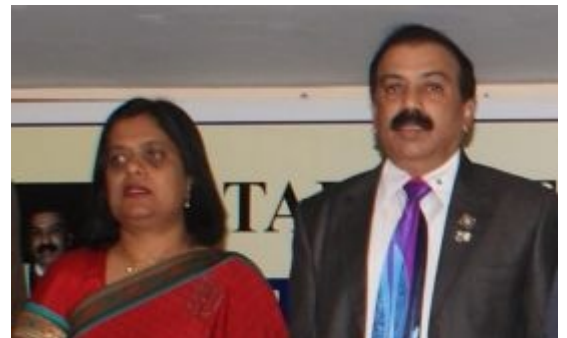


# VASCOWHEEL

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**District Governor - Rtn. Mahesh Raikar** popularly known as Mahesh in our District. He is post Graduate in Medical Microbiology. He is dynamic and multifaceted entrepreneur. He started his career as research man in multinational companies at Baroda, Surat and Mumbai, After serving for few years he has established a diagnostic centre at Hubli in the year 1983 by name “Auro Diagnostic Laboratory and Blood Bank, catering the needs of entire North Karnataka in 25 years he has established many other business establishments and become successful in his career. He is a self made man.

Mahesh joined Rotary movement in the year 1986. He was the president of Rotary Club of Hubli Vidyanagar in the year 1995-96. He has served the club in various capacities before assuming office of the President. He has achieved many laurels during his President-ship, such as Best President, Highest in TRF per capita contribution, Best in District Polio Plus, Innovative Community Projects, Outstanding Public Relation etc.

Rtn. Mahesh has to his credit The Four Avenue of Service Award, District Service Award of The Rotary Foundation. He is recipient of Citation for Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service Award, the highest award from the Rotary Foundation. He is a Major Donor.

Married to Ann Namrata a medical Biochemist who is past Rotarian and outstanding club secretary of the District. They are blessed with three daughters Deepti, Swati and Aradhita.

## The RI president's monthly message

September 2010

### Bigger, Better, Bolder

This year marks a significant anniversary for Rotary! Although the Rotary Club of Chicago started in 1905, the first convention of Rotary clubs was held in August of 1910 with 60 Rotarians representing 16 clubs. Our history as an organization of Rotary clubs started with that meeting in 1910, and we are now commencing a second century of service for Rotary as an association.

All of us want this century of service to be even more successful than the last. Therefore, this is an opportune time to ask: Are we taking the right steps to ensure that success? Are we doing the right things? Do we have a clear vision of the future? In the words of “America the Beautiful,” can we “see beyond the years”?

As Rotary's 100th president, I believe we are moving in the right direction. Our 33,000 clubs are Rotary's biggest asset, and our success in the next 100 years will depend on the ability of our clubs to remain vibrant and vital. Their strength will determine our success!

The RI Board has taken several steps to offer more assistance to our clubs this year, including creating the Rotary Coordinators program to assist district governors in providing information about Rotary International's programs and best practices to the clubs.

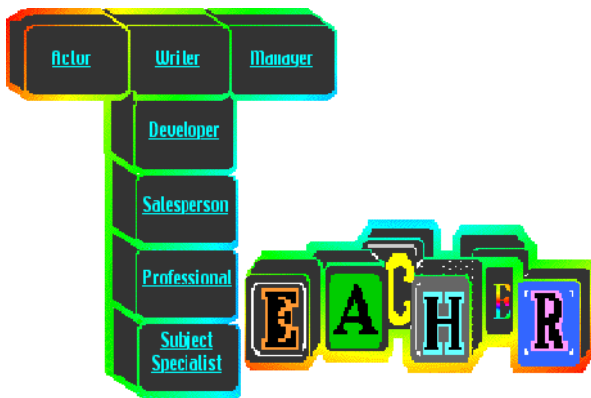
I firmly believe that if we help our clubs to become better and bolder, then the clubs will become bigger - both because of the increased pride of our Rotarians in their clubs and the increased awareness of Rotary by prospective members. Therefore, my goal is to help the district governors to help their clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder!

This is a great time to be a Rotarian. Together we can make this century of service even more exciting than the last!

**Ray Klinginsmith**

President, Rotary International





Since times immemorial, Indians have respected and idolized their teachers. Earlier, we used to call our teachers 'Guru' and now it's the contemporary 'Sir' or 'Madam'. Nevertheless, the role of teachers has remained the same. They were, are and will continue to be our guiding light, creating conditions conducive to our overall development. We will always be thankful to them for their constructive support.

**Teacher's Day** is a tribute to the hard work and devotion of the teachers all year long, to educate a child. In India, teacher's day is celebrated on **5th of September** every year. Indian Teacher's Day is dedicated to Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was a zealous advocate of education and one of the greatest scholars and teachers of all times, apart from being the first Vice President and the second President of India.

India has been celebrating Teacher's Day on 5th September, since 1962. The day commemorates the birthday of Dr S. Radhakrishnan, a philosopher and a teacher par excellence. Dr Radhakrishnan believed that "teachers should be the best minds in the country". On this day, we gratefully remember the great educationist, apart from honoring all the teachers that have made our life much more knowledgeable and fulfilled, as serving as our beacons of light.

### Message from the chair

September 2010

### Youth programs help enhance Rotary's public image

Rotary has many youth programs. The programs for younger participants, such as Interact and Rotary Youth Exchange, are not funded by The Rotary Foundation, but they all give Rotary a very positive public image, which The Rotary Foundation benefits from. They are also very important to The Rotary Foundation, as the participants get their first contact with Rotary, which can lead to future membership in a Rotary club and, hopefully, becoming a contributor to The Rotary Foundation.

The programs for older participants, such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, and Rotary Peace Fellowships, are funded by The Rotary Foundation. Of special interest to me is the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution – a program that one day might become the jewel in the Rotary programs crown. We have a fundraising effort running for this program – the USD95 million campaign – which must not be forgotten in our ambition to increase contributions to the Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund and to meet Rotary's USD200 Million Challenge.

All our youth programs are peace programs. In particular, our Youth Exchange participants act as ambassadors of peace when going to a totally new environment. We ask a lot from them, and we can be very proud of them.

All our students – younger or somewhat older, at home or abroad – participate in local projects, thus Building Communities – Bridging Continents through Service Above Self.

**Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**  
Foundation Trustee Chair



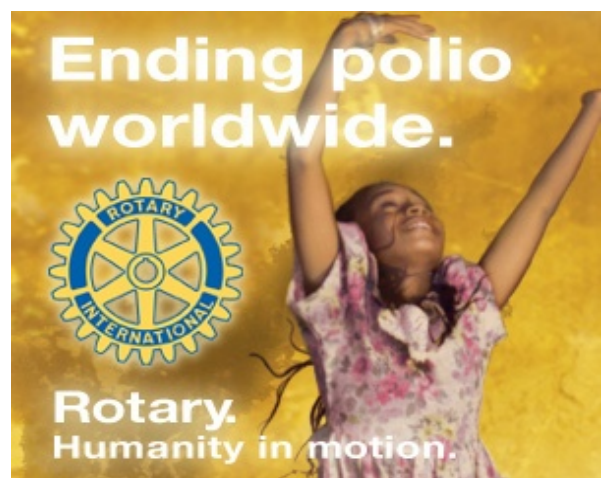
### Birthdays

Rohit Jain 8-Sep  
Violet Rodrigues 8-Sep  
Viveka Barros 10-Sep



### Programme for the month:

3<sup>rd</sup> September – DG Visit & Teacher's Day Awards  
4<sup>th</sup> September – RLI P1  
10<sup>th</sup> September – Business Meeting  
17<sup>th</sup> September – Guest speaker  
24<sup>th</sup> September – Know your members  
29<sup>th</sup> September – Board meeting



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