

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL:

ROTARY IS FORGING A PATH TO FULL LITERACY IN INDIA

Long before he became Rotary International's president, Shekhar Mehta was known for setting ambitious goals.

His reputation for successfully tackling difficult problems is why, in 2014, former RI president Kalyan Banerjee asked him to lead an effort to make India fully literate — a goal that has eluded the Indian government as well as many NGOs.

"I realized making a country literate is no easy task," says Mehta, who defines full literacy as an overall rate of 95 percent or above for those aged 7 and up. (The government of India estimates India's current literacy rate among that group at 78 percent.) "But I strongly believe in Gandhi's view that if you find the goal, the means will follow."

An accountant and real estate developer, Mehta didn't enter the endeavor with any experience in education. "I had no clue, no background in education at all," he says. He spent about nine months learning from experts before founding the Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), a nonprofit that aims to strengthen and standardize Rotary clubs' literacy initiatives across India.

To accomplish this, RILM created a program of service projects that it encourages clubs across India to take on with the nonprofit's support and mentorship. The projects are built around the acronym TEACH, which stands for teacher support, e-learning, adult literacy, child development, and happy schools (which focuses on infrastructure improvements). "We think every school should be a school where our own children would be happy to study," says Kamal Sanghvi, who was an RI director from 2019 to 2021 and chairs RILM now that Mehta is RI president.

Following the model that made India's polio eradication campaign a success, coordinators promoted the TEACH program in Rotary zones and districts in the country. RILM staff created manuals and organized trainings, and now nearly every club in India works on a project to support at least one aspect of the TEACH program. "The momentum picked up so beautifully," Sanghvi says. "Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

The combined efforts of hundreds of Rotary clubs, plus their partner organizations, have added up to large-scale results. To date, an estimated 7 million children are benefiting from RILM's teacher training component alone. The program's overall reach is enormous.

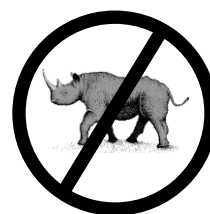
"Training, standardization, and developing partnerships — these are the three things that make the program work," Mehta says.

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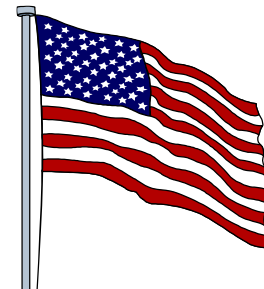
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ROTARY PRAYER

Oh Lord, and giver of all good, we
thank Thee for our daily food.

May Rotary friends and Rotary
ways, help to serve Thee all of our
days.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WICHITA FALLS NORTH



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FUTURE PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS

October 1 ----- Troy Secord
October 8 ----- Tom Sheriff
October 15 ----- Phil Waggoner
October 22 ----- Gary Southard
October 29 ----- Tom Cale
November 5 ----- Joe Clement
November 12 ----- David Collins
November 19 ----- Mike Crocker
November 26 ----- NO MEETING ~ THANKSGIVING
December 3 ----- Larry Gunnell
December 10 ----- Ajay Kumar
December 17 ----- Ann Lucas

NEWS FROM OUR LAST CLUB MEETINGS:

SEPTEMBER 3RD AT VANTAGE POINT

SEPTEMBER 9TH AT RIVER BEND

SEPTEMBER 17TH AT MSU

SEPTEMBER 3RD AT VANTAGE POINT

President Clint led us in the Rotary Prayer and Rob led us the Pledges.

The brag bucket was fed by Gary (2) and Clint.

Gary's 12th club anniversary was announced as was Lisa's birthday. Congratulations!

Bill Neale presented the program: ***"Staying Healthy, Part 2++"***.

The ballooning raffle raised \$35.00 and Ajay was the proud winner. He drew the 10 of clubs for a \$10.00 prize. If this weeks winner draws the ace of spades they will win \$295.00 + ½ of what is raised today.

SEPTEMBER 9TH AT RIVER BEND

This was our belated installation banquet and club social. It was a very enjoyable evening. Special guest were Troy and Jeani's exchange students and the Commander of the 364th and his wife. Numerous spouses were also in attendance. Bill Neale was spotted a piece of cake full of sugar!!!

SEPTEMBER 17TH AT MSU

This was the disbursement of our annual Ross Roberts Family annual Scholarship to Kristen Longo, a ceramics major at MSU.

Representing the Roberts family was Keith and Risa (Roberts) Hillard, Kelly Roberts, Dylan Hillard and Madison (Hillard) Twilligear.

Lt Col. Elbert Mose from the 364th Training Squadron was in attendance.

From MSU, the following were in attendance: Dr. Jim Sernoe, Intern Dean of the College of Fine Arts. Dr. Mitzi Lewis, a Professor in the Mass Communications Department. Lea Gose, Academic Department Chair in the School of Visual Arts. Jessica Hulett, Assistant to the Dean in the Department of Fine Arts.



From L to R: Kelly Roberts, Keith Hillard, Risa Hillard, Dylan Hillard, Madison (Hillard) Twilligear, Kristen Longo (Scholarship Recipient), Gary Southard, Clint Wood and Jim Sernoe (Intern Dean for the College of Fine Arts).



Vocational Service Chair, Gary Southard and Kristen Longo.