



RAGAMS Newsletter August, 2021

SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

"Rotarians can make a difference" Together, Rotarians, families and friends, are stronger than MS. Our ultimate goal is to bring the world together to improve the quality of life of everybody affected by MS and to end MS forever.

Message from the Chair

A new Rotary year has just begun. A new opportunity to make a difference.

"Serve to change lives" is the Rotary international theme for this year. A great theme for Rotarians who are "People of Action." We know there is so much to do in the world to change the lives of so many people.

Our Action Group is trying to make a difference to those affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

There are so many diseases that need attention affecting many people.

Our wish is to help find a cure for MS. We could help your club to start an MS project and assist with your application for a Global or District Grant.

Many clubs are still meeting by Zoom. We would love to speak to your club, district, or community group about our Action Group. All you have to do is ask.

We are currently working with the Rotary club of Bangalore Rajmahal Vilas KA; India D3190 to develop a project of scale, How to promote and collaborate with the MS Society in India and MSIF to promote MS Awareness in India.

Best wishes to you all for the New Rotary Year ahead. I know you will "serve to change lives "

Yours in Rotary Martin Taurins Chair - Rotary Action Group against Multiple Sclerosis

MS Australia

- The Jacob Taurins Memorial top up PhD Scholarship recipient Vivian Li has started her research work at Florey Institute and is doing well and shared her progress with Rotary Club of Gisborne via Zoom.
- RAGAMS team raised \$2465 in the MS (Australia) 5K walk/run event. Thanks for Grant Hocking for his massive help.
- Bunnings sausage sizzle raised \$632.95
- World MS Day-MS Global Dinner was cancelled due to Covid and postponed to May 2022.
- RAGAMS displayed at D9800 Conference.

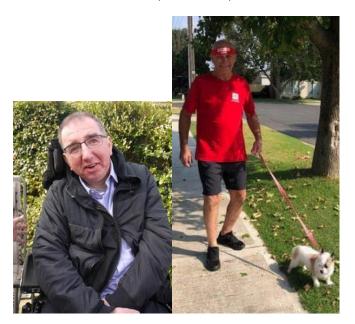
International:







- With the help of RAGAMS (India) we are considering how to improve Social media and website www.rotary-ragmsa.org. As India is a large country with more than 1.2 billion population we need to expand our reach to other counties and states. We are considering resource required to implement above.
 - Considering how to reconnect and progress communication with PP Lina Lugheresia, Rotaract Club of Ngong Hills D9212 Kenya and Co-ordinator of Intarconnect.
- Subject to Covid, consider resumption of fledgling MS Society Vocational exchange training project.
- Despite Covid, pursuing interested Rotary clubs to partner with MS projects with RAGAMS and MSIF <u>www.msif.org</u>.
- Identify more Country managers and invite to Zoom Meetings.
- RAGAMS participated via an Exhibition Booth at the Taiwan VirtualRI convention.
- Our Long time Philippines RGAMS member Brian House, passed away July 03, 2021. Condolences to his family. He was loyal member in contact with us over two decades.



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