ROTORY BANGALORE ABILITIES





Jul - Oct 2024

On 21st July '2024, Rotary Bangalore Abilities had its installation ceremony of Rtn Arun Mohan and office bearers for RY 2024-25 at Rotary House of Friendship, Lavelle Road, Bengaluru. Rtn. Satish Madhavan, District Governor, RID 3191 was the installing officer for the ceremony. Shri.Das Suryavamshi, State Commissioner for Rights of Persons with Disability , Karnataka was the chief guest of the ceremony. Rtn.Shankar Subramanian, Managing Trustee, Ninedots Foundation and Country Head, RAGAMS was the Guest of Honour for the ceremony. Rtn. Ashwini Masti, Rtn.Balaji.T.R and Rtn. Kavitha Subramaniam along with other Rotarians offered their warmest greetings and congratulations to the incoming officers and wished other newly installed members. Rtn. Andrea Catel, President, Rotary EClub do Distrito 4621 -Tropeiros sent her greetings through a video to team RBA at the installation ceremony. As a part of the RBA project, stationeries and school bags were sponsored to the beneficiaries by Rtn.Arun Mohan, President, RBA. Rtn.Kameshwari Rao, Secretary, RBA rendered the vote of thanks and expressed her wish that the new Rotary year will bring opportunities for growth, service and fellowship, making a positive impact in the community and spreading magic to the world.



Chief Guest - Shri.Das Suryavamshi Guest of Honor Rtn.Shankar Subramanian

Glimpes of Installation RBA Team 2024-25





















GIFT OF SIGHT

This is a part of Gift of Sight in Africa, under the project "Eye Surgery Mission @ NCEH Northern Ghana". The eye surgeons Rtn Dr Ravishankar DO MS DNB FRCS(Edin)UK and Rtn Dr Uma Ravishankar DNB FRCS(Edin) UK, Usha Kiran Eye Hospital, Mysore and Rotary E club of Bangalore, RID 3191, performed 75 to 100 Adult sight restoration surgeries and 20 to25 Paediatric Eye surgeries under General anesthesia during 6th to 17th July, 2024. The youngest was a 3 month infant. This project was very well received making a difference to few patients and their families. The doctors team expressed their sincere gratitude to Rotary Bangalore Abilities and other sponsors for the support and helping them for going out of the way to make this service a reality.

Education for All

On July 1st 2024, RBA sponsored RS.10,000 for a 6 year-old child studying at the Mahatma Memorial school. This child had to discontinue his education due to lack of funds to pay the necessary fees. This child can now continue his education and pursue his dreams! RBA believes that every child deserves access to quality education. Rotarian Arun Mohan, President, Rotarian Kameshwari Rao, Secretary, Rotarian Latha Shekar, and Mrs. Lakshmi Mohan were present.





HAPPY SCHOOL

On July 13th, 2024, Rotary Bangalore Abilities donated a water filter cum purifier at Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale, Gattehalli, Karnataka. This project would benefit 110 students studying there to get purified clean drinking water. Rtn Arun Mohan, Rtn Aravind, Rtn Kranthi, Rtn Shalini and Rtn Lakshmi were present at the venue and had a great time with the students and staff there. All the students and teachers thanked RBA for the great help in ensuring pure clean water to the students.

EMPOWERING YOUTH

RBA launched its second batch of braille class. Visually Impaired Students learnt to write and read grade 1 and grade 2 braille. Six students have enrolled in the 4-month course. They were eager to gain knowledge and derive the benefits of braille, the system developed by Louis Braille.



















TREE PLANTATION

On 14th July '2024, Rotary Bangalore Abilities has successfully conducted tree plantation drive at Hebbur village, Kunigal taluk, Tumkur district. Rtn Arun Mohan, President RBA, Rtn Kameshwari Rao, Secretary RBA, Rtn Chandana, Rtn Gokulakrishnan, Rtn Aravind, Rtn Kranthi with her husband, Rtn Nagaraj, Rtn Kiran, Rtn Lakshmi, Rtn Priya, Rtn Shalini, Rtn Latha Chandrasekhar, Rtn Asha with her mom participated in the tree plantation event. We have planted 200 arconut sapplings with the presence and help of village members Honnaiah, Manjamma, Nagesh, Shambaiah, Nagamma and Jayramaiah. We did Pooja to mother earth. All the RBA members planted the saplings and had tender coconut and lunch. The village people were very happy and thanked the team RBA for the valuable support and presence.

MEDICAL SUPPORT DONE RIGHT

Vishwanath, a visually impaired keyboard player, earned his livelihood by performing live at a resort near Hassan. Recently, he lost his wife due to pneumonia. He has 2 children (a teenage son and a 9-year-old daughter). The family faced yet another challenge when Vishwanath was admitted and treated for Dengue. Members of RBA and their kind-hearted friends pooled in money to sponsor his hospitalization expenses. A total of Rs.39,000 was donated towards his medical expense. Vishwanath is now discharged and recovering at home. Rotary Club of Bangalore Abilities is grateful to the following members : Rtn. Kameshwari, Amala, Jagadish K, Manjunath, Amar, Valeti Narasimha Murthy, and Sharath K. who stepped in to help at a moments notice

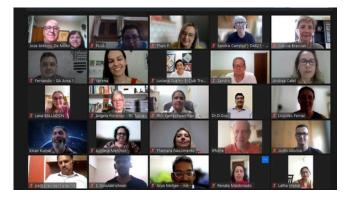




On 3rd August 2024, RBA donated groceries and clothes to a family comprising of a single mother and two school going daughters. The mother is visually impaired and the only means of sustenance is the widow's allowance she gets from the government. Rtn. Arun – President RBA, Rtn. Kameshwari Rao – Secretary RBA, Rtn. Latha Shekar, Rtn. Kiran Kumar, Rtn. Chandana C and Rtn. Gokulkrishnan were present.

On 1st September 2024, Rotary Bangalore Abilities had a joint club meeting with its Sister Club, Rotary E-Club Tropeiros, Brazil. Both the Clubs gave a presentation on their Cultural harmonies to gain new perspectives and insights and to develop a deeper understanding of diverse cultures. All the members felt that the meeting would definitely break down cultural barriers and stereotypes and help to build bridges between communities worldwide. Rtn. Arun Mohan, President RBA and Rtn. Kameshwari Rao, Secretary, RBA thanked Rtn. Andrea Catel, President, Rotary E.Club Tropeiros and their members for their informative presentation which encouraged cultural awareness and appreciation. Rtn. Kavitha Subramaniam, AG District 3191 expressed her happiness that such joint club meeting would foster international friendship

and communication.



On 18th September 2024, RBA donated two bundles of Braille sheets to Sahana Charitable trust. These will be used for printing books in Braille. Rtn. Arun Mohan ,President RBA, Rtn .Lakshmi Shankar , founder of Sahana Charitable trust and Women Empowerment Chair RBA, Rtn. Chandana C ,current Treasurer and Immediate Past President RBA and Rtn. Latha Shekar ,Sargeant at Arms RBA were present.





On 22nd September 2024. Rotary Bangalore Abilities hosted the Teacher's Day Felicitation Ceremony. Rtn. Lakshmi Shastry, District Director- Basic Education and Literacy RID 3191 was the chief guest of the event. Rotary members from RBA and Rotary E-Club Tropeiros, Brazil participated in the event. Four teachers from India and one teacher from Brazil were facilitated at the event as Unsung Heros for their noble contribution their in relevant domains and teaching the abled students. The course certificates to the students who attended the four month spoken Hindi classes were also distributed. The teachers were very happy to receive the awards and thanked the clubs.



UNSUNG HEROS TEACHER'S DAY 2024



Mr. Subramani



Mrs. Vasanthi



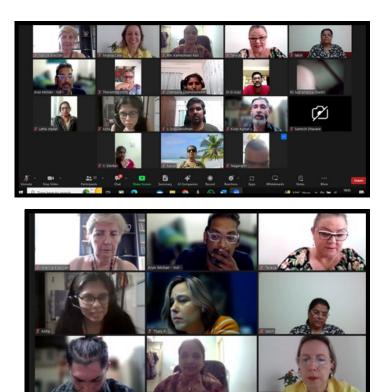
Dr. B. H. Satyanarayana



Mrs. Vinodha Richard



Ms.Teresa Cristina Leança Soares Alves from Brazil



MEGA TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

On Sunday, September 29th, Rotary Bangalore Abilities celebrated Gandhi Jayanti by planting 155 arecanut saplings in Hosahallipalya, Tumkur District.

After a visit to the local Rama temple and paying homage to Mother Earth, 15 club members joined villagers to plant the saplings in the names of their respective mothers.

The club also honored three village elders to mark the Senior Citizens Day on October 1st. Members enjoyed refreshing tender coconut in the open fields and sumptuous meals were served to conclude a successful day of service and celebration.

A big thank you to Puttaraju, Latha, Rangaiah, Ambikaamma, Ningamma, and the other villagers for their warmth and support!



VISIT TO THE RAM TEMPLE











HONORING SENIOR CITIZENS

On Sunday, September 29th, Rotary Bangalore Abilities honored three village elders from Hosahallipalya, Tumkur District, to mark the Senior Citizens Day on October 1st. Shri Rangappa, Shrimati Siddharamakka and Shrimati Ningamma have been instrumental in the overall development of the village. . It was overwhelming to meet and spend time with them.

