shield. The size of eligible companies who could participate may have employee strength from 300 to 900, as also other details of the organisation.

Awards for the Rolling Shield continued for a further period of 10 years.

### **Ramnarayan Chellaram Inter-Collegiate General Knowledge Rolling Shield**

The contest for the rolling shield was started in 1959. Late Rtn. Ramnarayan Chellaram who had initiated the shield joined the Rotary Club of Bangalore on July 1, 1941. He was well known for his selfless dedication to humanity and was a great philanthropist, having donated liberally to several noble causes. These ideals were to be instilled among the youth:

- a) To create awareness amongst the various colleges and help them pick their most talented and outstanding students.
- b) To keep abreast with upto date knowledge in all spheres

c) To give an opportunity to the inter-collegiate students to get together and improve fellowship and competitive spirit.

The competition had become a major event every year and the college students looked forward to it with enthusiasm.

This annual contest is actively made available to students for 25 years.

**Yadalam Nanjaiah Setty Rolling Shield**

The shield was instituted in 1983 to be awarded to the best speaker on consumer protection. A large number of college students eagerly participate, every year. Conducted by Rotary Club of Bangalore it honours the memory of the stalwart after whom the shield is named and celebrates his bold entrepreneurship and exemplary spirit of civic service.

Yadalam Nanjaiah Setty (14-7-1896 to 3-6-1982) lived an active and memorable 86 years. He was a self-made man who was highly respected in the Vysya community and also in the business circles for his vision, uprightness and practice of ethics in business. It is a measure of the man's greatness that he and his conduct have influenced the thinking of so many people which is truly the mark of a born leader.

He was born in Kandakuru in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh. For reasons of health of his father Sri Yadalam Subbaiah Setty, in the year 1906, the family migrated and settled down in Bangalore and set up businesses.

During his lifetime, he experienced many highs and lows but was not overly perturbed by difficulties nor was he overjoyed by successes. He took them all in his stride. It is interesting that even his first industrial venture in the year 1932, of putting up five looms in a cow-shed, was implemented with

opposition from his father who was new to the industrial culture. However, within a year, seeing the positive results of the venture, his father was convinced of the wisdom in entering the manufacturing sector.

Early in his business career, his contacts extended to the important textile manufacturing and trading centers of Bombay and Ahmedabad.

At a time when industrial culture was still very new in the environment he was in, though he had no formal education nor any industrial background, from being a big wholesale trader in textiles, he and his brothers Yadalam Gopalakrishna Setty and Yadalam Adinarayana Setty went on to set up three textile mills in and around Bangalore, called Ramkumar Mills Pvt Ltd. and Sri Krishna

Spinning & Weaving Mills Pvt. Ltd. They set up a whole township on the outskirts of Bangalore – now known as Subramanyapura. In this township, even a beautiful temple was built in the year 1951. The third textile mill was set up in the year 1964 in Rajajinagar in Bangalore.

He had a deep empathy for others which was very well understood by his employees. The welfare of his people was always dear to his heart.

To this day, Yadalam Nanjaiah Setty continues to inspire and guide his progeny in the conduct of their lives and to cherish, practice and nurture the unshakeable ethics and values in business that were so dear to him.

PP Rtn. Yadalam .N.Gangadhara Setty, son of Nanjaiah Setty and his grandson Yadalam G.Ramkumar actively support the programme, every year.

Over a period of time the format was researched and the scope was extended to college teams.

#### **K.S.Aiyar Memorial Award**

The K.S.Aiyar Memorial Award for the best Journalist on Social Theme was instituted by Rtn. S.Ramanathan in memory of his father, Late K.S.Aiyar. The first award was awarded in 1992 to Smt. Sakuntala Narasimhan, Asst. Editor, Femina and the second award, in 1993, to Smt. Bhargavi Nagaraja, free lance journalist.

#### **Johnson Trophy and Kapoor Trophy**

In 1980 Instituted the Johnson Trophy for the winner of the Inter-School Four-Way Test Essay Competition and the Nanne Kapoor Trophy for the winner of the Inter-School Four Way Test Elocution Competition.

#### **Parade Rolling Trophy**

Records highlight the Parade Rolling Trophy was sponsored by the Parade Advertising Agency, during 1983-84, to recognise, and encourage the best house magazines published from Bangalore.

The Trophy was in the annual routine of the club for the next 10 years.



## Our Significant Matching Grants

### Excerpt from Dr. Kenneth Watson

Member, RI team, Supervising Rotary Foundation Programs

“Over many years I have visited many Rotary Clubs around the world and have worked on Rotary Volunteer Programmes and for other charitable agencies. I have rarely, if ever met, such enthusiasm and commitment to social and charitable causes which the Rotary Club of Bangalore provide for the community in terms of both finance and commitment. I challenge any other club to match them and wish them every success”

### Project : Providing Mobile Micro Surgical Eye Unit

Matching Grant No:1961

Beneficiary : Marata Medical



Education Charitable Trust

International Partner : RI Dist 3310, Singapore

Year : 1998

Amount in \$ : 1095/-

Report Status: Project completed

### Project : Nutrition Supplement Program

Matching Grant No : 1656

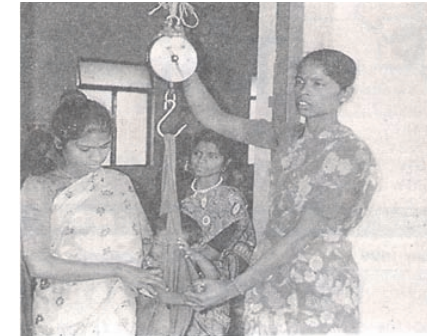
Beneficiary : Sanjivini Trust

International Partner : RI Children's Opportunity Grant (COG)

Year : From 1998 to 2001

Amount in Rs : 6,00,000/-

Report : Provided Nutrition



Training Session of Health Animators

Supplements for 650 young children for 3 years



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**Project : Providing 35 units of houses for the poor in Krishnanapalya of Old Madras Road, Bangalore**

Matching Grant No : # 12886 & 13096

Beneficiary : Association for Voluntary Action & Services, Bangalore (AVAS), Karnataka Kolageri Nivasigala Samyiktha Sanghatane (KKNSS)

International Partner : RI Dist 4590, Brazil

RI Dist 4410, Brazil

Year : 16-12-2002

Amount in \$ : 35,000/-

Amount in Rs.: .90,000/- each unit

Report : Completed

Rotary Club of Bangalore has responded to the needs of the deprived lot in coming out with 35 low cost shelters in the housing colony of a total of 105 houses. Rotary Club of Bangalore with grants from The Rotary Foundation sponsored by two district from Brazil – RID 4410 and RID 4590 – were responsible for executing the project to the extent of 35 houses (grant amount being US \$35,000). The balance 70 houses were constructed with funds from Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO). Each house has a built up area of 300 Sq.ft. having a common room, kitchen, bath and toilet, veranda and staircase leading to the roof. Cost of each shelter worked out to be approximately Rs.90,000/-. Out of which Rs.44,000/- (US \$1000/-) was provided by The Rotary Foundation. Each unit has all the basic facilities like water, electricity and sewage provided by the Bangalore City Corporation as well as additional borewell water pumping



facility. Besides well laid out pavements, the colony has Crèche, Health Centre and area for women for tailoring. In addition, a shop for items of daily need. The local administration had converted the slum into 106 sites of 20'x16'.

**Project: Dialysis Machines**

Matching Grant No: 18772

Beneficiary : Mahaveer Jain Hospital

International Partner : Cinnamon Gardens, Sri Lanka, Dist. 3220

Year : 2002

Amount in Rs : 12,00,000/-



Report Status : Installed. The machines were inspected in 2005 by the Project Monitoring Committee and it was reported that the machines are serving the purpose effectively.

## *Our Significant Matching Grants*

### **Project : Generator Set with acoustic enclosure and AMF Panel**

Matching Grant No : 21934

Beneficiary : Yethiraja Trust Samudaya Bhavan



International Partner : Rotary Club of Del Mar Solana Beach, USA & RID 5340

Year : Completed 11 July 2003

Amount in \$ : 8000/-

Report : Completed

### **Project : Horticulture Training Centre for the Disabled**

Matching Grant No: 22422

Beneficiary: Association of People With Disabilities (APD)

International Partner : Rotary Club of Prince George, District 5040 & CRCID,



Canada

Year : 2003

Amount in Rs. : 10 lakh

Report : Completion of the project on a 5 acre plot for Horticulture Training Centre for the Disabled in order to train

them in gardening & thus make them independent for their livelihood. 60



disabled students will be trained every year in all aspects of gardening techniques.

The physically challenged people who are trained in horticulture are being employed gainfully every year.

The project also included setting up of a Rain Water Harvesting System.

The total cost of the project was over Rs.10 lakhs, out of which Rs.6.75 lakh were received from the MG and RC Prince George.

### **Project : Neonatal Intensive Care Equipment**

Matching Grant No : 22951

Beneficiary : Mahaveer Jain Hospital, Bangalore

International Partner : Cinnamon Gardens, Sri Lanka, Dist. 3320

Year : 2003



Amount in \$ : 8750/-

Amount in Rs : 4,00,000/-

Report : A Ventilator for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit was handed over to Pediatric Department of Bhagwan



## *Our Significant Matching Grants*

Mahaveer Jain Hospital by our club on Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our club has donated this equipment to the hospital under a Matching Grant Project implemented in co-operation with the Rotary Club of Cinnamon Gardens, Sri Lanka and The Rotary Foundation U.S.A. President Dr. Elizabeth Zachariah and Immediate Past President Manohar Row worked very hard to get this Matching Grant through. We are grateful to The Rotary Foundation for their timely financial assistance.

Many infants are born with breathing problem. The Ventilator helps them breathe and saves their life. Thus, the project meets a very vital need of the community.

### **Project : Biochemistry Analyzer**

Matching Grant No : 23098

Beneficiary : P.D.Hinduja Sindhi Hospital, Bangalore

International Partner : Cinnamon



Gardens, Sri Lanka, Dist. 3220

Year : 2003

Amount in Rs: 8,00,000/-

Report : Installed and working satisfactorily in the premises.

### **Rotary Sahasra Deepika International for Education**

Our dream come true.



Rotarians visiting 'Sahasra Deepika International For Education', an orphanage & residential school with 50 inmates & slated to grow to 100 students. The Club is contributing



substantial amount for the construction of a Girls Dormitory to house present & future inmates. This is one amongst the many Major Projects for 2003-04. Also, Sahasra Deepika will be supported by District 7550 through matching grants.

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### Project: Artificial Limbs

Matching Grant No: 51671

Beneficiary : Karnataka youth Marwari Federation



International Partner : Rotary Club of Petlinga & District 3300

Year : 2004

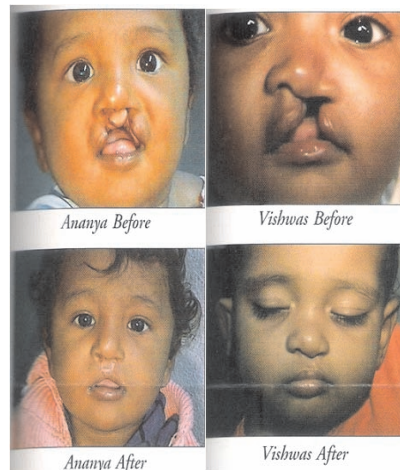
Amount in Rs. : 4,00,000/-

Report : 450 families are 'back on their feet'

### Project : Palatoplasty Cleft Lip Repair

Matching Grant No: 51672

Beneficiary : St. John's Medical College and Hospital



International Partner : Rotary Club of Columbia, RI Dist. 7550 : \$3000

Rotary Club of Karachi, RI Dist. 3270 : \$1600. Year : 2004.

Amount in \$ : \$4,600. Report : 45 children below age of 5 years attended.

### Project : Akshaya Patra Mid-day Meals

Matching Grant No: 55105

Beneficiary : The Akshaya Patra Foundation

International Partner : RC Flint & RID 6330

Year: 2004-05

Amount in Rs.: 11,50,000/-



Report : Distributes mid-day meals to 5000 children every day, 6 days a week.

The object of this grant was to provide a custom built van to carry 5000 balanced piping hot vegetarian meal to 25 schools each day, whose Students were otherwise deprived of a single

meal during the entire day.

The most pressing issues that modern India is facing are hunger and education. Providing a cost effective complete meal everyday to the poor children studying free of cost at state run schools has produced dramatic results in terms of increased enrolment, attendance and attention spans. Akshaya Patra means a pot from which one can draw unlimited food. Thus the midday meal has been found to be a proven and powerful tool and incentive to education.

The Akshaya Patra Foundation is efficiently supplying midday meals free of cost to school children throughout Bangalore District and rural districts of Karnataka. The hygienic and balanced nutritious vegetarian meal for about 75,000 children is prepared daily in their central kitchen and transported to at

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noon to individual schools by a fleet of vans, which are custom built to carry about 4500 meals per van. The ordinary Schools in India neither have cold chain facilities nor any space for storage of hot food if sent even an hour earlier. Hence there was a necessity of having many vans for the simultaneous delivery of the food to each school. TAPF intends to increase the supply to 2,50,000 meals to cover more children at the end of the year 2005.

### **Project : Health and Nutrition**

Matching Grant No : 51513

Beneficiary : Parikrama Humanity Foundation

International Partner : UMRC & Edina Club & WCs

Year : 2004

Amount in Rs : 11,30,450/-

Report : To provide Nutritional supplements, to over 800 children in 3 schools for 6 months and purchase a van for conducting medical camps in various schools and in rural areas.

### **Project : Parikrama Food Supplement**

Matching Grant No : 60248

Beneficiary : Parikrama Humanity Foundation

International Partner : Rotary Club of HumberSide,U.K. & Dist. 1270

Year : 2006

Amount in Rs : 15,00,000/-

Report : 3 Schools are assisted

providing Nutritional Supplements & Mid-day meals to children. Educational & Infrastructure facilities for the school. Over 1000 children were given Nutritional supplements for 1 year.

### **Rotary's association with Parikrma**

*Rtn. Shukla Bose*

Parikrma's association with Rotary has been a long one. For the last two years we have been the beneficiary of a Matching Grant with the partnership of Rotary Club of Bangalore with Rotary Club of HumberSide and The Rotary Foundation. For the year 06-07, the total budget of the Matching Grant #60248 was US \$17000 and this was to provide milk and meal supplements to 730 children coming from the streets and slums in Bangalore. We have been able to give one egg per child once a



week and one glass of milk once a week and a glass of protein mix everyday to 730 children.

As our children come from very impoverished homes with barely any food at home, this additional nutrition has been of great benefit. Most Parikrma kids had egg for the first time in the school. The egg together with the glass of milk and the protein malt mix everyday has had great impact in the health of the children. This has taken the calorie level to the 90 percent that we wanted to give our children in

## *Our Significant Matching Grants*

school. Our children have often commented that they do not get to eat any dinner at all and therefore the protein mix given to them just before they leave the school in the evening has kept them from being too hungry at night. After 3 months of such observation we even increased the quantity of the malt protein mix. We also added soy flour to the multi grain mix (peanuts, wheat, ragi, urad dal, jawar, channa, cardamom, rice, bajra, jiggery, moong, toor, millet etc) to increase the protein content.

The impact of this additional nutrition on the regular breakfast and lunch we give the children has shown immediate results on the children that have recently been admitted into school. They have on an average put on at least 2 to 3 kilos in weight. This is being monitored by our community workers with the doctors in Ramaiah Hospital.

Each child has a medical file and it is apparent that the children have been putting on inches in the chest, arm, and head circumference. They have also gained about 1” to 2” in height. The older kids who have been with Parikrma for some time have shown impact in the form of increased stamina. I think Rotary needs to take pride on the amazing results that the Parikrma children are showing both in academics and sports. One Parikrma orphan was selected for the State Governor's award for being outstanding in studies. Two Parikrma students have been selected in the State Junior Football team. In the last Inter School Athletic Competition where 170 children won 13 medals, broke two meet records and won the Best School Awards. Their increased stamina and energy coupled with sheer grit and fire in the belly was evident for most to see.

All of us in Parikrma thank the Rotary Clubs and the Rotary Foundation for enabling our children have nutritious food and participate in activities that they could never have imagined earlier. This truly is giving equal opportunity to the poor so that they too can be part of the developing India.....



### **About Parikrma**

Formed in April 2003, Parikrma Humanity Foundation is a not for profit NGO with a mission to unleash the potential of under- served children in urban India, which will provide them with equal opportunities and make them valuable contributing members of our society.

Most organizations supporting education of under-served children in India focus on providing basic literacy by teaching them to read and write. Where we differ is that we believe in

providing high-quality inputs in education and in fact, go even beyond education. To deliver our program we have created a unique Parikrma<sup>TM</sup> Model . We provide an end-to-end(e2e) solution to each of our children. We have identified four areas that make up a child's life – Education & Development, Nutrition, Health Care and Home (Community Development). We call these four the Circle of Life of a child and it's our

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promise that we will complete this for every child that comes through us.

Our goal is clear. We will ensure that every child completes school and undertakes what it takes to earn a living – be it special vocational training or higher college education.

At the moment we have our operations in Bangalore.

Ø We have 850 children, 50% of whom are girls

Ø We operate 4 Centers for Learning – one each at Koramangala, Sahakaranagar, Jayanagar and Nandhini layout

Ø Classes go from KG to Class X

Ø Average household income of a Parikrma child is Rs.1,500/- per month with an average of 5 family members.

Ø We serve 26 slum communities and four Orphanages across Bangalore.

### **Specific activities**

Circle of Life

Education & Development

We provide top-class English education delivered in an experiential manner through Parikrma Centers for Learning. Our Centers are like any well managed top of the line mainstream school. We follow one of the best curriculums in India-the I.C.S.E. (Indian Certificate of Secondary Education).

Apart from academics we also have a wide range of co-curricular activities which include sports, theatre, music, dance and art.

Our Model is already showing success. The I.C.S.E. Board conferred on us the Derozio Award for Excellence in Education and Human Enrichment in 2004. Last year we clocked 97% attendance with less than 1% dropping out.

### **Project : Stroke Rehabilitation Centre**

Matching Grant No:58177

Beneficiary : St. Martha's Hospital

International Partner : Rotary Fondulac Club, RI District 6870

Year: 2006

Amount in \$ : 39,219/-

Amount in Rs.: 16,86,417/-



Report : Handles about 60 patients a day. 750 Sessions can be held in Physio, Speech & Occupational therapy every month



*Our Significant Matching Grants*

**Project : Providing Blood Bank Equipments for Bangalore Medical Services Trust(BMST)**

Matching Grant No: 3H.01 (Under Rotary Foundation 3H Grant)

Beneficiary : Rotary – TTK Blood Bank

International Partner : Rotary Foundation

Year : 1991

Amount : US\$1,00,000/-

Project details : Various Blood Bank equipments installed

Other Matching Grants for providing Blood Bank equipments for BMST

M.G. No.: 4853 - for Cell Separator - Year : 1995

M.G.No. : 6802 - for HLA Typing & Cross Matching - Year : 1999

M.G.No.: - for PCR laboratory - Year : 2001

M.G.No: 23468 - for Learning Centre - Year : 2003

M.G.No: 23468 - for Training Centre - Year : 2004

M.G.No: 68715 - for Blood Collection Monitors - Year: 2009

**Project : TTK Blood Bank Collection Monitors**



Project details : Providing 4 Nos Blood Collection Monitors

Matching Grant No : 68715

Beneficiary : BMST – Rotary

Bangalore TTK Blood Bank

International Partner : Rotary Club of Washington District 7620, USA

Year : 2009

Amount in \$ : 13,500/-

Amount in Rs : 6,75,000/-

Report Status : filing of final Report with TRF, Delhi pending

**Project : Spandana - Van & Solar Heating**

Project details : Providing a Van & Solar heating system



Matching Grant No : 68486

Beneficiary : Spandana Rehabilitation, Research & Training Centre



International Partner : Rotary Club of Williamson (5735) District 7550, USA

Year : 2009

Amount in \$ : 20,322/-

Amount in Rs : 9,72,000/-

Report Status: Completed & Report filed

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Year : 2007

Amount in Rs : 6,85,000/-

Report : A Homeopathy Clinic for school children. The Clinic was inaugurated on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

**Project : Soukya Healing Centre**

Beneficiary : Street Children

International Partner : Rotary Club of Washington, USA





# *Citizen Extraordinaire Award*



*Dr. R.M.Varma  
1975-76*



*Mr. N.Lakshmana Rao  
1978-79*



*Mr. Prakash Padukone  
1979-80*



*Dr. Hema Iyengar  
1988-89*



*Mr. K.L.Nanjappa  
1989-90*



*Mr. M.A.Srinivasan  
1991-92*



*Prof. C.N.R.Rao  
1992-93*



*Prof. U.R.Rao  
1993-94*



*Dr. M.Krishna Bhargava  
1994-95*



*Mr. R.K.Srikantan  
1995-96*





*Prof. Satish Dhawan*  
1996-97



*Dr. A. Ravindra*  
1997-98



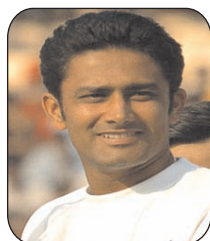
*Prof. G. Padmanabhan*  
1998-99



*Mr. G.R. Vishwanath*  
1999-2000



*Ms. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw*  
2000-01



*Mr. Anil Kumble*  
2001-02



*Mr. Suresh Heblikar*  
2002-03



*Dr. Latha Jagannathan*  
2004-05



*Ms. Arundhati Nag*  
2005-06



*Dr. Darshan Shankar*  
2006-07



*Dr. S. Subramanya*  
2008-09



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## *We Honoured them with P.H.F.s*

*We honoured them as Paul Harris Fellows to recognise their contribution in their chosen areas of eminence. The Rotary Club of Bangalore contributed to the Rotary Foundation for their recognition.*



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*Sunil Gavaskar*



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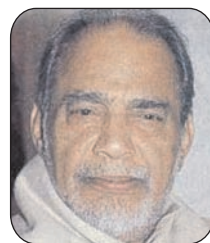
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*Rama Sahgal*



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Mr. Sam Thomas, Mr. N.P. Samy, Mr. Subhas Chandra Shetty, Mr. Syed Ahmed*



## *Corporate Citizen Awards*

*Instituted in 1991  
Some of the prominent awardees.*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>
Brooke Bond India Limited ( Hindustan Lever Limited)	1990-91
MICO	1991-92
I.T.C.Limited	1992-93
Widia India Limited	1993-94
Bharat Electronics Limited	1994-95
Canara Bank	1995-96
Infosys Technologies	1996-97
Asea Brown Boveri [ABB] Limited	1997-98
Wipro Infotech	1998-99
Himalaya Drug Co.,	2000-01
Astra Zeneca, India	2001-02
Titan Industries and Lotus Energy Systems	2002-03
GE Technologies	2003-04
Biocon Limited and Timken Engineering & Research India Limited	2004-05
TVS Electronics	2005-06
SAP Labs (in association with Deccan Herald)	2006-07



## *Young Inventors Awards*

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rolling Trophy Winners</i>
1999	Hymanshu Jyoti Kala Vidya Peetha, Malleswaram
2000	Poornaprajna Education Centre, Sadhashivanagar
2001	Sri Vani Education Centre, Rajaji Nagar & Hymanshu Jyoti Kala Vidya Peetha, Malleswaram
2002	National Academy for Learning, Basaveshwaranagar
2003	Poornaprajna Education Centre, Sadhashivanagar
2004	Poornaprajna Education Centre, Sadhashivanagar
2006	Poornaprajna Education Centre, Sadhashivanagar
2007	Sishu Graha Montessori High School, HAL III Stage
2008	New Horizon Public School , Indiranagar
2009	National Hill View Public School



## Past Rotary Service Awards

<i>Year</i>	<i>NGO</i>	<i>Recieved by</i>
2003	Eco Watch	Mr Suresh Heblikar
2004	CUPA Compassion Unlimited Plus Action Animal Rights and Welfare Karuna	Mrs Sheila Rao & Mrs Suparna Ganguly  Rtn Jaya Bhattacharya
2005	Nightingales Care of Senior Citizens	Mrs Radha S Murthy
2006	Akshara Primary Education	Mrs Rohini Nilekani
2007	Janaagraha Civic Affairs	Ramesh & Swati Ramanathan
2008	No award given	
2009	BOSCH Street Children ASHA (Academy for Severe Handicaps & Autism) Children with Autism Spastics Society of Karnataka Spastic Children AMC (Association for the Mentally Challenged) Mentally Challenged Children	Fr Edward  Rtn Mrs Jayashree Ramesh Mrs Indira Dave  Mrs Rupandi Padaki





## *Rotary International Volunteers*

**U**nder the 3H program in 1983, Rotary International aligned itself with the United Nations for High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) & made a call to Rotarian Dentists to serve as volunteers and assist the 'Boat people' of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. The conditions were very strenuous there. Dr. Prithvi Raval was one of the first dentists from this country to serve on this program.

Rotary volunteers have existed since then in various forms and continue to this day.

### **Rotary International Volunteers :**

1. **Dr. Prithvi Raval** 10 times so far at the time of writing of this book;  
Philippines 3 times ; 6 weeks each time  
Kenya ; Africa 1 time 4 weeks  
Jamaica, West Indies 1 time 4 weeks  
Guatemala 4 times 4 weeks each time  
Central Valley of Amazon 1 time 5 weeks
  
2. **Dr. Ramakanth Venson** (Former Rotarian)  
Jamaica, West Indies 1 time 4 weeks



## *Li-bear-ate the Dancing Bear !!*

**D**r. Arun Sha, a young and dedicated veterinary officer from Wildlife SOS does remind one of James Herriot the famous vet and author. He has the same love and zeal for animals that can be seen in Herriot's books. Rotarians present during the weekly meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> May were truly shocked and saddened by the unwitting exploitation of Indian Sloth Bear by the nomadic Kalandar tribe. Who, by tradition, are also sadly dependent on the bears for their livelihood. Dr. Arun after a short introduction of this barbaric trade screened a documentary on the practice.

The 'Dancing Bear' practice has been prevalent in India for over 300 years and is believed to have been started to entertain the emperors and royalty. They are long gone but the practice stays on to entertain tourists & people

at street corners & village melas.

The government woke up to the threat of the rapidly depleting population of sloth bears (*Melursus ursinus*), declared them an endangered species & banned this barbaric trade under the Indian Wildlife Protection Act.

Wildlife S.O.S. began an initiative to rescue the Dancing Bears in 1995 with a two years investigation titled, "The Dancing Bears of India". The investigative study (1995-1997) revealed that at the end of 1997, over 1200 Sloth Bears danced on India's streets with over a 100 cubs being poached every year from the wild.

The age-old practice of dancing bears in India is a sad story of poaching of week old cubs after brutal killing of the mother. Cruel and barbaric training methods further accentuate the suffering of these gentle animals. Knocking off the canines', castration & chopped claws by crude methods without the aid of anesthesia apart from thrusting a red hot iron needle through their delicate soft muzzles are methods



used to tame them. A thick coarse rope is run through the punctured muzzle and the wound is not allowed to heal, so that when the rope is pulled, the bear jumps up in pain making it appear like the bear is 'dancing', much to the

amusement and entertainment of tourists and by-standers ignorant about the barbaric truth. The Bear's short life is spent tethered to a four foot long rope and with a severely deprived diet.

Adopting a holistic & practical approach and with the support of The Central Government "Wildlife S.O.S." used a scientific approach to tackle the Dancing Bear issue. Kalandar tribesmen were convinced to voluntarily surrender their Bears and take up alternative livelihoods with seed funds and training provided by Wildlife S.O.S. The Bears were micro chipped to prevent replacement and entry of new bears. The Kalandars signed agreements to ensure commitments. Wildlife SOS provides

training and support Kalandars in craftsmanship like carpet weaving tailoring, embroidery & jewellery making. Support to set up provision & grocery shops, run rickshaws and education initiatives are provided by subsidizing investments, school fees, uniforms and books. This surely will create a new generation of literate, informed and educated young Kalandars.

The Bears surrendered by the Kalandars are rehabilitated and cared for in life time care centers run by Wildlife S.O.S in collaboration with the State Forest Departments at Bannerghatta (Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre, Bangalore-Karnataka), Bhopal (Van Vihar Bear Rescue Facility, Bhopal-Madya Pradesh) and Purulia (West Bengal Bear Rescue Facility, Purulia-West Bengal).

Since December 2002, Wildlife SOS, working in tandem with state forest departments across the country, WSOS has rescued over 470 'dancing bears' from a life of bondage and rehabilitated

them at its 4 Bear Rescue centers and provided assistance to over 3000 Kalandar Families in alternative livelihoods. The 160 Acre Wildlife S.O.S.-Agra Bear Rescue Facility also called the 'Centre for Conservation and Rehabilitation for Bears' near the Taj Mahal in Agra, in the largest center in the world for rescued sloth bears. This centre is today home to 284 Sloth bears provided with the best of medical treatment and care. Rescue Center at Agra and Bangalore boast of state-of-the-art Wildlife Veterinary Clinics complete with a dental suite, operation theatres. The Agra Centre also has a radiology unit and an in house laboratory. Special environmental enrichment is provided to each and every bear based on its special needs to stimulate and amuse the bear's natural senses. The bears are fed thrice a day on a protein rich nutritious diet. The bears will now spend their time in freedom, since they are unfit to send back to the wild.

Ms. Geeta Seshamani, co-founder, Wildlife S.O.S. says, "On Christmas eve 2007, we celebrated five years of success of the Agra Bear Rescue Facility and of the campaign to rescue India's dancing Bears in general, but we won't forget the bears still on the streets this Christmas, and still in need of our help. We are lucky to have been given a 145 acre extension to the Agra Bear Rescue Facility in Mathura District by the Uttar Pradesh State Government recently. This gesture on part of the government vindicates their faith in the abilities of Wildlife S.O.S and the way we have gone about rescuing the bears and rehabilitating the Kalandar owners into humane alternative livelihoods".

"We need funds desperately to expand our work as there are hundreds of these bears needing to be rescued. We see them suffering, still dancing on the

streets, and we know we CAN actually stop this cruel practice for ever. It is one of the few welfare problems we can solve in this lifetime, hence our constant feeling we should be doing more than what we are already doing”, says Kartick Satyanarayan, Co-founder, Wildlife S.O.S.

Wildlife S.O.S. is also involved in scientific conservation and wildlife research in Koppal District of Karnataka including habitat conservation for Sloth Bears where agricultural land bordering forests are purchased and returned to nature. The organization also runs an anti-poaching unit called 'Forest Watch' – wildlife crime intelligence and surveillance unit. This unit works across several states in India and is dedicated to uncover illegal wildlife trafficking and assist enforcement agencies like the Police & State Forest Departments.

Wildlife S.O.S. has been involved in the seizure of skins and claws of many an endangered wild animal including tigers, leopards, otters, crocodiles,

monitor lizards & organs including bear bile. WSOS has been involved in rescue of over 60 Bear cubs from the dancing bear trade. In the past, crucial information provided by the cell has resulted in the arrest of Wildlife Offenders and seizure of live animals and wildlife products. They also provide training to help enforcement officers detect and prevent wildlife crime apart from conducting environmental education and awareness programs for school children.

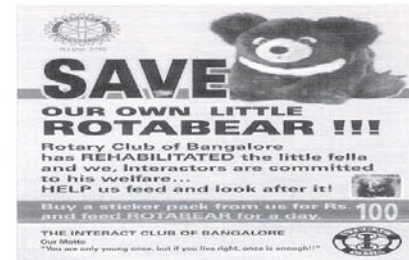
The documentary screened by Dr. Arun Sha had an introduction by the world renowned chimp doctor Jane Goodall. Many questions followed the screening and some animal lovers came forward to donate to the WSOS spontaneously.

Wildlife SOS needs the public's support in eradicating the brutal

dancing bear trade. Rotary and our club must join them in their efforts to give both man and animal a life of dignity and freedom.

Sustaining RotaBear for a year - 02/03/09

The Interact Club of Bangalore sold stickers on civic issues like “Water



Conservation, Abolish Child Labour, Save Trees, Global Warming, Protect the Bear” etc. and collected a total sum of Rs.30,000/- which was handed over to Wildlife SOS to maintain and feed the bear they adopted, for a year.

They hope to continue to sustain it in the years to come. It is at present less than 2 years old.



## *Interact Club*

**I**nteract was launched in 1962 as a service club for young people of secondary school age (approximately 14-18). The members, who seem to have unlimited energy, work under the guidance of supervising Rotary clubs on a variety of projects ranging from cleaning up parks and playgrounds to collecting toys for hospitalized children. Interactors are also involved with projects of international scope.

What motivates the young club members, ages 14-18, to leave their pleasant past times and comfortable surroundings at home to meet, discuss, assign responsibilities, and work out details of this and other projects? It is simply that working together to solve social problems has become a way of life for the Interactors.

The clubs, which were at first limited to boys, now accept both boys and girls at the pre-university level, generally between the ages of 14-18. Clubs may be based in the community or at schools, and they must undertake at least two major projects each year, one designed to serve the school or community where the club is based, the other to promote international understanding. Club members finance their own projects, initiate and carry out their own activities, under the leadership of their elected officers and guidance of their sponsoring Rotary Club or Clubs. This guidance is essential, not only because of the Interactors' youth, but because the existence of an Interact Club depends upon the active personal participation of the sponsoring club.

Interact is the youth organization of the Rotary and was first formed in Indian Schools in 1963. The Interactors of Bishop Cotton School this year had several projects, such as visiting the home for the aged, keeping the school

and its surrounding clean; The Club collected funds by raffle and helped the Domestic Staff of the school during Christmas. The interact movement is gaining momentum and the Interactors participated in many of the Seminars and Conferences.



## *Rotaract Movement - A Genesis ....*



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**R**otaract, Rotary International's service club programme for young adults of ages 18-30, was officially inaugurated during January 1968 under RI President Luther Hodges. On 13 March 1968, the Rotaract Club of the University of North Carolina, sponsored by the Rotary Club of North Charlotte, USA, was the first Rotaract Club to receive its official charter. Although this club is recognized as the first Rotaract Club, Rotarians have been sponsoring similar organizations for young adults since the early 1920s.

In 1927, Round Table clubs were founded in Great Britain and Ireland. Membership of Round Table clubs was open to young men of ages 18 to 40, Apex clubs were sponsored by

Rotary Clubs, and were open to professionals and students between the ages of 18 and 35. Similar Rotary Club-sponsored groups continued to spring up simultaneously and independently around the globe. Uniserve Clubs in India, Orbis clubs in South America, Paul Harris Circles in Europe, and Quadrant Clubs in the United States are some of the best-known examples.

Perhaps the greatest impetus for the creation of the Rotaract programme came from Rotary's Youth Service Club for secondary school students, interact clubs. Instead of extending the age requirements for Interact, the Board decided to study the feasibility of creating a new service club programme for young adults at the university and the young professional level. The decision to adopt the Rotaract programme came at a time when student protests worldwide were of growing concern to Rotarians. The Rotaract programme was adopted not only as a means of keeping former

Interactors within the Rotary family, but also as a means of channeling the energies of young adults into positive activities that could benefit their communities "Rotaract" is formed through the combination of the words "Rotary" and "action".

Since 1968, Rotaractors have continuously shown that they can be an innovative and positive force for change in their communities. In order to raise funds for PolioPlus, Rotaractors from the two clubs designed an amphibious cycle that would cross the English Channel under

the power of 36 Rotaractors. The campaign raised US\$210,000 for PolioPlus and earned the Rotaractors a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for their speedy crossing proving their theme "Fellowship through Service"! We now have 5 Rotaract Clubs under our aegis, one the community-based 40 year old Rotaract Club of Bangalore, and the other four institution based Rotaract Clubs.

The Rotaract Club of Bangalore came into existence in 1968. The Charter was presented on July 28 and the Club has been actively involved in service projects ever since.

One of the major projects was the adoption of Tavarekere Village where the Rotaractors regularly undertake community service and conduct programmes for the children.

In 1973, Rotaractors began helping the handicapped and school children.

Since 1975, the Club has been holding 'Rotaract Revelation' a four-day inter-school cultural competition.

For promoting international relations and goodwill, an International Evening was started in 1979. This takes the form of a cultural get-together for foreign students in Bangalore, organized in association with the Indian Council for cultural Relations.

'Rotolite' the Blind Talents Festival, was also introduced in 1979. Each year, blind students from schools in South India assemble for a three-day festival. Braille watches are awarded as prizes in the music, dramatics, elocution and other contests.

The Rotaractors took over the responsibility of conducting 'Aqua-Roto', the Inter-School Swimming Competition for the late N.B.Rudra Shields, from the Rotary Club of Bangalore in 1978.

The on-going projects of the Club include paper collection to help the blind and collection of old clothes and toys for needy children. Environmental projects such as the eradication of parthenium and tree planting are also part of the Rotaract program of Community Service.

The Rotaract Club of Sri. Aurobindo Bhavan, conducted many programmes in 1992-93 such as Rotaract Environment Day, Discover India Rothos Day, Creative Art Competition, Exel92, etc., and participated in many of the inter-City Meet and Conference.



# The Vistas - 2003

*A Literary Festival for Junior and Middle Schools*

In the teeming and burgeoning scene of literary school festivals in Bangalore, THE VISTAS begun in 1993, has very soon made a mark for itself.

The Vistas is held every year in the month of July. Unlike other festivals, it focuses on tapping, budding talents by challenging nine to twelve year olds to



debate, elocute, write creatively and be quizzed to their hearts content.



Fifteen events in three languages (English, Kannada & Hindi) spread over an exciting two days, attract more than 400 bright and enthusiastic youngster to put their best foot forward and aims at the four Championship Shields awarded every year.



The Vistas is jointly organized by Innisfree House School and the Rotary Club of Bangalore. This year, 11<sup>th</sup> year

in succession, it was held on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Rotary House of Friendship, Lavelle Road. 20 schools from Bangalore participated in this year's event. The prize distribution was held



at our weekly meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2003.