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1st Regular Weekly Meeting Via Zoom

July 7, 2021 * 7:00 PM

Programme

I. Opening:	
Call to Order	Pres. Michael Chellathurai
Invocation, Singing of Nation & Recitation of the 4-Way T & Object of Rotary	, ,
Introduction of Guests & Visiting Rotarians	VP Apple Adora
II. Programme Proper	
Rotary Information & Secretary's Report	Sec. Ester Gahol
President's Time	Pres. Michael Chellathurai
III. Club Assembly	

IV. Closing

Announcements / Adjournment

PDDG Arthur Uy
Master of Ceremonies

Invocation

Almighty Father, Thank you for the opportunity to serve others. We pray that you would continue to instill this value into us and our children. We pray that you show us the needs of those around us. Help us to be always ready to serve others, so that we can help those that are hurting.

Father give us the grace to serve when it's hard. Give us the strength to keep going when we are worn out from our own situations. Amen.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular to encourage and foster:

FIRST:

The development to acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND:

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society:

THIRD:

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;

FOURTH:

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

FOUR WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1st Is it the **TRUTH**?

2nd Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

3rd Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4th Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions

As a Rotarian engaged in a business of profession, I am expected to:

- 1. Consider my vocation to be another opportunity of service;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of community.
- Do all in my power to dignity my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
- 4. Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to the society;
- Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

Rotary Information...

Meet Rotary's New President Our new president, Shekhar Mehta, envisions Rotary's next chapter – and is ready to make it a reality

By John Rezek



Over the years, I caught glimpses of Shekhar Mehta when he came to One Rotary Center in Evanston, Illinois, for Board of Directors meetings. I met him formally during one of the days of back-to-back meetings with various staff members that every incoming Rotary president participates in. During the session I attended, he was the most relaxed person in the room, despite being the only one suffering from jet lag. He was alert, patient, and asked

perceptive questions — not surprising for someone as successful as he is in his professional and philanthropic life. I kept thinking that he was assessing each of us to see how we could be recruited to help him achieve his dreams for Rotary.

I was lucky to have met Shekhar in person back when we could meet in person. We are now well into the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and as I write this, India is in the depths of a tragic outbreak. Rotary has had to make adjustments, but the business of Rotary goes on.

In a normal year, one of the Rotary editors would have traveled to Kolkata, where Shekhar lives with his wife, Rashi. We would have spent time with him, his family members, and his friends and fellow Rotarians, exploring how his upbringing and adulthood in India have shaped his perspective on life and on Rotary. This year, of course, no one was able to travel — so instead, we asked the people who know Shekhar best to tell us about him in their own words.

In the following pages, members of Shekhar's family, some of his oldest friends, his personal assistant, and his presidential aide share anecdotes and talk about the man they know, in order to help Rotary members everywhere feel that they know him, too. Many of you will, of course, meet him yourselves — virtually, if not in person — over the course of the coming year.

Shekhar Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, has been a Rotarian since 1985. He trained as an accountant and founded a real estate development company, Skyline Group, which he also chairs. But his professional title tells only a small part of the story of who he is. He is also a director of the India arm of Operation Eyesight Universal, a Canadabased nonprofit focused on preventing avoidable blindness. He helped establish more than 15 eye hospitals, in several Indian states, that together carry out nearly 50,000 surgeries each year. And he started Saving Little Hearts, a project that has facilitated more than 2,500 heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and some African countries and that is now an India-wide program.

As you'll read in these pages, he also has been actively involved in disaster relief work. Among other undertakings, he helped build 500 homes in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

At the International Assembly this year, Shekhar talked about how he and some fellow Rotarians decided to start a local version of ShelterBox, a Rotarian-founded organization based in the UK. "We named it Shelter Kit and put 52 items of daily need in a large trunk," he told the incoming district governors. "Over the last 15 years, in every major disaster in India, Indian Rotarians have volunteered to bring Shelter Kits to areas struck by disasters." The program already has served about 75,000 people. Shekhar also served on the ShelterBox board of trustees.

And he is also the architect of the TEACH program, which aims to do nothing less than end illiteracy in India. (You'll read more about this ambitious program in a future issue.)

Although Shekhar is skilled in the business arts, he prefers to engage his other fluencies. He told me that, after so much studying and reading during his career, he now favors learning by talking to people. He added, "I hate accounting." It all follows his belief that we would do well to think from our hearts as much as our minds.

Rotary Voices...

Philippines Rotary clubs 'adopt' vaccination site

We heal as one. Our communities were brought to a standstill by the COVID-19 pandemic. But now that vaccine is becoming available in the Philippines, we are slowly regaining our strength, confidence, and mobility to carry on our daily tasks.

Rotary members from nine clubs in our city partnered with the Baguio City Health Services to participate in the "Adopt a Vaccination Site" program, which encourages civic groups to provide the necessary support for these centers to keep the vaccination campaign running smoothly.



Different clubs in our district were on a rotation basis to provide at least 5-7 members a day for eight-hour shifts. The members provided crowd control and assisted health workers in administering the vaccine.

Most of the time, the volunteers monitored recipients for any possible adverse reactions to the vaccine during the 15-minute observation period after receiving their dose. Each member received instructions on what to look for in potential side effects. A few members who were physicians also assisted in checking in with individuals post-vaccination.

Our nine club presidents were able to raise nearly \$2,000 to purchase vests for frontline health workers, and signs and tarpaulins for the vaccination site located at the University of Baguio Gym, one of two in the city. The clubs that helped raise funds included Baguio Summer Capital, Baguio, Baguio Highlands, Baguio North, Baguio South, Baguio Sunrise, Baguio Downtown Session, La Trinidad, and Metro Baguio.

Our region's department of health has reported that 8,092 healthcare workers (first priority recipients) have been vaccinated since the campaign began in Baguio City in March.

The "Adopt a Vaccination Site" program will continue through October and we will continue our support while the campaign is ongoing. It has been an incredible experience to be able to help our community in this fashion during the pandemic. It has indeed been Service Above Self.

ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
New Leadership Month 26-30 – District bloodletting activity	Membership & New Club Development Month	AREAS OF FOCUS Basic Education & Literacy	AREAS OF FOCUS Economic & Community Development
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
Rotary Foundation Month	AREAS OF FOCUS Disease Prevention & Treatment	Vocational Service	AREAS OF FOCUS Peace and Conflict Prevention Resolution
MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
AREAS OF FOCUS Water and Sanitation	AREAS OF FOCUS Maternal and Child Health	Youth Service	Rotary Fellowship



Secretary's Report

Ester Gahol Club Secretary

Comparative Weekly Attendance

June 30

CLUB MEMBERSHIP	18
HONORARY MEMBER	05
PRESENT	13
ON LEAVE	00
ABSENT	05
MADE UP	00
ATTENDANCE % BASE	18
WEEK AVERAGE	72.22%

Guests:

Spouse Merelyne Chellathurai Spouse Marselle Lozano Spouse Lynda Tabije Spouse Kathy Uy Spouse Marselle Lozano

Happy Birthday!!!

July 11 – Sp. Kathy Uy
22 – Sp. Lynda Tabije
25 – Dir. Annie Faye
Singson
27 – Uy Ching Siong



Reminder:

July 16, 2021 – RCSD 54th Induction 7:00PM of Officers & Directors Attire: Coat & Tie for Men Formal for Ladies

July 26-30, 2021 – District
Bloodletting Activity
Phil. Red Cross
Roxas Ave., D.C.



The President's Corner

Michael Gerard Chellathurai
Club President

Hi Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary year 2021-2022 theme is "Serve to Change Lives".

Due to the COVID 19 we have to do Virtual meetings which sometimes can be very monotonous for some members which we understand.

Secretary Ester has come up with some good ideas to make us all enjoy our future virtual meetings.

Face to face Fellowships will be done once a month on a Friday evening. Spouses day as usual on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Fellow Rotarians, please do share your good ideas with us to make our club an Exciting, Dynamic, Healthy, Fun Loving, and Caring club to enable us to "Serve to Change Lives".

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to the landslide victims in Paquibato June 24, 2021 headed by Sec. Ester Gahol







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