

THE PHOENIX

ISSUE
03
JUN 14

CHARTERED: 17TH FEB 2003
MEETING: WEDNESDAY, 19:00
MAURITIUS GYMKHANA CLUB, VACOAS

President: feroz.dahoo@westminister.mu
Secretary: perovic_ghislaine@yahoo.co.uk



PAST PRESIDENTS

| | | | |
|---------|----------------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| 2002-03 | Raj Thacoor | 2008-09 | Shakuntala Jugmohun |
| 2003-04 | Raj Ragaven | 2009-10 | Vishwanee Lingachetti |
| 2004-05 | Vidhu Madhub-Dassyne | 2010-11 | Milan Meetarbhan/ Raj Ragaven |
| 2005-06 | Kirk Varaden | 2011-12 | Amaresh Ramlagan |
| 2006-07 | Georgina Ragaven | 2012-13 | Suren Ayadassen |
| 2007-08 | Ghislaine Perovic | 2013-14 | Feroz Dahoo |



FEROZ DAHOO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

Almost one year ago, at the induction held at the Chateau Labourdonnais, I pledged to strengthen fellowship among members. Following the call that emanated from our off-site Think tank, I took fellowship outreach as one of my priorities as President of the Rotary Club of Phoenix 2013-14.

In the beginning of the Rotary year, we experienced unprecedented challenges and I am proud to say that the Club navigated well out of the storm and we gave rise to a new spirit and team dynamic. We noticed the emergence of strong, viable, and skillfull Rotarians and even newly inducted members found their way into Club Leadership roles.

It may not always be possible to see all the causes and consequences of our actions, but the CHILD has remained central to all our activities. All our movements started with ideas and actions by individual Rotarians. Human capital is still humankind's most powerful source of change and well-being of humankind and when several of our Rotarian friends take action into the same direction, diverse backgrounds and experiences are combined and make it possible to step out from conventional patterns of answers. We truly Engage Rotary and Change Lives.

The leading principle for me has been dialogue, inclusion, and cooperation. Partnerships have been based on shared responsibilities and mutual respect among members.

The responsibility of each individual has been to enhance the spirit of camaraderie through home hospitality, volunteerism and celebrations. Through these, we have been able to reach out to other people and membership of a larger

community. The hosting of the representative of the US Embassy by our Club showed true volunteerism in action. Rotary presents a great diversity, and it almost seems there are no common denominators. In our quest to recruit members from such diverse backgrounds, the Club inducted two new dynamic members and I have the pleasure in welcoming them on board. Harsha Pathak comes from the medical background and her joyful nature inspires many of us into this civic path. She is the calm force of the Club. Robin Appadoo has been navigating into the financial world to finally settle down in the Global business looking after the petroleum segment. He is, as usual, ever-ready to party and volunteer in our activities. I wish them both plenty of success into their personal, professional and Rotarian life. It is my firm belief, after one year in this office, that the institutional memory of the Club regarding the best practices, projects, participation, and challenges, should be recorded and carried over to the future. In this regard, the Club leadership plan has been signed by the incoming President and his team has already been instituted. The Secretary of the Club has been mandated to record the institutional memory of the Club and cascade same in the future.

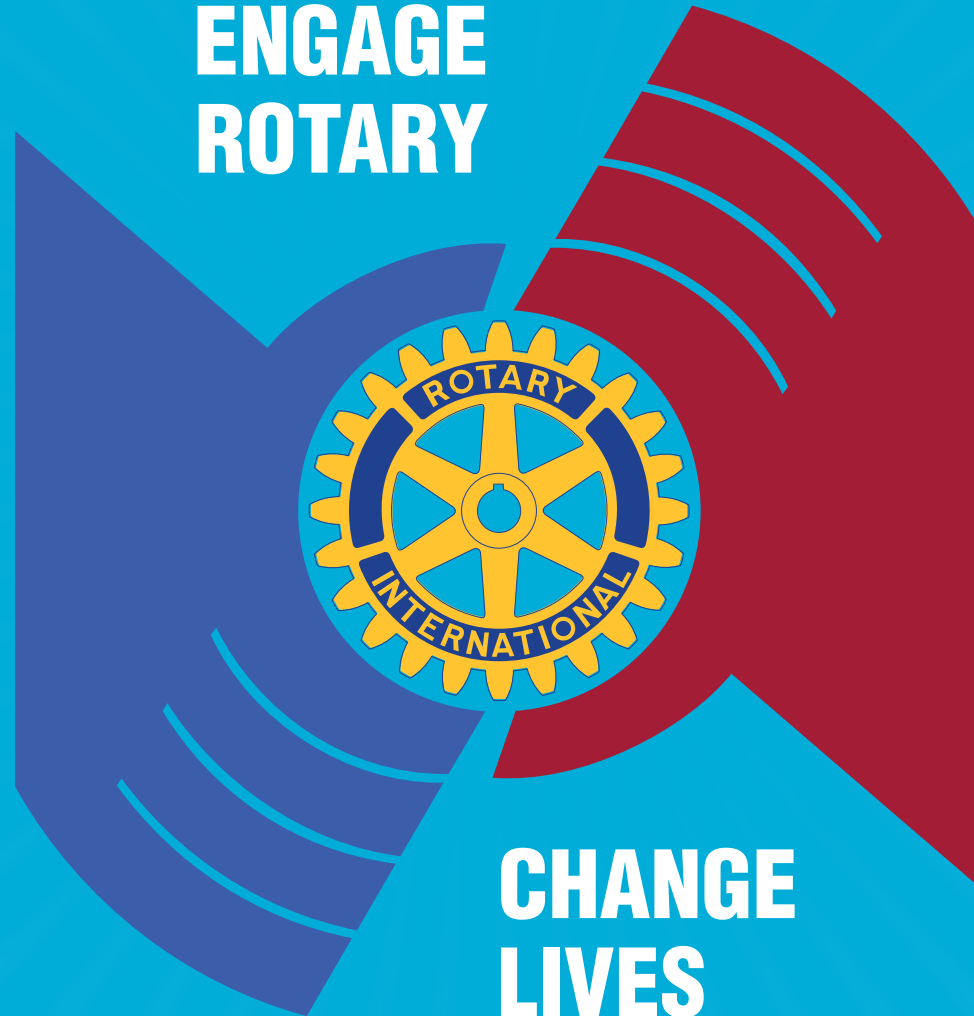
The spirit of the Club has led and inspired my deliberations during the past 12 months. I encourage you to continue the bottom-up approach, which feeds the Club's think-tank process with experiences both from local and regional levels. I truly admire the devotion and commitment of my fellow Rotarians in donating countless hours to advance the well-being of others. Long Live Rotary

BOARD MEMBERS

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| President | Feroz Dahoo |
| Incoming President | Nitish Gobin |
| Vice President | Shakuntala Jugmohun |
| Secretary | Ghislaine Perovic |
| Treasurer | Mushtaq Namdarkhan |
| Immediate Past President | Suren Ayadassen |
| Sergeant At Arms | Irshad Lauloo |
| Director - Club Administration | Nashreen Rojoa |
| Chair - Community Service | Feroz Dahoo |
| Chair - Vocational Service | Amaresh Ramlagan |
| Chair - New Generations | Dharma Kistamah |
| Director - International Services/ Rotary Foundation | Vishwanee Lingachetti |
| Director - Membership | Tanuja Raojee |
| Director - Public Relations | Samir Khatri |
| Assistant Secretary | Virginie Constant |
| Creativity & Innovation | Vino Sookloll |



**ENGAGE
ROTARY**



**CHANGE
LIVES**

COMMITTEES & MEMBERS



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair: Feroz Dahoo

Members: Suren Ayadassen, Michele Chan Hin Chong, Shakuntala Jugmohun, Irshaad Laulloo



VOCATIONAL

Chair: Amaresh Ramlagun

Members: Irshaad Laulloo, Shaheel Luckoo, Raj Thacoor, Nitish Gobin



CLUB ADMIN

Chair: Nashreen Rojoa

Virginie Constant, Feroz Dahoo, Chandru Hassamal, Ghislaine Perovic, Raj Ragaven



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chair: Samir Khatri

Vino Sookloll, Amaresh Ramlagun, Georgina Ragaven, Shaheel Luckoo, Virginie Constant



NEW GENERATIONS

Chair: Dharma Kistamah

Tanuja Raojee, Bernard Li Kwon Ken, Vishwane Lingachetti, Rooma Narrainen



INTERNATIONAL/ ROTARY FOUNDATION

Chair: Vishwane Lingachetti

Suren Ayadassen, Michele Chan Hin Chong, Chandru Hassamal, Rajesh Ramloll



FUND RAISING

Chair: Mushtaq Namdarkhan

Nitish Gobin, Vino Sookloll, Raj Ragaven, Rooma Narrainen



RECRUITMENT

Chair: Tanuja Raojee

Ghislaine Perovic, Feroz Dahoo, Shakuntala Jugmohun



REVIEW MECHANISM

Raj Thacoor, Feroz Dahoo, Shakuntala Jugmohun, Raj Ragaven, Ghislaine Perovic

PROJECT STATUS



COMMUNITY SERVICE

THALASSEMIA

The Rotary Club of Phoenix, in collaboration with the Thalassaemia Society of Mauritius, has created a state-of-the-art and fully equipped day care ward for Thalassaemia patients at the Jeetoo Hospital. The soft opening was done on the 8th of May 2014

STATUS: Complete – pending official inauguration

DIALYSIS WARD

This project was about the creation of a new ward at the Nehru Hospital that can be used as a mini operating block. Besides construction of said ward, the Club has also donated equipment.

We have to officially inaugurate the ward and subject to the Minister's availability

STATUS: Complete – pending official inauguration

VOLUNTARISM

Chloe is a young girl who suffers from major mobility issues and has actually benefitted an old manual wheelchair from the Government. Through the RCPH, members have individually contributed to purchase an electric wheelchair for the child so that she can easily move around and bring a change in her life. This donation was done by the District Governor Jean Ravelonarivo.

STATUS: Complete

PALMERSTONE KIDS

The Palmerstone kids are young people who have been brought together into a social network where RCPH has been supporting them in various ways. The Rotaractors have taken the relay and they will further supplement the support to the kids.

STATUS: ONGOING



INTERNATIONAL/ ROTARY FOUNDATION

ECO SCHOOL

The University of Quebec graciously donated an Eco kit that uses wind and solar energy to produce electricity. This has been placed on a converted 40ft container at the Calebasse MFR for enabling young people who have been rejected by the current education system to get a second chance and learn bio agriculture for their own future development and sustenance. This project was officially launched on the World Polio Day, 24 October 2013.

STATUS: Complete and officially inaugurated



VOCATIONAL

CAREER COUNSELLING

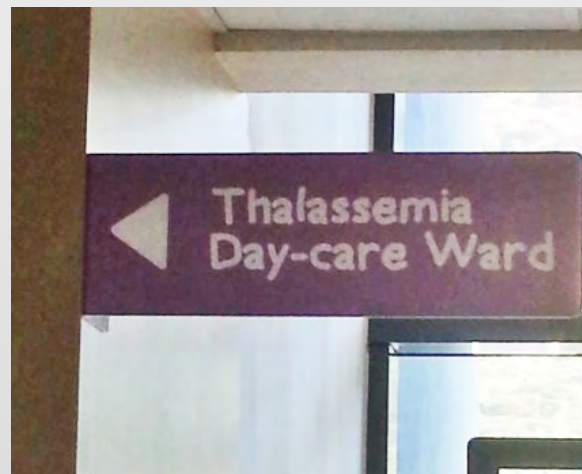
With the dearth of professionals at the RCPH, career counselling at college level will be conducted for enhancing the knowledge and choice of studies of students. This will again support the youngsters in seeing their future within the evolving labour market. The first session is scheduled for June 18th 2014 at the Royal College Curepipe

COMPLETION: 18 JUNE 14

1- INDUCTION NIGHT



2- JEETOO THALASSEMIA DAYCARE WARD



3- CHLOE'S NEW ELECTRIC CHAIR



The Rotary Club of Phoenix replaced Chloe's old wheelchair by an electric one. She can now easily move around and bring a change in her life. This donation was done by the District Governor Jean Ravelonarivo.

4- ECO SCHOOL



5- CLUB EVENTS



Board meeting at Virginia's place



RCPH members at District Council

6- INDIA IS POLIO FREE

ROTARY CELEBRATES
NEW MAJOR MILESTONE
WITH NEW AD FILM



Click on the Rotary Emblem to
see the video or paste the following
address in your internet browser

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrRPsHW2efE>

7- PORTRAIT OF A ROTARIAN

HARSHA PATHAK

I am Harsha Pathak from Phoenix.

I was a student at Loreto College of Quatre- Bornes before doing my undergraduate studies at SSR Medical college and specialization at Victor Segalen University, Bordeaux in France.

As a young doctor, I have worked at Victoria Hospital , Clinique du Nord , Hopital Pellegrin in France before settling as an ophthalmologist at Moka Eye Hospital.

I would describe myself as an outdoor kind of person and my hobbies during the past years have been playing badminton, reading , helping out street Children over the island as part of a community help initiative. And, of course, playing Golf.

The Best moment of my life? When I gave birth to the love of my life two years ago: my daughter Aïva ...

I was first introduced to the Rotaract Club of Phoenix in 2012 through PP Amaresh and later on during the same year got the opportunity to meet the Rotary Phoenix family during the Health and Sports day held in August. But ,then, answering a professional calling, had to leave for Bordeaux.

Once back from my post graduate studies, I happily

My induction was a most memorable night filled with laughter, joy and intense moments.

I was warmly welcomed by all the Rotarians – and spouses - present .We had the opportunity to exchange few

words with each other, getting to know each other more in a very pleasant atmosphere.

Afterwards we were invited to be seated at our respective tables and I was surrounded by amazing people. My sister, who was my guest, felt very much at ease and enjoyed every bit of the evening. Shakun introducing me was 'a moment d'anthologie', loads of laughter, lots of emotions followed by the most intense part: the pinning ceremony.

During the course of same evening a slide show of the events of the RCPH during the year was shown. It made me realize the intensity of fellowship in the club as well as the achievements made in terms of social service. It was amazing and this is why I so wanted to be part of this Rotary Club.

La cerise sur le gateau that day was the Club's anniversary celebration at the end.

A big thank you to the whole Rotary Club of Phoenix for welcoming me and making a part of the family.



Harsha with her lovely daughter Aïva

8- KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIANS

RAJ

PAST PRESIDENT & PAST ADG



Raj pursued his further studies at the London School of Accountancy and is a qualified accountant. He is a recent holder of a Doctorate in Financial Management. He is currently the Finance Manager at the Human Resource Development Council and has substantive experience in the management of the National Training Fund. Raj is married to Georgina, a Past President of the club and has a son Andrew who is currently an HR Consultant for a Maltese Company. He joined the Rotary in 1999. He is a Charter member of the Rotary Club of Phoenix and has been President of the Club in 2003/2004 as well as stepping in as President again from January to June 2011. He has served the club also as Project Director and Treasurer amongst others. At District's level, he has been District Resource Group Coordinator in 2006-2007, District Treasurer in 2008-2009 and 2011-2012 and Assistant District Governor in 2012-2013. He was also the Treasurer for the Rotary Governors Elect Training Seminar (GETS) Institute Zone 20A in 2011.



NASHREEN

2014 has been a change. New job, new challenges and turning 30. I joined our two rotarians, namely virgine and suren as Head of Recovery at Banque des Mascareignes in January. Indeed a big challenge to take on... Turning 30 hasn't been dramatic as at now as thanks to good genes I don't look my age (and I don't want to know if I look older! In my head I am still very young).

I am the youngest Rotarian as at date! Why join Rotary? Well when you have Shakun as your sponsor, you are kind of thrown in and given no choice. Joining Rotary has indeed been an enriching experience. I have made lifetime friends where many of them are like family and I can count on. We have make a difference in many children's life through our projects.



Nashreen with her mom.

RCPH is the club to be. We argue, we have fun, we make up but at the end of it we always keep our promise in whatever we undertake and most importantly we are united as a family.



9- LIL' BIT ABOUT ROBIN

Robin has 2 children, a daughter of 13 and a son of 6 and is married to Malvina. They have recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Since birth, he lives in Hermitage, Phoenix and is now working in the oil & gas sector after spending 19 years in the banking sector.

He comes from a family of 5 and he is the youngest.

He has done his primary schooling at Camp Fouquereaux Government School and Secondary School at SSS Curepipe.

He did his Degree with Napier University and MSc in Finance from University of Mauritius.

Robin joined the banking sector in the early 90s as cashier and climbs the ladder to ultimately leave as Head of International Banking in 2011. He has been able to experience the transition of manual system to computerised banking system. From a standalone pcs to online and centralised system. He is now working for a subsidiary of Essar Energy Plc which is involved in the trading of petroleum products including crude oil.

He is a fan of Manchester United since childhood and has been playing football for many years until got injured. He is now playing safe ...golf which is fascinating but sometimes frustrating.

PP Suren Ayadassen is my ex-colleague at Banque Des Mascareignes was always encouraging me to join Rotary club. Moreover my actual boss, PP Uday Gujadhur (Port Louis) who is a dedicated Rotarian used to share with me

his Rotarian life and his projects. Also, I have for many years been in social work and believed that Rotary Club is a better organised way of contributing to the society. After leaving the bank in 2011 and busy settling in a new job, only in 2013 I accepted the invitation of PP Suren to attend the meetings.

When I first came, I was immediately felt at ease not only because of the warm welcome of members but also I knew a few members. The projects were fascinating by the way it is organised.

There are various milestones in someone life and the 1st March 2014 will be one of them. It is a day or date that cannot be forgotten. I was not expecting the induction night to be so formal and especially when PP Suren told me that I would have to do my own introduction on a PowerPoint presentation. I must say, it is much better to do a presentation with slides that not having the slides. To relieve my tension, I was passing it to Malvina (my wife), telling her that she will also have to say a few words...you can imagine. She was continuously saying that she was not prepared...try to see if this can be skipped. Finally I managed with my introduction with the help of PP Suren and the MC (Nitish) had to stop me. I was very much touched seeing that it is not a club but like a family. The organisation was outstanding; the venue, the menu and the famous cup cake...I was also impressed by anecdotes and retrospective by Charter Presidents Raj and Chandru.



10- NEW UGANDAN CLUB TAKES ON CHALLENGES OF A GROWING ECONOMY

Despite three years of strong economic growth and a burgeoning middle class, the central Ugandan city of Entebbe is still mired in high poverty rates, inadequate health care, and water insecurity.

In 2010 the United Nations established the Regional Service Centre Entebbe, which is a logistical launch pad for UN missions in Central Africa. The permanent UN hub brought tens of thousands of military and civilian personnel and their families to the area. While the economic boost created a growing consumer class, it's failed to trickle down to the poorest citizens.

When Michael Muriithi moved there about a year ago, he knew a Rotary club could address the disparity. "There are still large and immediate challenges facing our

communities," says Muriithi, formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Kumpala East. "This is where Rotary is at its best, finding solutions to these problems."

Instead of joining the Rotary Club of Entebbe, Muriithi worked with its members to establish a new club that would address concerns of one of the city's largest villages, Nkumba.

Muriithi began recruiting members in early 2013. "I called my friends and colleagues and asked if they were interested in starting a new club. Once they saw how much impact we could have on the community, they not only joined but began to spread the word to their friends. It wasn't hard -- they were excited to get started," says Muriithi.

After months of provisional status, the Rotary Club of Nkumba was officially chartered in December, becoming the 75th Rotary club in Uganda. Muriithi serves as the 40 member-club's inaugural president. The club has a young base with the average age of 35, according to Muriithi. Members decided to focus their activities on improving health care in Nkumba and the surrounding area.

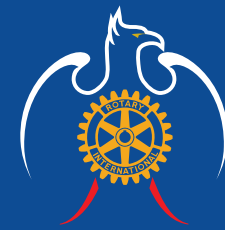
Earlier this year, the club raised more than \$2,000 to dig and construct a new latrine pit for Nkumba's Kitala Health Centre after the old one was closed due to unsanitary conditions. The center is the only public medical facility in the area, serving a population of almost 600,000, most of whom can't afford private health care, according to the club. At the start of the project, the club had the option of paying a company to do the demolition of the old latrine or doing

it themselves. The decision was easy. "We made a promise to be a hands-on club, so along with other volunteers, did the work ourselves," he says. "This built camaraderie among our members. It also increased Rotary's visibility to the public." They constructed latrines for women and for men, as well as one for staff. The club estimates the latrine pits will last up to 20 years. During the construction, the club also handed out new clothes and blankets to every new mother in the facility. Club members also turned their attention to clean water. They funded and facilitated the rehabilitation of a major water well, resulting in an increase of 40 percent more clean water. Muriithi says they are planning on improving four more wells by the end of the year.

"I'm proud to be a part of this new adventure and excited at what we can achieve," he says. "But our success will only be defined by the work we do. This club is made of the people who are dedicated to making a change. That's the Rotary way."

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary News
20-May-2014



ROTARY CLUB OF PHOENIX



Rotary Club Phoenix 



ROTARY CLUB OF
PHOENIX

MAURITIUS - DISTRICT 9220

www.rotary-district9220.org