

Proceedings of the 4th meeting of the Rotary Club of Bangalore held on Monday, the 22nd July 2013 at Rotary House of Friendship

The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Purnimaa Ranganath.

Ann. Dr. Chandrika Rao, rendered invocation song.

President Rtn. R.Purnimaa, welcomed all the members, Anns, Innerwheel Club members, Chief Guest Dr.Sharada Srinivasan and requested Secretary Rtn.Ranganath to escort her on to the dias.

President specially welcomed Rtn.Srimatesh, President of Rotary Bangalore E club and the club members for this joint meeting.

President Rtn. R.Purnimaa welcomed visiting Rotarian from Rotary Club of Setagaya, Japan and exchanged flags with her as also gave her our calendar as a memento.

President congratulated our PRID. Rtn. M.K.Panduranga Setty on being elected for the nominating Committee to select the Rotary International President during the year 2016-17

Rtn. Jayanth Rudra, announced about the Youth Service committee programs like installation of 4 Interact Clubs and starting a new Interact Clubs at Legacy School and Rotary Bangalore Vidyalaya and Installation of Rotaract Club of Bangalore.

President handed over a cheque for Rs. 23,325/- towards joint project with Innerwheel Club of Bangalore for donating a Braille machine.

Ann.Rekha Rudra, announced the Rotarians celebrating Birthday and Wedding Anniversary for the week.

Secy. Rtn. Ranganath, announced schedule of weekly and committee meetings for this week.

Rtn. T. V. Raghunath, informed that we need to urgently send mini solar lamps to Uttarkhand for the needy persons. The cost of the Solar lamps is Rs. 475/- each and requested all the members to come forward and donate and the same will be matched by Rtn. Arjun Menda.

President requested Rtn. Srimatesh, President of Rotary Bangalore E Club to conduct his club formalities.

Ann. Manju Bhatia, introduced the Chief Guest Dr. Sharada Srinivasan.

Dr. Sharada Srinivasan, gave power point presentation on the Art and Science of the Cosmic Dance of Shiva.

President handed over the memento to the Chief Guest Dr.Sharada Srinivasan and Rtn.Srimatesh, President of Rotary Bangalore E Club and then adjourned the meeting.

### Birthdays

Rtn. Prabhakar A.S	: 30th July
Rtn. S. Vishwanath	: 30th July
Rtn. Elizabeth Cherian	: 01st Aug
Rtn. Arjun Scindia	: 02nd Aug
Rtn. Rony Mathew Thomas	: 03rd Aug
Rtn. Srinivas B. Garudachar	: 04th Aug
Rtn. Panduranga Setty M.K	: 04th Aug
Rtn. Dr. Kalpana Udaykumar	: 04th Aug
Rtn. Vineetha Chinappa	: 04th Aug

### Spouse Birthdays:

Ann. Rajashree Deb	: 29th July
Ann. Vandana Sham K.N.	: 31st July
Ann. Kanchana Rao	: 04th Aug

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>: 22.07.2013</b>
Total Membership	: 226
Members Present	: 78
Members Exempted	: 54

### Contributions to the Community Chest :

B/f	Rs. 8,602
Rtn. N.Gowrishankar	1,001
Rtn. Dr.H.Paramesh	500
Ann. Janaki Murali	500
Rtn. Suma Milind	250

C/f	Rs. 10,853
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Rtn R. G. Ahuja has donated a sum of Rs. 10,000/- towards Community Service Project.

## Are you on the e-group of RCB?

Those members both existing and new, if you are not receiving the various communication / The Rotator through the e-group, please ensure to register with the moderator. Your email id may not be correct (or) might have changed.

Please join the e-group. The short url is <http://tinyurl.com/rcbegroup> and [click on the Join Button](#)

Kindly write to the moderator of the e-group  
Rtn. Devesh Agarwal at : [ri3190@gmail.com](mailto:ri3190@gmail.com). or call 4111 7272

Your initiative is very Important for effective communication and to receive regular updates of the various happening of our illustrious club.

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President : Rtn. Purnimaa Ranganath RCB meets every Monday at 7pm Secretary : Rtn. Ranganath H.

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## The Art & Science of the Cosmic Dance of Shiva - the Nataraja

On 22nd July, RCB had the privilege of hosting the eminent researcher, Dr Sharadha Srinivasan as guest speaker, to hear her address the club on 'The Art & Science of the Cosmic Dance of Shiva - the Nataraja.' It was a joint meeting with Rotary Bangalore E- Group.

The meeting started with an invocation by Ann Chandrika Rao. Her melodious voice was so apt for what was to follow. The club formalities were conjoined with that of the Rotary E-club, which was a unique first, in the 'real' Rotary World!



Dr. Sharada Srinivasan, scientist, art historian, archaeo-metallurgist, and exponent of the classical south Indian temple dance

tradition of Bharata natyam, presented an illustrated lecture, elucidating and exploring the aesthetics and technique of South Indian bronze casting and perceptions of the cosmos. Her talk tackled three unresolved issues concerning the Nataraja bronze. The first is the date of emergence of the Nataraja bronze and its worship at Chidambaram. This has been

uncertain, since Hindu icons were rarely inscribed and are mainly dated with reference to stone sculpture at inscribed temples. The earliest, properly three-dimensional stone Natarajas are found in temples built by the Cholas, such as the Kailasanathaswami temple, c.,AD 940.

The second question concerns the original significance of the Nataraja bronze. Ananda Coomaraswamy (1924), put forth a lyrical interpretation, drawn from thirteenth-century. He interpreted the icon as Shiva's Anandatandava, or cosmic dance of creation and destruction, which is also the dance of bliss after annihilating the ego. In this form, the four-armed Nataraja exhibits five primordial



acts or panchakritya: creation symbolized by the drum in the rear right-hand, protection by the front right arm, dispelling of ignorance and ego by trampling the demon muyalagan (Tamil) or apasmara (Sanskrit) with his right foot, granting of solace by the crossed left arm, destruction by the fire in the rear left arm, while the ring of fire symbolizes perpetual cosmic cycles.

Shivakami, as consort inspires this cosmic activity. Coomaraswamy's philosophical musings on the 'Cosmic dance of Shiva' had wide appeal, even providing a post-modernist metaphor for savouring the implications of modern physics.

The third question is whether the Nataraja icon was originally significantly understood in terms of a cosmic or transcendental dimension.

Dr Sharadha states that although there is no absolute method of dating solid metal artefacts, lead isotope ratio analysis can



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### Whats Up RCB?

29th July	Tamil Nite - "VISHWAROOPAM" - Followed by Fellowship & Dinner
05th Aug	Mr. Nakul Shenoy, the prolific and talented Mind-Reader
12th Aug	Is it time to de-school ? - Aroon Raman

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assist in exploring typological similarities on the basis of shared metal sources, because these remain unchanged from ore to extracted metal.

The Pallava Nataraja icons in stone and metal discussed, suggest the notion of Nataraja's blissful dance with an unmistakable attitude or smile of puckish delight that contrasts with the gravitas of Shiva dancing as Natesa (in chatura pose) from Badami or Ellora.

Processional icons of dancing Shiva and the Nataraja worshipped at Chidambaram until Mahendravarman Pallavan's time (c. AD 600 - 30) were probably of wood. A switch to metal processional icons was made by

c.AD 650, from the Kuram copper plate. She described the manner in which the metal icons were made, using the very original method of employing wax moulds, and how the intricate details on the icons were best brought forth using such a method, which cannot be seen in sculpted idols.

In conclusion, her literary evidence discussed, shows that the Nataraja bronze, depicting Shiva's Anandatandava or 'dance of bliss', was a Pallava innovation (seventh to mid-ninth century), rather than tenth-century Chola as widely believed. The meeting concluded with short video clips showing the dance depiction of the Nataraja.

Rtn. Vineeta Chinnappa



**Visiting Rotarian**  
from Rotary Club of Setagaya Japan,  
exchanging flag with RCB President,  
on 22nd July, 2013



NOTE

**Change in e-mail id. of Rtn. R.G.Ahuja – ramgahuja@gmail.com**

**Change in mailing Address of Rtn. T.B.Kumaraswamy,**  
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**'All work and no play,  
makes jack a dull boy' - proverb**  
At RBV, this is not the case !  
studies and sports go hand in hand

Our RBV kids practicing for a volley ball match at a district sports meet, in their new sports kits. The students are prize winners for many years and have won several trophies making us proud! Keep it up boys and girls!



## ROTARY FACE-OFF !

Guess the three Rotarians  
who have been  
put together in these pictures.



a)



b)

The mix could be horizontal or a mix of horizontal and vertical - it is up to you, to figure ! Prize for the correct answer will be given at the next meeting. Come on, test your knowledge on how well you know your fellow members !

Note : Please mail your answers to crao2612@gmail.com

Photo Courtesy Rotary Plastic Surgeon - Musten Jiruwala.

## An Appeal to all Rotarians



Director, Community Service Rtn. T. V. Raghunath appealed to members to donate towards procurement of solar lamps to be sent to Uttarakhand for the immediate requirement of persons displaced due to the floods. **Each lamp costs Rs. 475/- and donations are accepted in multiples of 10 (A set of 10 lamps will cost Rs. 4,750/-).**

**All donations will be matched by Rtn. Arjun Menda.** Kindly contact Rtn. T. V. Raghunath on +91 97390 99020 or Prakash. Kindly send in your cheques to Rotary Club of Bangalore Charitable Trust.

## Nagapattinam School - An update

In 2005, Rotary Club of Bangalore (RCB) adopted 99 children in Nagapattinam who either lost one or both parents during the Tsunami that struck Nagapattinam in December 2004. RCB raised a sum of about Rs. 20 lakhs through member and other donor contributions to assist these distressed children through Rotary Club of Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu.

they see us during our periodic visits to Nagapattinam over the past 7 years is yet another source of immense satisfaction that we can Change lives by engaging Rotary service.

The photos of these children are the latest taken during the third week of July 2013.

Rtn.S.Vijayarajan



## Interact Committee, Youth Services - A Report



### Installation of the Interact Club of Rotary Bangalore Vidyalaya.

On July 19th, 2013 Interact committee successfully carried out the election & installation on the 'Interact Board' at our own 'Rotary Bangalore Vidyalaya, Nagdevanahalli'.

I take this opportunity to thank Rtn. C K Somasundar for being present at the school during the event and assisting in the address to students, election & installation process.

Welcome Interact Club of Rotary Bangalore Vidyalaya to RCB family!

Rtn.Ravikumar Nadimpally  
Chair



## I know what you are thinking!!

I am sure you have thought many a time – “How I wish I could read their mind”. And we think it is a wish. But there is a person who actually reads minds !! Nakul Shenoy.

This is a DON'T MISS OPPORTUNITY!! – to listen to Mr. Nakul Shenoy, who is a leading corporate speaker and entertainer with unique insights on influence, persuasion, and people behaviour. An expert magician and hypnotist, he travels the world addressing elite audiences drawn from top corporates. Over the last two decades, Nakul has grown to be a sought-after speaker and trainer for Fortune 500 companies and other coveted events, and has performed at venues in Asia, the Middle East, Europe, UK and the USA.

*“A magician with impossibly fast hypnotic skills, he captures young hearts as they wonder how on earth he does what he does. He creates magic.”* The New Indian Express

Mr. Nakul Shenoy will be speaking about reading minds (Maybe he will teach us a trick or two??!) and demonstrate his skills (just in case you thought it was not real!!)

**Book mark your calendar - 5th August, 2013, at Rotary House of Friendship, at 7.00pm**

