

Rotaract Club of Wilson College



The 13th of February, 2014 witnessed yet another new beginning, adding to the glorious past of The Wilson College.

On this special occasion, the college coalesced with a surprisingly festive association and got its first-ever Rotaract Club.

Rotaract stands for “Rotary in Action.” It was officially inaugurated by Rotary International President Luther Hodges in January 1986, which means the Rotaract Movement is celebrating its 46th year. Rotaract was evolved as a tool to synergize the young adults into positive activities that could benefit their community. Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International Youth programme. Forty-six years later it continues to experience its phenomenal growth. There are currently more than 75,000 Rotaract clubs around the world with an estimated membership of over 1,84,000 rotaractors. The program continues to grow making it a true global movement with the motto of “Self-development through Service and Fellowship.”

The Rotaract District 3140, spear-headed by Rotaractor Mudassir Mozawala, set the ball rolling by proposing alliance with our college in early December 2013.

Soon after, this elated collaboration was officially installed with almost effortless-looking expediency in mid-February, under the guidance of our teacher co-ordinator Dr. Ashish Uzgare and through the joint endeavour of the new “Rotaractors” of Wilson College.

Also of commendable importance were contributions of Dr. Bimal Malhotra and Ms. Neha Elizabeth Koshy in the formation of the Club.

To help us through the formal agenda of the Rotaract meeting we had with us Rtr. Ali and Rtr. Tabrez from the District.

The Charter Installation Ceremony was held at the AV Room in attendance of a cheerful and joyous crowd.

Amongst the dignitaries attending the function were:

Rtn. Padmakar Nandekar, Chief Guest – Assistant Governor 2013-14

Rtr. Hemang Jakhia, Guest of Honour – Incoming Head of Rotaract District 3140

Rtn. Rani Kapoor – President of The Rotary Club of Sealand

Rtn. Aditya Singh – co-ordinator, Rotary Club Sealand

Dr. V.J. Sirwaiya, our most supportive Principal

On the dais were also present Dr. Ashish Uzgare and the newly elected Charter President of the Rotaract Club of Wilson College (RCWC), Rtr. Aditya Pandey.

The Ceremony took off on a solemn note where all attendees stood in attention, with heads high and proudly singing the National Anthem.

Rtr. Harpreet Kaur then invited Dr. Uzgare and Dr. Sirwaiya to felicitate our guests.

Rtn. Rani Kapoor was asked to call the meeting to order and collar the rightly elected President of RCWC – Rtr. Aditya Pandey.

As a part of his acceptance speech, President Aditya Pandey thanked all the people who were a part of the decision through which he came to be the first President of the RCWC. He enlightened the audience about the working, the plans and the visions of the RCWC.

Rtn. Rani Kapoor and Rtr. Hemang Jakhia were then requested to release the theme – Dream. Discover. Explore – symbolized with a Ship. The theme banner was greeted with cheers, applause and the district shout of Rotaract District 3140.

The new President then went on to induct his team starting with the core members:

Rtr. Harpreet Kaur, Vice-President

Rtr. Michael Moses, Secretary

Rtr. Vaibhav Singh, Treasurer

Rtr. Aditya Hire, Sergeant at Arms

Then the Board of Directors –

Rtr. Devdutta Sharma, Community Services

Rtr. Susan Roy Thomas, Club Services

Rtr. Kanchi Ganatra, International Services

Rtr. Michael Moses, Professional Development

Rtr. Vaibhav Singh, Sports Avenue

Rtr. Deveeka Shetty, Public Relations

Rtr. Yuvaraj Ved, Partners and Service

Rtr. Sujit Babul, Editorial

Rtr. Harpreet Kaur, Digital Avenue

Also, were inducted the General Body members: Florence Bhang, Pooja Panchal, Aradhana Kumar, Anush Parulekar, Sonu Mishra, Shivani Dhuri, Heta Dwivedi, Iramnaaz Kapade, Sonal, Sreshta Bhattacharya, Vedangi More, Namita Shah, Nikita Nikam and Cardoz Samson.

With this the induction ceremony was called to an end.

Each dignitary on the dais spoke words of encouragement and wished good luck to the RCWC and its members.

The club's letter head was released jointly by Principal Dr. V J Sirwaiya and Club President CRtr. Aditya Pandey.

Announcing for the call of the Secretarial Report, Rtr. Harpreet Kaur, MoC for the day, signed off.

Secretary Michael Moses gave a heartfelt vote of thanks and presented his report. Lastly, Rtr. Aditya Pandey "for the first time in the history of Wilson College" called for the meeting to be adjourned.

On this note all parted ways only to come back time and again, and hold many such meetings and endless number of activities and make the fullest of this opportunity bestowed upon each of the privileged members of the RCWC.

- Rtr. Kanchi Ganatra
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