



Robin Appadoo President 2019-20

#### President's message

Dear Fellow Rotarians and friends,

It is with immense pleasure that I am presenting our newsletter of year 2019-2020. The year has been marked by a number of successful projects and events organised by the club. As mentioned in my message as President Elect, "Connecting the World" starts at the club level, then with the community followed by other clubs locally and internationally.

Rotary Club of Phoenix (RC Phoenix), is above all friendship. A number of events have been organised by our Club Admin committee to consolidate the bonding among members. We started the year with a Pictionary night and followed by a number of other events like our pic-nic at le Bouchon, gathering after the clean-up project and the end of year party at Rotarian Reshma's place.

Our project team has done one project almost every month with the participation of members. Since March 2020, the club had to adapt to the situation prevailing due to Covid-19 pandemic by re-orienting its project towards the cause. The major projects in the first half of the year has been the Celebration of UN Day along with the University of Mauritius (UOM) and The Office of UN Resident Coordinator, Mauritius followed by the distribution of a wheel chair and materials to the Special Education Need (SEN) Unit of H. Chooroomoney Govt School (HCGS) of Quatre Bornes. Another major project at the start of the school year was the donation of school bags and materials to 250 students of a primary school.







#### President's message (Continued)

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- "The United Nations and the post-war order",
- "The United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals" and
- "The United Nations and Climate Change".

At HCGS, a number of projects was lined up for a sustainable result. The club started by the distribution of a wheel chair and materials to the SEN unit. In January at the start of the school year, bags and school materials have been distributed to 250 students. Thanks to the support and participation of all members, the club has participated in "Clean up Mauritius" project, celebration of Christmas with kids of "Centre Lois Lagesse" and Celebration of Mother's Day at Passerelle Shelter.

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed the direction of the club's initial strategy towards project. Since March 2020, after the lockdown, we had to adapt our way of conducting meetings in order to keep our bonding. Our projects were geared towards the situation caused by the pandemic and lockdown. The club has provided basic food boxes to more than 75 families, protective equipment to doctors and a steamer to the SAMU ambulance along with our Rotaract Club of Phoenix. The club members have conducted a number of briefing sessions on impactful projects post Covid. In the same vein, we have launched our painting contest for the children around the theme, "Let's Celebrate Plants through arts".

To stay connected with other clubs, RC Phoenix has celebrated Divali Night with RC Beau Bassin/Rose Hill. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the President Rakesh Gaju and his members for their contribution of Rs. 50,000 towards our SQUINT project. A joint meeting was also hosted by RC Quatre Bornes. Our members have also participated in the The Bras D'eau Xplore Jog And Run organised by RC Riche Mare. The fund raising event organised by RC St Denis – La Montagne, Reunion Island was attended by a few members. On the New-Gen front, we were proud of the projects conducted by our Rotaract Club of Phoenix that celebrated its 8th year anniversary during the confinement. We are also proud to announce the charter of the Interact Club of Phoenix.

We were blessed to have the visit of our District Governor Raja in March prior to the lockdown and celebrated the 17th Anniversary of the club. We take this opportunity to thank our District Governor and Assistant District Governor Uday for their support and guidance during the year 2019-2020.

To conclude, I must thank all members of RC Phoenix for their support and making the Rotary year 2019-2020 full of excitement. The club has also conducted a "Health Check Survey" to ensure that members can make an assessment of various aspects of the club and the way forward for a successful club in years to come. A special thanks to our sponsors for our various projects. I wish President Elect Rooma all the very best for a vear full of excitement.





Dear President Robin and vibrant members of the Phoenix! Greetings from sunny Seychelles. With hardly two weeks to begin a new Rotary year, I sincerely thank you for your continued passion towards the Rotary even during the crisis hours caused by this invisible enemy Corona! I was and am simply amazed by the dynamic president and the members' cooperation when I visited your club assembly. Your upkeep of the tradition and the arrangements to suit the culture of your guest are remarkable.

My lady and I are still unable to come out of good feel the caused by the sumptuous dinner and the musical event. Your contribution even during the end of the tenure at COVID 19 is outstanding and your lending hands to other clubs in Mauritius would soon witness a greater height in next level. I thank you all for all what you have done to the district and wish you all well with good journey in our Rotary mission.

God Bless All.



District Governor, Rajasundaram



# memoers



# Board Members 2019/2020



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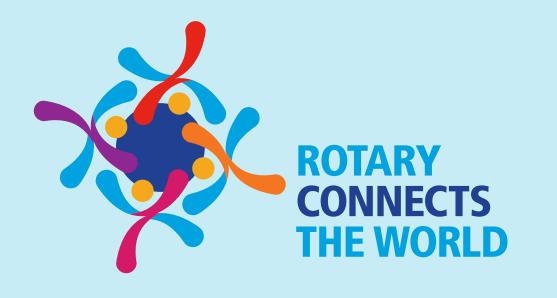
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# **Committees & members**





#### Message of Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney

#### As part of his 2019 Theme Address

"The goal of a leader in Rotary, or anywhere else, should never be achieving the most that you can possibly achieve. The goal of a true leader should always be getting everyone around you to achieve the most that they can possibly achieve. While I am confident that you will do your job well, I want all of you to be focusing, this week and beyond, on what you need to do to get your district and your clubs to a place where they are doing their best work. Your role is supporting Rotary's members, in their clubs, and building a stronger organization. It is your role, it is my role, it is our shared role in the year ahead. Guided by our new strategic plan, we will work together to do just that: to increase Rotary's impact, expand its reach, enhance participant engagement, and increase our ability to adapt."













#### Donation of Equipment SEN Unit Chooroomoney Govt School







Date: Thursday 29th August 2019 Venue: H. Chooromoney Govt School, Bassin, Quatre Bornes Beneficiaries: Students of the Special Education Needs Unit Donation : Motorised wheelchair, Television and various equipments



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# Let's Do It Mauritius

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RC Phoenix participated in the Let's Do It Mauritius project through a clean up campaign at Mare Longue Reservoir.

Date: 21 September 2019 Venue: Mare Longue Reservoir Project: Cleaning of the entrance and surroundings of Mare Longue Reservoir by members of RC Phoenix, Rotaract Club of Phoenix, friends and family. More than 65 kg of waste collected including plastic bottles, cans and other bottles.









# 03 UN Day 2019



Celebrating 75 years relationship of Rotary International and the United Nations: Connecting for Good

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Three interactive panel discussions were on the agenda for the day:

1. "The United Nations and the post-war order",

2. "The United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals" and 3. "The United Nations and Climate Change". Eminent speakers took the floor during these workshops, including S.B.C. Servansing, former Permanent Representative of Mauritius to the United Nations, the World Trade Organisation and other international organisations; Dr. Manorama Akung, Lecturer at the University of Mauritius; and representatives from United Nations agencies (WHO, UNDP, UNODC, IOM). There were more than 370 attendees on the day.









## Xmas with Children of "Centre Lois Lagesse"

Date: 18 Dec 2019 from 10.30 to 14.00 Venue: Phoenix Mall, Phoenix

#### Program:

- Animations and Games
- Lunch
- Sharing of gifts

It has been the tradition of RC Phoenix to celebrate Christmas with kids. A great project with the participation of Rotarians, Rotaractors and potential Interactors.







# 05 Donation of School Bags







Venue: H. Chooroomonee Govt School, Jackson Road, Quatre-Bornes (Bassin) Date: Tuesday 14 January 2020 Beneficiaries : 250 students Donation : School bags and materials

RC Phoenix has brought smile on the faces of 250 students at the start of the year 2019 by giving school bags and other materials like copybooks, pens, pencils, rulers...





# 06 Mother's Day Celebration





Venue: Passerelle Shelter, Rose Hill Date: Sunday, 31 May 2020

It is the tradition of the club to celebrate Mother's Day with the shelter where a lunch has been served along with a gift. Despite the difficult situation caused by Covid-19, members have organised the mother's day celebration with all necessary sanitary precautions.









# 07 COVID-19 Initiatives



# Thank you doctors!

Every day the doctors are putting their health at risk to fight the invisible enemy. The Club thanked the doctors and medical staffs of hospitals by giving them PPEs and face masks to stay safe.



#### COVID-19 Initiatives (Continued) 07







# **Protect our front liners** to protect us!

Hand sanitizers donated to the police force in order to protect them during their duty.



## **Time is of essence...**

Donation of a Steamer to SAMU along with Rotaract Club of Phoenix. This steamer helps the users to save time in cleaning the ambulance.



# **COVID-19 Initiatives** (Continued)





# Putting smiles on faces of 75 families

Club members have generously contributed to buy some basic food to help families who were in need. Thanks to M-Kids who ensured that the food boxes are delivered at the door step of these families.



# Dainting contest



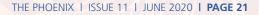
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# **Painting Contest**

Theme : Let's Celebrate plants through art Date : 01 June to 30 June 2020 Category A : 08 to 11 years Category B : 12 to 18 years

During the lockdown the club launched a painting contest for children of Mauritius. The objective is to promote art and connect our young generation with nature.









# **Blood Donation**

Date : Saturday 13 June 2020 Venue: Bagatelle Mall, Phoenix Mall, G. Bay Coeur de Ville, Flacq Coeur de Ville, Plaisance Mall, Cascavelle Shopping Village

A national project where 25 Rotary Clubs, 18 Rotaract Clubs and 20 Interact Clubs in Mauritius joined together at 6 different locations for a blood donation.

Over 1000 donors were mobilised and 890 pints collected.















# **Speakers**



17 Jul 2019 Charter President Raj Thacoor Theme: Experience Rotary Convention



# Speakers (Continued)

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28 Aug 2019 Kamal Hawabhay Theme: Mauritius Leak 18 Sept 2019 Rtn Rani Theme: Classification Talk 18 Sept 2019 Rtn Cheetal Theme: Classification Talk



Speakers (Continued)

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Dr. Elizabeth Okelo

Theme: Business of Tomorrow: Making Corporate Sustainability Mainstream 27 Nov 2019





# Speakers (Continued)



26 Feb 2019 DGN Dinesh Gajeelee Theme: Mieux Connaitre Le Rotary



13 May 2020 Assad Abdullatiff Theme: EU AML List of high risk countries and its implications – The Mauritius Case



# **Joint Meetings**



25 Sept 2019

#### Joint Meeting: RC Quatre Bornes

Venue: Gold Crest Hotel





27 May 2020

Joint Meeting Rotaract Club of Phoenix: Celebration of 8th Anniversary of Rotaract Club of Phoenix

enue: Zoom e-meeting





31 Oct 2019

Joint Meeting: RC Beau Bassin/Rose Hill Divali Night

Venue: Domaine Les Pailles : Indra



# **Fellowships**

#### Induction of President Robin







#### Pictionary Night







#### Picnic at Le Bouchon







#### Domaine Izi





Friday 27 September 2019 at Domaine izi, as from 18.30 In the presence of DG Raja

Welcome cocktail
 Live Music
 Drinks & snacks
 Professional DJ
 Buffet Dinner
Dresscode: Casual Smart



# Fellowships (Continued)

#### EOY at Reshma's Place







# DGs Visit and club anniversary



Independence and Republic Day



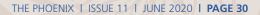








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# **Board Meetings**







# **Club Assembly**





# Health Check Survey





#### Health Check Survey

The Health Check Survey is an ongoing initiative put in place by the Director of Membership, Ghislaine Perovic. This initiative was kickstarted in November 2019.

The aim was to reflect on the future of our Club, take stock of where we are now and where we want to go.

Members were asked to fill a survey questionnaire with clear feedback and constructive ideas on how we can improve the Club but also our service towards the community.

The outcome of this initiative is a Strategic Plan for the years to come.



# members





#### Georgina Ragaven





#### Her Majesty The Queen recognises Mauritian volunteer with Commonwealth Points of Light award

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has today recognised Georgina Ragaven, representing Mauritius, as the 131st Commonwealth Point of Light in honour of her exceptional voluntary service training women entrepreneurs.

Georgina has trained 2,000 vulnerable women from underprivileged areas to become aerobics teachers, fostering healthy habits and entrepreneurship. Many of these young women have gone on to own and manage their own gyms. Georgina also recently founded 'We Empower', which is training 200 women from shelters, broken homes, or survivors of domestic violence to become the entrepreneurs and leaders of tomorrow.

#### Vino Sookloll



Appointment as Advisor to the Rotary International Communication Committee. An international recognition which goes beyond our Club, Mauritius and District 9220.

### Mushtaq Namdarkhan



# Rotaract House



# Rotaract

#### Phase 1 Hygiene Caritas







#### Phase 2 Food Caritas











# Rotaract (Continued)

#### Aquaponics



#### Blood Donation and Breast Cancer Screening





















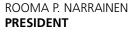




#### **Rotary Opens Opportunities**







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