

WELCOME TO ROTARY CLUB OF PLAINSBORO – NORTH & SOUTH BRUNSWICK

ROTARY DISTRICT: 7475, CLUB No: 59105

The **Rotary Club of Plainsboro** was chartered in the year 2002. It is now named as **Rotary Club of Plainsboro - North & South Brunswick**. The Club is a part of the **Rotary International** organization.

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide.

Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto **Service Above Self**.

In 2002 a few people of Indian origin - **Andy Iyengar, Dinesh Mittal, Seema Singh, Anil Srivatsav, Sudhakar Venkatesh, Nagender Racherala and Suresh Reddy**, living in *Plainsboro, South Brunswick, North Brunswick, Edison, Franklin Park, and North New Jersey* decided to charter a new Rotary Club in Central New Jersey with the intention of servicing the local and international community. The club started out with three members and rapidly grew to about 20 members living in various parts of the state. The club is open to all people. Most of the current members are of Indian origin.

The club meets weekly. Besides working on various humanitarian charitable projects, the club provides an excellent opportunity for networking with the mainstream Indo American community.

Since its inception, the Rotary Club of Plainsboro has proudly sponsored a number of local and international charitable projects. We strive to work in the five *Avenues of Service* – **Club service, Community service, Vocational service, International service and Youth service**.

All project funding decisions are based on a simple four way test:

- Is it the **TRUTH**?
- Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Jaipur Limb Project - Our club has raised funds to support the [Mahaveer Hospital](#) in [Jaipur, India](#) for the development and distribution of **low-cost artificial limbs**.



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OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Nepal Earthquake Relief Project and Nepal Rural Education Project

RCOP-N&SB is working with Rotary *International* to sponsor rehabilitation projects after the earthquake. We sponsored renovation of the schools in the rural areas.



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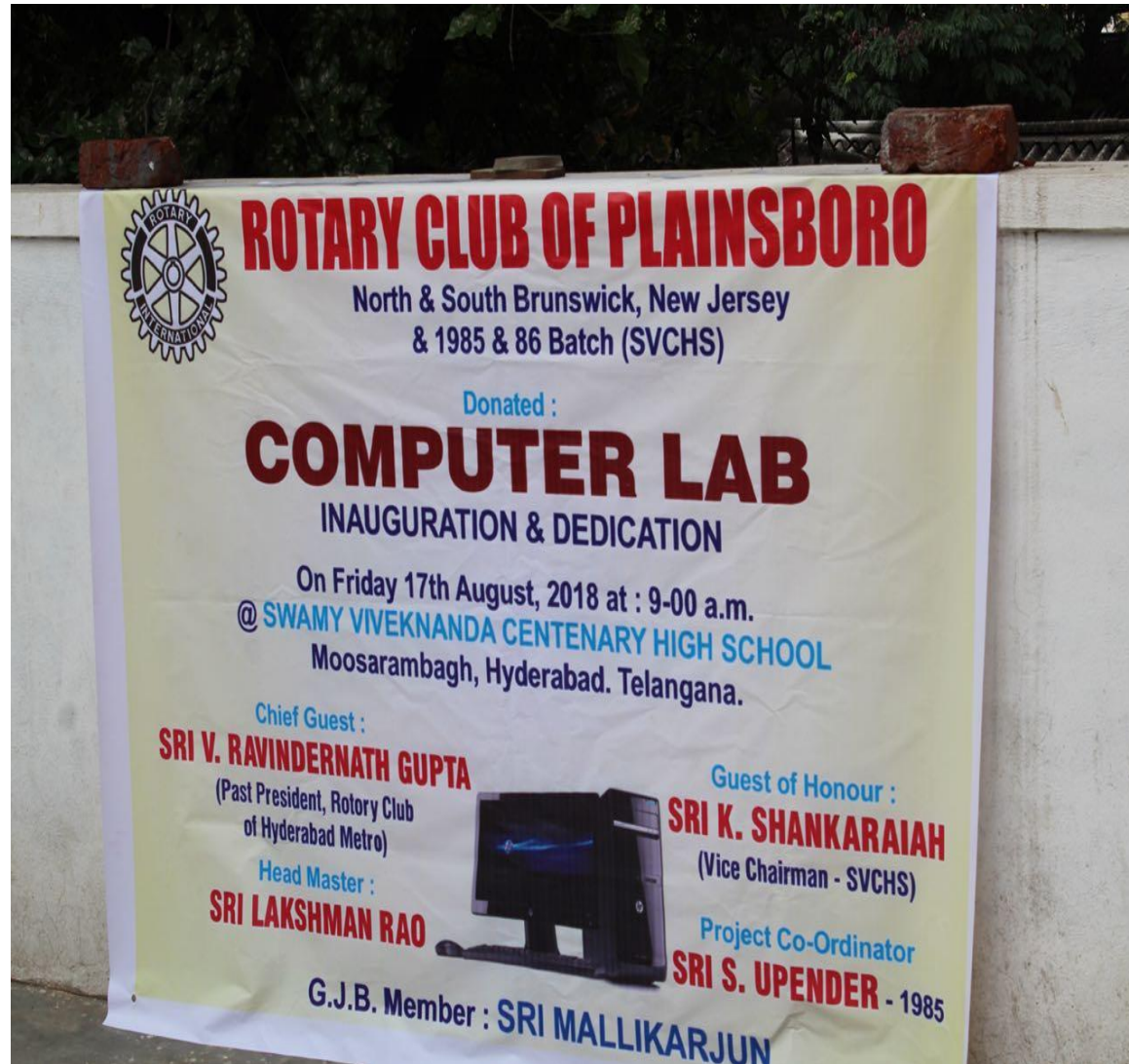
OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Computer Lab

Computer lab for less fortunate children in [Hyderabad, India](#)

TEACH Project Collaboration

In 2018, facilitated [six schools for girls](#) to be able continue education. This was in collaboration with the [Peenya Club of Bangalore](#)



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OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Riverblindness

Support to [United Front Against Riverblindness](#) (UFAR) in their fight to eliminate this dreaded disease in [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#).



Toilet Facility

For about 70 inhabitants of [Quilanga city](#) in the province of [Loja](#) in [Equador](#)



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OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

AMMA NANNA Anada Ashramam

RCOP-N&SB works with [RC of Hyderabad](#), India to provide facilities for homeless elderly people.



Cape Town Library Project

To establish fully functional and sustainable libraries in two schools in the [Greater Cape Town](#) area. This project - jointly with *Rotary Club of New Brunswick, NJ* - will help establish two libraries benefiting over 1000 children on an ongoing basis. Provide library books, supplies, and training to ten schools in the Greater Cape Town area (South Africa). Recently the Rotary Foundation awarded \$57,429 to this project.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Hiking Trail - RCOP-N&SB members volunteered to construct a new trail at the [Thompson Park Conservation Area](#) in [Monroe](#) township.



NBY India Day



Shoe Drive "Soles4Souls"



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Stop The Hunger - Annual STOP HUNGER NOW campaign to pack **50,000** bags of food for **300,000** children on February 3, 2017 at the Raritan Valley Community College.



Sandwich Packing To provide meals for homeless families



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

South Brunswick Food Pantry

RCOP-N&SB donated food supplies to the South Brunswick Food Pantry.



Coat & Baby Needs Drive- New year initiative to support local org with warm coats and baby needs



Support to Cancer Patients

Hand knitted caps by RCOP-N&SB women's team for cancer patients



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

5K Kolor Run - Annual event – RCOP with Suma Foods



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Ganesh Visarjan – RCOP Teamed up with [Suma Foods](#) and helped the local community for a **Ganesh Visarjan** event at the [Raritan river in North Brunswick, NJ](#). Totally **2000** people joined this event.



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Rotary Day Event - Conducted two events to let community know about the Rotary presence and how Rotary helps communities.

- The First event was conducted on the **Heritage Day in North Brunswick Park**. 500 people attended this event.
- The Second event was conducted at a **Ram Leela event**. Totally 200 people attended this event.



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Stroke Prevention – Two sessions were conducted to local South Asian community. Totally 20 attendees attended this session and acquired the health information and tools like blood pressuring monitor kit to monitor and help community to spread awareness on how to prevent Stroke and also help the community to diagnose the patient and prevent from Stroke.



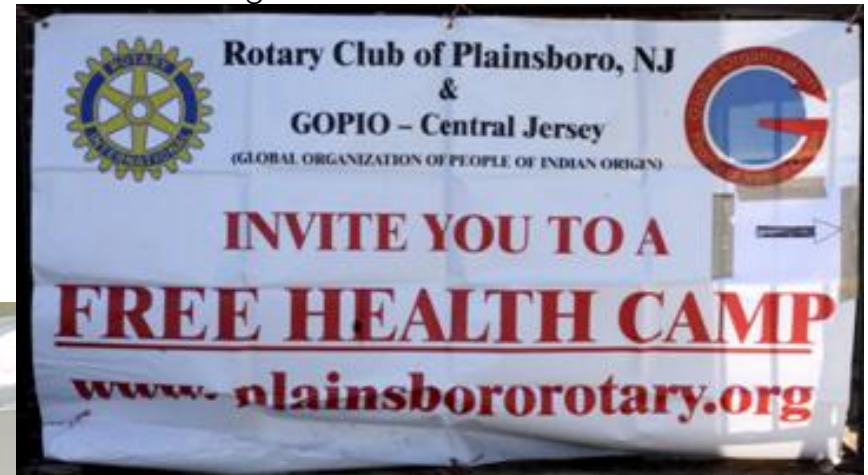
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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Free A1C Now test – Health Campaign

We served more than **110** people at the **Durga Mandir** on the 'World Diabetic Day' November 14, 2015, by giving their A1C reading and by educating about how best the blood sugar levels can be controlled in future.



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Military / Veteran Appreciation Day

Collaborated with multi Rotary clubs supporting “Military/Veteran Appreciation Day” and donated raised amount to the cause on October 10, 2015



MedShare

Our club members and Interact Club of South & North Brunswick High School volunteered in early March for MedShare, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving healthcare and the environment,



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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Donated necessary goods to North Brunswick fire victims



Supported North Brunswick Township "India Day - Unity In Diversity" and " Republic Day" celebration by collaborating with Agraj Seva Kendra:



Volunteered and Donated to support Habitat for Humanity to build houses in Somerset with collaboration of at&t

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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Thanksgiving Meals Distribution

RCOP club members packed over **400** Thanksgiving meal packets and donated it to the needy.

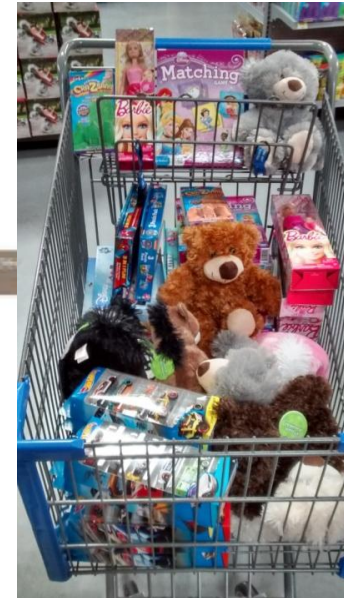


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LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Toys for Tots – Provided toys to the kids at **RWJ Children's Hospital** in New Brunswick
Have also donated to the **NBTHS Swim Team Parents Association**.



One Robert Wood Johnson Plaza
P.O. Box 2689
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-0268
Phone: 732-838-3000
www.rwj.org

December 21, 2016

Rotary Club of Plainsboro
Satish Vamsikumar
44 Magellan Way
Franklin Park NJ 08829

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Child Life Department at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, I would like to express my deepest thanks to you and the members of the Plainsboro Rotary Club for the generous donation that you have thoughtfully given to our children. The toys we received from you will certainly be enjoyed by the children.

As you may know, gifts can really help a child to cope and lift their spirits. These items can provide avenues of creativity and outlets for expression. I hope you know how much happiness your donation has brought to the children. Thank you for all your kindness and support. It means a great deal to the children, the families, and the staff of the Children's Hospital.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peggy Trivettino".

Peggy Trivettino, MA, CCLS
Child Life Program
cc: B. Romito

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SOME INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- **Tsunami Relief & Rehabilitation**
 - The Club supported rehabilitation of the fishing community by providing boats and fishing nets for the fisherman who were effected by Tsunami
- **The Helen Keller Institute for the Deaf and Blind**
 - The Club provided Computers and other accessories and adopted few kids for life

SOME LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS

- **Dictionary Project**
 - Supplied Student Dictionaries for all 3rd graders in the South Brunswick School District
- **Home Front – Family Preservation Center, NJ**
 - Donated Playground equipment to Home Front Family Preservation Center, Trenton, NJ
- **Boys/Girls Scouts of America**
 - Donated Motor Trailer to transport Boys Scouts equipment to local Boys Scout troop
 - Sponsored South Brunswick Girls Scout camp
- **Soup Kitchen** - Supplied Food for the [Elijah's Soup Kitchen](#), New Brunswick for a Year
- **Katrina Relief Fund** - Co-Sponsored events to collect funds for Katrina Relief efforts

COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION

It Can Wait – Conducted a campaign on **Heritage Day** event in North **Brunswick** attended by **500** students and families. This was in collaboration with **AT&T**. **No texting is worth dying for - It Can Wait®**. The message was focused on educating the public, especially teens on the dangers of texting and driving.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION

Collaborated with SAMAR (South Asian Marrow Association of Recruiters) to collect cheek swab samples to send to central repository and to serve needy patients.

SAMAR is an official recruitment group of the National Marrow Donor Program and works closely with patient families and community organizations to organize bone marrow/stem cell donor recruitment drives. They serve patients who need a hematopoietic stem cell transplant for leukemia, fatal blood disorders and other conditions requiring a cellular transplant for an improved life.

“End Polio Now” Campaign: We participate in this **Rotary International** effort. We organized an ‘End Polio Now’ fundraising campaign and donated \$500 to Rotary District 7510.

The eradication of polio is **Rotary International's** longest standing and most significant efforts. Rotary along with partners, such as the **Gates Foundation**, has helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries and has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION

Autism Awareness Ambassador Program

- The Rotary Club of Plainsboro has sponsored [School Resource Packs](#) in [Autism New Jersey's Autism Ambassador](#) program. These contain the tools needed for an elementary/middle school teachers to raise autism awareness in their school and classroom.
- We are also partnered with [MRESC \(Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission\)](#) -- which provides advanced professional support for the special needs teachers in 600 school districts and municipalities in New Jersey.

Beach Cleaning at the Old Waterfront Park

- The Rotary Club of Plainsboro in collaboration with the [Bank of America](#) collected about [2500](#) pieces of debris.



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COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN COLLABORATION

Operation Shoebox

The Rotary Club of Plainsboro collaborated with the Rotary Club of Hillsborough, NJ and Operation Shoebox for **Holiday Gift Packing** for the **Troops Abroad**



CHRISTMAS PACKING EVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
10 AM - 2 PM

HILLSBOROUGH FAMILY YMCA
19 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD, HILLSBOROUGH, NJ 08844



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VOCATIONAL AND YOUTH SERVICE INITIATIVES

Support to Students – at the [North Brunswick High School, NJ](#) for

- Science Symposium
- Recognition of talent in English, Mathematics and Civic Education
- Volunteering

Supporting Youth of [Monroe](#) Community

- Leadership / Public Speaking
- Volunteering and supporting local Org
- Supporting the school and township events
- Recognition of students for UN Conference and participation

Guest Lectures and Presentations

- **New York Life** - Choose Your Retirement Path seminar - [Prasanna Bhatia](#)
- **Blue Ridge ESOP Associates** - ESOPs for businesses - [Thomas Roback, Jr.](#)
- **United Front Against Riverblindness** – [Dr. Daniel Shungu](#)
- **Hurricane science** - [Kieran Bhatia](#) - Postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University
- **Visits** from several [Rotary Club officials](#) from NJ and India
- Presentation from **Manavi**: The first organization in the United States to specifically address the unmet needs of South Asian women affected by violence.

RCOP INTERACT CLUBS

Interact is [Rotary International's](#) service club for young people ages 12 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

The Rotary Club of Plainsboro has sponsored these Interact clubs –

- [South Brunswick High School Interact Club](#), which had membership of 110+ students from all classes
- Interact club of [North Brunswick High School](#), which has membership of 20+ students from all classes
- Interact club of [Monroe High School](#) (under discussion)

Interact Projects

- **Adopt-A-Family** in *South Brunswick*
- Wrote **holiday cards** to sick children at the *Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)*
- Adopted and donated a goat to a family in *Nepal*
- Hosting a **Play for Polio basketball tournament** thorough which they donated **\$250** to Rotary International's *End Polio Now*
- **Pie-A-Teacher** at the **Pep Rally Fundraiser** for local projects
- Made **Surgi Dolls** to be used at *children's hospitals*
- **Custodial/Para-professional Luncheon**
- **4 Brown Bag Meal Events** to feed over 400 people
- Volunteered at the **RCOP Dance Competition**
- Volunteered at the **World Peace Day Celebration**

RCOP INTERACT CLUBS

South Brunswick high school interact club students helping communities in need.



Volunteering



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RCOP INTERACT CLUBS

Peace Day - RCOP-N&SB with Interact club participated /celebrated International Peace day with Branchburg Rotary and International Rotary.



Bake Sale by Monroe Interact



To Honor Sudha Murthy - A Play by Monroe Interact club in an event organized by VSNA



RCOP INTERACT CLUBS

Green Fair

Celebrated Green Fair day along with the Mayor of Monroe



Youth Workshop on SAT/Collage Education-

Monroe Interact club sponsored by Y2K



SEVA DIWALI – Food /Household drive for supporting low income Asian family – Monroe club



SE – Food /Household Drive for supporting low income Asian family – Monroe



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WHAT DOES ROTARY OFFER YOU?

Rotary brings together people from all walks of life.

People whose sense of responsibility inspires them to give back to their communities.

Our club gives you an opportunity to join leaders to take action on important issues affecting our community, our nation, and the world. We also have a lot of fun — whether we're socializing or working together on service projects.

For ages 12-18

Interact Clubs for volunteering

For ages 18-30

Rotaract Groups to promote leadership, professional development

For Members

Opportunities to impact lives at the local and international levels - Connect for good and form lifelong friendships in the process

For Non-Members

Volunteering, Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) - Groups who work to improve their communities

HOW DO I BECOME A ROTARIAN?

Membership in *Rotary Club of Plainsboro-N&S Brunswick, NJ* is by invitation only

Contact our members and visit our club for details

www.plainsbororotary.org

Start with Rotary
and good things happen.

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