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By: Ryan Hyland, Rotary International

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Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her.

Jones says she sees Rotary's Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary's impact.

"As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that our ability to adapt would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history," Jones said in her vision statement As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement.



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"I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary's Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

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Jones recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of

The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

members of the Nominating Committee for the 2022-23 President of Rotary International are: Robert L. Hall, Dunwoody, Metro Atlanta, Georgia, USA; Bradford R. Howard Oakland Uptown, California, USA; Per Høyen, Aarup, Gelsted, Denmark; Peter Iblher, Nürnberg-Reichswald, Zirndorf, Germany; Ashok Mahajan, Mulund, Mah., India; Sam Okudzeto, Accra, Accra, Ghana; Eduardo San Martín Carreño, Majadahonda, Madrid. Spain; Takeshi Matsumiya, Chigasaki-Shonan, Chigasaki Kanagawa,

. "Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today's reality." - Jennifer E. Jones

Japan; Michael K. McGovern (secretary), Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA; José Alfredo Pretoni, São Paulo-Sul, São Paulo, Brazil; Saowalak Rattanavich, Bang Rak, Bangkok, Thailand; Hendreen Dean Rohrs, Langley Central, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada; Kenneth M. Schuppert, Jr (chair)., Decatur, Alabama, USA; Ravindra P. Sehgal, Belur, West Bengal, India; Noel Trevaskis, Merimbula, Tura Beach, Australia; Giuseppe Viale, Genova, Italy; and Chang-Gon Yim, Daegu-West, Daegu, Korea.



# **Deepest Condolences...**

President Dinesh and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Rekha Sharma visited our secretariat staff, Ms Ivy Yew on Sunday, 9 August 2020. They personally extended their deepest condolences on the passing away of Ivy's brother, Mr Yiu Tiong Chai on 31 July 2020.



# **Last Week**

# 4th Club Meeting for Rotary Year 2020-2021 held on 5.8.20

### PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The Meeting was opened by Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider who before inviting President Dinesh Sharma to take the Chair, requested members to observe the online meeting etiquette.

President Dinesh welcomed Honorary Members (HM) PP Bhagwan Melwani and Mohan Vaswani whom he noted that their presence was an inspiration (subsequently, it was noted



President Dinesh Sharma

that HMs PDG Dr Ivor Thevathasan and PP Chiang Shih Fang joined the meeting later). President Dinesh also welcomed guest, visiting Rtn Prof. Dr. Meltem Balcelioglu from Ankara, Turkey and gave a collective welcome to guests of members.

### TOAST TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



PP Sajjad Akhtar

Toastmaster, PP Sajjad Akhtar was pleased to call upon visiting Rtn. Prof. Dr. Meltem to say a few words about her club in Ankara and added that our Club is known as a "mother club" in Singapore. Rtn Meltem advised that unlike our Club, her club was formed in 1989 and has carried out many humanitarian and vocational projects. She added that her club started Rotaract and Interact clubs as well as three other Rotary Clubs in Ankara, as well as undertaken several Global Grants.

### HONORARY SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider reminded members of the following:

- The first Community Service Committee meeting chaired by Director Dr Irina Francken will be held online on Thursday, 6 August at 7.00 to 8.00pm to which all members are invited to attend.
- After 8.15pm the first MC&D (Membership, Classification & Development) Committee Meeting chaired by IPP Deepak Nagrani would be held.



Honorary Secretary Brigitte Holtschneider

### NOMINATIONS FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President Dinesh reminded members of the earlier notice made for nominations for the four elected members of the Nominating Committee. He added that the nominations should be in writing and should be received by 14<sup>th</sup> August.

In accordance with the Club's Bylaws, the four elected members of the Nominating Committee must each have been members of this Club for at least 3 years and must have been a member of the Board of Directors of this Club for at least one full year, and have no arrears in dues. No person shall be a member of the Nominating Committee for more than 3 consecutive years. If more than four nominations are received, a vote will be held. If the number of nominations is less than four, the Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING - A New Segment in Weekly Meetings

President Dinesh announced that there would be a new segment in the Club's weekly meetings called "What's Happening?" which would keep members informed on what was going on behind the scenes, not only with the Service Committees but also with the Club's Committees - Membership, Public Image, Administration, Finance and Club Rotary Foundation (CRFC).

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### **KYFR** KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN

President Dinesh introduced the KYFR speaker, Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar who noted that there were many members more distinguished and he had jumped the queue. Rtn Vinit informed members that he arrived in Singapore in 2004 and is a Singaporean, and introduced his family. He spoke of his love for sports, taking up cricket when he was 41 years, which led his daughter's love for the



Rtn Vinit Sarangdhar

sport and she is now the youngest member of the Singapore National Women's Cricket squad. He shared that he was originally from Kalyan, near Mumbai and went on to study in Pune. He further highlighted the persons who have influenced him in his live and shaped him to be grounded.

Rtn Vinit spoke of his career in banking for 18 years in Singapore, after which, he started his own firm in 2016 – Alpha Quest Pte Ltd, a wealth management company working with high net worth families and businesses. He further related his natural progression to joining the Club with his contributions to non-profitable causes, donations for disaster relief, school stationery and computers as well as for COVID-19 relief aid. He advised that his brother was also a Rotarian which increased his commitment to join Rotary and he looked forward to serving both the local and global community.

### GUEST SPEAKER: MR ARUN SHARMA TOPIC: MONETISE YOUR TALENT

To introduce the Speaker Mr Arun Sharma, President Dinesh called upon Rtn Pda Phanit who noted that Mr Sharma is a Fellow Chartered Accountant, a business consultant, life coach and keynote speaker. He has a rich experience with global clients, in consulting in business and trade structuring, business re-engineering, due diligence and global

accounting. He practices and believes in – detached involvement, passion with



Speaker, Mr Arun Sharma

awareness, enlightened billionaire and enriching society. He is associated with various social organizations including a school in the tribal area of eastern India. He has been a Judge in various international contests; keynote speaker on various occasions as well.

In his talk, Mr Sharma shared various aspects of how to monetise talent, starting with passion for one's work. He added that attitude was important as well, particularly the attitude of gratitude, which if missing would make it difficult to grow in life, as was the attitude of acceptance. He encourage members to adopt the attitude of learning and lastly he spoke of the attitude of enrichment which he noted Rotary was doing. Mr Sharma spoke of knowledge as a journey and not a destination and highlighted the important skills to be cultivated, particularly that of networking, selling skills, prioritizing, communication and technology skills.

In his closing remarks, Mr Sharma advised that he was impressed with Rotary, and has made several contributions to Rotary, and added that he would continue with his donations of US\$1,000 giving credit to VP Suresh Keerthi who shared the phenomenal work being done by Rotary. VP Suresh added that Mr Sharma had contributed towards 3 Paul Harris Fellows for Rotary in India.

President Dinesh called on Director Sonali Sinha who warmly thanked Mr Sharma for his very interesting speech and noted that the Club was very fortunate to have him speak at the meeting. Rtn Sonali further thanked Mr Sharma for supporting Rotary and hoped that VP Suresh would encourage him to be a Club member!

# Mark Your Diary

### **Birthday Celebrants**

RC sends best wishes to Birthday celebrants next week:

Subhas Pritmani

Bala Venkatesan

PE See Mee Lee

Dr Tim Philippi

Keizo Fujitake

Hon. Member PDG Dr Ivor

Thevathasan

### **Anniversary**

There are no Wedding Anniversary celebrants this week

# Committee Meetings

All Service Committee Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 7.00 to 8.00pm

VOCATIONAL SERVICE: Thursday, 13 August

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE: Thursday, 20 August

YOUTH SERVICE: Thursday, 27 August

### **This Meeting**

### 12 August 2020 From 7.00 to 8.30pm

Speaker: Ms Sindu Sreebhavan, CEO of As Many Minds and Founder & Chairperson of International Youth Leadership and Innovation Forum

**Topic:** How to make our children future ready in uncertain times

## **Next Meeting**

19 August 2020 From 7.00 to 8.30pm

**Speaker:** Prof. Sattar Bawany, CEO, Centre for Executive

Education

**Topic:** Leadership in Disruptive

Times



### **GIFT OF LIFE**

Children with cardiac problems to get help from Rotary's District 3300 & 3310

A full set of 3 editions - Book of Humour, Best of Humour & Bank of Humour, come in a beautifully designed box housing this set for only \$25.00

Please order a few sets of books for the Gift of Life Project, and place your orders with: Hon. Member Rtn Rewa Mirpuri @ tel: 6241 9157 or email: rewamirpuri@gmail.com

# **Coming Rotary**

### <u>August</u>

Membership and New Club Development Month

### <u>September</u>

Basic Education and Literacy Month

#### October

Economic and Community
Development Month

### <u>November</u>

**Rotary Foundation Month** 

### December

Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

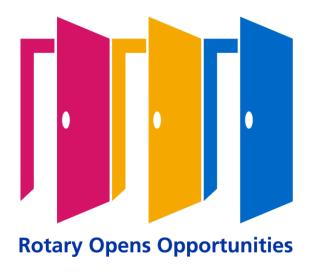
### <u>January</u>

**Vocational Service Month** 

# The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



# The Guide to Daily Living

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the Precepts of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

First: Have I spent some time in self-examination?

Second: Have I spent quality time with my family?

Third: Have I given my best to my work?

Fourth: Have I given some time to someone near and far?

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020/2021**

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