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EVERY RUPEE GIVEN TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IS USED FOR CHARITY, CLAIMS DG VIJAY JALAN

What is the one unique feature about The Rotary Foundation that sets it apart from numerous other trusts and charities all over the world?

In the case of The Rotary Foundation, every rupee received is used for charity. All costs, whether professional charges, salaries or overseas office expenses, are paid for by the annual membership fees that Rotarians pay to Rotary International.

Financial advice, especially on investment avenues, is extremely costly, yet The Rotary Foundation has designed its financial model in such a way that every single rupee received for charity is actually used for charity.

“Is this not sufficient reason to make generous donations to The Rotary Foundation?”

This was the rhetorical question posed at the last meeting by District Governor Vijay Jalan while speaking at the conclusion of his Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Bombay.

“We, at District 3140, are the largest recipients of Foundation benefits; there is no cause for us to worry that our money is going out of the country. The reality is that for every rupee that we give, we get much more in return.

If we donate \$10 million at the all-India level, we will get at least six times more because the major project here is the eradication of polio.

“And if polio has been eradicated from this country, it is thanks to The Rotary Foundation. We have been spending about \$147 million worldwide every year to eradicate polio.”

Governor Vijay, who was heard in rapt attention in the Ball Room of the Taj Mahal Hotel, was quite restrained when he shared the information that India had gone without a single case of polio for one full year after the last case was detected on January 13, 2011.

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Another two years and India would be declared polio-free, he stated, delighted by the fact that the Rotary movement had played a significant role in fighting the dreaded scourge and had financed the programme, or arranged finance for it, to a very large extent.

Accepting the low level of awareness about Foundation-related programmes, Governor Vijay said that at a recent meeting with Mr. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, the so-called “Big Bull” of the Bombay Stock Exchange, he was



The annual fees that Rotarians pay to R.I. meets the expenses of The Rotary Foundation, says District Governor Vijay Jalan while speaking at the conclusion of his Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Bombay

shocked when the latter asked, “What has Rotary got to do with polio eradication? That’s being done by the municipal corporation!”

At which, said the Governor, he had offered the “Big Bull” the telephone number of the Deputy Municipal Commissioner concerned with the Health Department and told him to call and ask about the role of Ro-

tary in eradicating polio. That conversation had opened the eyes of Mr. Jhunjhunwala.

What about Rotarians themselves? Were all of them aware of the yeoman’s service being rendered by the Rotary movement all over the world?

“We don’t recognise (the fact that) the kind of advocacy, the kind of work that Rotarians and volunteers do is phenomenal. You may not be aware, but we were able to eradicate polio from Bihar and UP two years ago.

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Amit Chandra promises Rs. 51 lakhs for two Rotary-YMCA centres

The Rotary Club of Bombay is renewing its association with the YMCA Vocational Training Centre and the Home for Orphans at Andheri, a collaboration that was launched during the tenure of PPHarry Singh Arora with financial assistance from DSP Meryl Lynch.

Bimal Mehta, who made a brief announcement at the last meeting, recalled the earlier association and said that that relationship was being renewed with generous support in an individual capacity from Mr. Amit and Mrs. Archana Chandra.

A well-known philanthropist, Mr. Amit Chandra, who is the head of Bain Capital, has committed a sum of Rs.

51 lakhs to be given over three years for the purpose. The contribution is being made in memory of his father, the late Mr. Ranbir Chandra, and the first tranche of Rs. 17 lakhs has already been received.

The amount of Rs. 17 lakhs will be matched by the Rotary-YMCA combine, with each one of these organisations contributing Rs. 8.50 lakhs every year (and for three years). In other words, a little over Rs. 1 crore will be spent on the two Rotary-YMCA centres.

“Our Club has great plans for the orphanage and the vocational training centre and we hope to take the support of the Education and Medical

Committees for this purpose,” said Bimal.

He also appealed to members to visit the two Rotary-YMCA centres and to spend some time with the children attending them. Members and their families could spend an afternoon with the boys at the orphanage, playing a game of Monopoly or basketball. “I assure you that you will thoroughly enjoy yourselves,” he added.

As he resumed his seat, President Paul George pointed out that he was being extremely modest and that it was on account of the untiring efforts of Bimal that the munificent donation had been received. The members present applauded him for his efforts.

Forthcoming meetings

January 24, 2012

Screening of a film on the 4-Way Test made by the Rotary Club of Bombay. The meeting will begin at 1.30 pm.

January 31, 2012

The Somchand Parikh Award for Best Teacher and the Anita Parikh Award for Empowerment of Women to be presented.

February 7, 2012

Mr. Niu Qingbao, Consul-General of the People’s Republic of China in Bombay, to address the Club.

Even the R.I. President has called this Club one of the best performing in the world, recalls DG Vijay Jalan

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"In Maharashtra, we have been free of polio for the last two years. Of course, at the all-India we have been free of it for only one year. If we can hold out for two more years, then we will be declared polio-free by UN and WHO. We just need to sustain the drive.

"And we need to replenish the funds. That's why I am working so hard for The Foundation. I am very close to achieving it (my target) and need some help from you. You decide whether you want to give. But remember, I am promoting The Foundation for the benefit of our District. What we give will come back without any questions – in fact, 50% will come back to us as our right two and a half years from now.

"But how does it matter, even for argument's sake, if part of our money is used for a heart operation on a child in Africa? Does it matter so long as we know that it is being used only for charity? I think that's the only thing that should concern us. So long as every rupee we give is used for charity, it should be enough reason for us to continue giving to The Foundation."

Governor Vijay said that during the current Rotary year, the equivalent of about \$250,000 had already been disbursed for projects in District 3140. This was also due, in part, to the "multiplier effect" wherein contributions made by Clubs were matched by collaborating Districts and The Rotary Foundation. Last year, Clubs in the District had collected only about \$600,000. Yet, this year Foundation-related projects worth \$800,000 were going to be implemented.

This was proof that Clubs and Districts received more funding in return for their contributions.

What sorts of projects were being implemented in the District this year?

A clue to this was provided by Assistant Governor Arun Tadarwal when he introduced the District Governor.

He said that more than 7,00,000 trees had been planted on a single day; 53 check dams had been constructed at a cost of Rs. 20 lakhs in just six months (as opposed to 100 check dams over the last six years); three skin collection centres (or skin banks) had been set up and were receiving three to four calls per day; and Rotary Clubs in the District were in the process of providing solar power to 23 villages with more than 5,000 homes.

Apart from the above, the District had collected and handed over to R.I. President Kalyan Banerjee a cheque for \$210,000 towards The Rotary Foundation.

Governor Vijay, who delivered a rather brief talk, started by pointing out that he looked forward to visiting the Rotary Club of Bombay because he enjoyed the company of the many friends that he had made here.

"But let me tell you that there is very little room – in fact, there is no room to rest – at the top. And you (the Rotary Club of Bombay) are at the top, not only at the District level but in the world. You are probably one of the top performing Clubs in the world. Even the President of Rotary International has stated this. That's the greatest compliment you can get and I wholeheartedly endorse it."

After welcoming new member (Dr.) Prakriti Poddar, who had just been formally inducted (and telling her that she had joined "one of the most powerful Clubs in the District"), Governor Vijay thanked those members of the Club who were serving District 3140 as his colleagues this year.

They included PPs Arvind Jolly, Rajnikant Reshamwala, Sandip Agarwalla, Kalpana Munshi, Gul

Kripalani, Ashish Vaid and Pradeep Saxena, as also Deepak Kapadia, Bipin Kapadia, Shailesh Haribhakti, Alok Sekhsaria and President-Nominee Nirav Shah.

Thanking them for their help, he said that if he was even partly successful as District Governor, it would be because of these Rotarians who were doing everything that they could for Rotary. He requested members to applaud them for their sincerity and dedication.

He then turned to his closed-door meetings with key members of the Club in the company of his District team. At such meetings, the Governor normally checked records to make sure that everything was being done as per prescribed Rotary International rules. But there was no call for him to check any records at the Rotary Club of Bombay.

"I know for a fact that you do your work very well in terms of record-keeping, in terms of accounts and everything else... that you have a top-class arrangement. All that we did was to have a cup of tea and chat about issues. We had a great time together and spoke about a lot of things other than Rotary."

Acknowledging the outstanding work being done by 25 Interact and five Rotaract Clubs and the projects executed by the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay, Governor Vijay said that the District was very proud of the programmes and projects of the Club being implemented continuously, "virtually on a daily basis".

The Hasanali Tobaccowala Eye Centre at Talwada was well known all over India and he had even heard people on the street talk about the facilities available there. He now looked forward to the inauguration of the junior college at Talwada

Recalling his visit to village Wavar where the Rotary Club of Bombay had installed a solar power project at the adivasi *ashramshala* (hostel for adivasi students), he said that it was an amazing project, made even more memorable by the long, arduous journey to the site which he had undertaken along with several members of the Club.

Governor Vijay reminded members of their date with him and their fellow Rotarians at the District Conference to be held on February 11 and 12. It would be inaugurated by the former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, Mr. Justice E. Ahmadi. The keynote speech would be delivered by the noted industrialist, Mr. Kumarmangalam Birla.

Other speakers and panellists would include Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Mr. Kamal Nath, Mr. Arun Jaitley, Ms Rohini Nilekani, Mr. Ajit Doval, Mr. Baba Kalyani, Ms Anu Agha and Dr. Jamuna Pai.

While the well-known designer, Mr. Manish Malhotra, would conduct a special fashion show for Rotarians, the famous choreographer, Mr. Terence Lewis, would present a medley of dances along with his group.

"It will be a Conference with a difference and you will enjoy every minute that you spend there."

Governor Vijay concluded by narrating a true story from the USA where a businessman was driving around the block in his brand-new Jaguar. Suddenly, a rock hit the car and created a huge dent. He stopped, looked for and finally found the culprit.

This was a little boy who said that he had thrown the stone just in order to stop him, to stop anyone. It so happened that his brother, who was on a wheelchair, had fallen off and he could not lift him and put him back in the wheelchair. He had been waving for half an hour, pleading with people to stop and help him, but to no avail. So he had to throw a stone.

The businessman quietly helped put the fallen boy back in the wheelchair and escorted both brothers to their home. Walking back to his dented Jaguar, he asked himself, "What are we into? Are we always driving that fast lane, without looking around? Have we ever been concerned about people when we need to be concerned?" The man took a pledge that he would not repair the dent so that it would forever remind him that he needed to slow down.

"Fast moving is not always good for us," District Governor Vijay Jalan concluded.

The vote of thanks was proposed by President-Elect Nowroze Vazifdar.



Saying it with flowers. PP Kalpana Munshi presents a beautiful bouquet to District Governor Vijay Jalan and welcomes him on his Official Visit to the Club. In the centre is President Paul George. At right is a section of the gathering in the Ball Room of the Taj Mahal Hotel expressing its appreciation of the DG's speech

At the last meeting

(Held on January 17, 2012)

PRESIDENT Paul George called the meeting to order and welcomed District Governor Vijay Jalan, District Secretary Pradip Shroff, Assistant Governor Arun Tadarwal, other District officers, visiting Rotarians, Rotaryans, guests and others.

BIRTHDAYS

Members celebrating their birthday during the week were felicitated.

ATTENDANCE

Members	153
Visiting Rotarians	6
Rotaryans	9
Interactors and Rotaractors	29
Total	197
Svc. box collection	Rs. 4,350

Birthday donations

President Paul George stated at the last meeting that birthday donations had been received from several members in the week gone by.

While Sheila Bulchandani had made a contribution of Rs. 25,000, PP Dr. Adi Dastur had given Rs. 11,112, Darius Irani Rs. 10,000 and Pranay Vakil Rs. 2,001.

Thank you, Kalpana

PP Kalpana Munshi has made a donation of Rs. 2 lakhs to augment the corpus set up by her for the Shyam Munshi Lifetime Achievement Award.

President Paul George thanked her for the gesture at the last meeting as the members present applauded her generosity.



The marathon couple. Vandan Shah was among the participants in the 'Dream Run' conducted as part of the Mumbai Marathon on January 15. With him is his spouse Ekta. Vandan's father, Hon. Joint Secretary Sitaram Shah, also participated January 24 to January 30, 2012



It's great to have you with us. President Paul George welcomes new member (Dr.) Prakriti Poddar after her formal induction at the last meeting. She has been loaned the Classification 'Consultant: Management and Skill Development'

New member Prakriti Poddar specialises in clinical hypnotherapy

President Paul George formally inducted (Dr.) Prakriti Poddar as a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay at the last meeting.

Loaned the Classification "Consultant: Management and Skill Development", she joined the Club on January 12, 2012.

Interestingly, the new member is related to two Past Presidents. She is the daughter of IPP Pradeep Saxena and is married to Mr. Rohit Poddar, nephew of PP Ajay Kanoria.

Introducing her to members, Ajay said that she was a multi-talented professional with varied experience. She ran her own company, Mind Over Image Consulting, and specialised in clinical hypnotherapy, NLP practice and counselling to alleviate personal and/or professional conflict.

At present she was the Programme Director with Common Purpose International and conducted the Leading Beyond Authority leadership programme in Bombay.

Ajay added that Prakriti and Rohit had two sons.

Following the introduction, President Paul conducted the formal induction ceremony and presented the new member with a copy of the Club Roster, Four-Way Test placards, a Rotary lapel pin and other Rotary literature.

He announced that during the rest of the current Rotary year, Prakriti had agreed to serve as a member of the Club's Programme and Interact Committees.

Welcome to the Rotary Club of Bombay, Prakriti.



Welcome to the Club, DG District Governor Vijay Jalan (third from left) in the course of his Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Bombay. With him are (from left) PP Dr. Rahim Muljani, President Paul George, PP Kalpana Munshi, Jairaj Purandare, PP Harry Singh Arora and PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir

TERRY FOX RUN ON FEBRUARY 5

The 14th annual Terry Fox run will be conducted along Bombay's iconic Marine Drive on the morning of Sunday, February 5, to raise funds for research on cancer among children.

Making a brief announcement at the last meeting, Hon. Secretary Jagdish Malkani requested members to take part in the event and to join the organisers at the sumptuous Sunday brunch that would be laid out thereafter by the Trident Hotel of the Oberoi Group.

The brunch would begin at 12 noon and end around 3 pm. Donor cards for the brunch were available for Rs. 2,500 each. Apart from the brunch, the afternoon would offer other "surprises", such as games, wines, dance and music, too.

As members are aware, the Terry Fox Run was initiated in memory of the cancer-stricken Canadian teenager Terry Fox who had picked up the courage to run and to collect funds to help other ailing children.

School and college students, individuals, families and groups get together in various parts of the world to take part in this non-competitive contest to raise money in Terry Fox's name.

It is organised in the city by the Terry Fox (India) Committee in association with the Rotary Club of Bombay and the Oberoi Hotels group. The funds garnered are utilised for research on cancer among children at the Tata Memorial Research Centre.

The event has been held in Bombay under the leadership of PP Gul Kripalani. It has now become an important date on the city's philanthropic calendar.

District Governor interacts with Interactors (and others)



District Governor Vijay Jalan, in the course of his Official Visit to the Club last week, interacted with Interactors, Rotaractors, Inner Wheel members and others. From left in the first picture are Ramesh Narayan, President-Nominee Nirav Shah, Hon. Secretary Jagdish Malkani, Assistant Governor Arun Todarwal, President Paul George, DG Vijay and District Secretary Pradip Shroff. At right, President Hammad Bhoira of the Bharda New Interact Club presents his report



These Interact Presidents, apart from the others, made outstanding presentations before the District Governor and his team. The Rotary Club of Bombay has sponsored Interact Clubs in 25 different schools



And these are members of the new generation who are serving as Presidents of their respective Rotaract Clubs this year. At left is President Ishita Vora of the Rotaract Club of Bombay and at right is President Junaid Khan of the H.R. Rotaract Club



I always knew that you do excellent work. AG Arun, DG Vijay and DS Pradip with Susmita Mitra and Sweta Vakil of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay. At right, the DG poses with three Rotaractors



It's crystal-clear. President-Nominee Nirav Shah receives a special Crystal from District Governor Vijay Jalan for contributing \$20,000 to The Foundation this year



Hardly a year old and already a Major Donor. Meera Alreja, in her very first year as a member of the Club, achieved the status of Major Donor by contributing \$10,000

Paul Harris Fellow pins, many with more than two sapphires, are presented

District Governor Vijay Jalan sported a bright smile at the last meeting as he presented Paul Harris Fellow pins, many of them with more than two sapphires, to those members who had become Fellows or who had made significant additional contributions as Major Donors to The Foundation during the current Rotary year.

President Paul George, after requesting the Governor to brace himself for the presentation, requested those members who had contributed to The Rotary Foundation this year to step forward and be recognised.

The first member to be felicitated was President-Nominee Nirav Shah. When the applause accorded to him died down, Paul revealed that Nirav was being presented with a Crystal in recognition of the fact that he had contributed the equivalent of \$20,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Meera Alreja, in her very first year as a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay, had achieved the status of Major Donor, having given the equivalent of \$10,000 to The Foundation.

PP Sandip Agarwalla was the third member to be honoured by the Governor. He was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow pin with four sapphires and was also recognised as a Major Donor.

A Paul Harris Fellow pin with two sapphires was presented to PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir.

Dilnavaz Variava and Dileep Madgavkar, the latter one of the newest members of the Club, were presented with Certificates and Paul Harris Fellow pins.

The members present accorded a rousing applause to all six members who were honoured by District Governor Vijay Jalan.



The man of the moment. District Governor Vijay Jalan presents a Paul Harris Fellow pin with four sapphires to PP Sandip Agarwalla, a Major Donor



For the man from Talwada. PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir sports a wide smile as he receives a Paul Harris Fellow pin with two sapphires from the DG



For the indefatigable crusader for rural development. Dilnavaz Variava, who has also become a Paul Harris Fellow, receives her certificate and pin



Dileep Madgavkar, one of the newest members of the Club, receives his Certificate and Paul Harris Fellow pin from DG Vijay Jalan

Jai Hira Narang Scholarships for Night Study Centre students

Fifteen scholarships, each one of them worth Rs. 10,000, were presented at the last meeting to meritorious students of Night Study Centres who had performed well at the last SSC and HSC examinations.

As members are aware, the Rotary-YMCA Night Study Centres are conducted in municipal schools after sunset hours and enable less-privileged children residing in the neighbourhood to sit and study in comparative peace and calm.

An extremely disciplined lot, these children usually pore through their books with studious intent and, quite often, emerge with high marks at the final exams. A few supervisors are also at hand but their primary task, more often than not, is to help answer queries or to solve mathematical problems.

In existence for several decades, the Rotary-YMCA Night Study Centres are a boon to the children and expose them to new avenues in life.



They're all serious, studious scholars who scored between 75% and 90% at the recent SSC and HSC examinations. President Paul George (fifth from left) and Jacob Abraham (fifth from right) join the meritorious students of Rotary-YMCA Night Study Centres who were presented with scholarships worth Rs 10,000 each at the last meeting. These Scholarships, called the Jai Hira Narang Scholarships, were presented to 14 students

To recognise their talent and abilities and also to felicitate them when they do well, the Rotary Club of

Bombay offers scholarships to the meritorious students emerging out of these centres.

At the last meeting of the Club, which coincided with the District Governor's Official Visit, President Paul George presented the Jai Hira Narang Scholarships to 14 students from the Rotary-YMCA Night Study Centres and a single B.R. Nevatia Scholarship to a college graduate emerging from a Night Study Centre.

The students who received the Jai Hira Narang Scholarships were:

Abhyudaya Nagar Municipal School Night Study Centre. SSC: Ms Aparna R. Sakpal (who secured 89.64%), Ms Pooja Dhangut (81.27%) and Mr. Akshay R. Mhashelkar (78.73%). **HSC:** Mr. Vinayak R. Pande (79.33%), Ms Pooja A. Bhayaje (78.17%) and Mr. Sagar R. Nevrekar (75.67%).

Saibaba Path Municipal School Night Study Centre. SSC: Mr. Suraj Parthe (88.91%), Mr. Kamlakar S.

Salvi (80.36%), Mr. Rahul Pawar (78.36%) and Mr. Vishal Zaware (77.27%). **HSC:** Mr. Nilesh Pawar (86.33%).

Kamathipura Vachanalaya Night Study Centre. SSC: Ms Priyanka Nachankar (81%) and Ms. Arti Anchi (85.43%). **HSC:** Ms Manali Anchi (83%).

The scholarship for graduate students was awarded to Ms Manisha Patil in absentia.

President Paul revealed that Ms Patil had achieved the distinction of being the first law graduate from the Rotary-YMCA Night Study Centres and had already started practising in court.

The cheque for Rs. 10,000 was presented by Hariprasad Nevatia and received on behalf of Ms Patil by Mr. Ajit Paralkar, a former student of a Night Study Centre. Now employed with the Bombay High Court, he continued to volunteer as a Supervisor at the Night Study Centres.



This is a scholarship for someone different. The B.R. Nevatia Scholarship, awarded to a college graduate emerging from a Night Study Centre and also carrying a cheque of Rs. 10,000, was given to Ms Manisha Patil, now a practising lawyer. Hariprasad Nevatia presented the cheque which was received on her behalf by Mr. Ajit Paralkar (right), a former student of a Night Study Centre now employed with the Bombay High Court

ROTARY CELEBRATES INDIA'S FIRST POLIO-FREE YEAR

Rotary Club members throughout the world are cautiously celebrating a major milestone in the global effort to eradicate polio. India, until recently an epicentre of the wild poliovirus, has gone one year without recording a new case of the crippling, sometimes fatal, disease.

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on January 13, 2011. The country had recorded 42 cases in 2010 and 741 in 2009.

A chief factor in India's success has been the widespread use of the bivalent oral polio vaccine, which is effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus. Another has been rigorous monitoring, which has helped reduce the number of children missed by health workers during National Immunisation Days to less than 1%, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Rotary has been a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative since 1988, along with

WHO, UNICEF and the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is also a key supporter of the initiative.

Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the nearly 1,19,000 Rotarians in India have helped administer vaccine to children, organise free health camps and polio awareness rallies and distribute banners, caps, comic books and other items.

"With the support of their Rotary brothers and sisters around the world, Indian Rotarians have worked diligently month after month, year after year, to help organise and carry out the National Immunisation Days that reach millions of children with the oral polio vaccine," says R.I. President Kalyan Banerjee of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat.

"The achievement of a polio-free India for a full year is a significant step towards a polio-free world – an example as to what can be accomplished no matter what the problems," says

Robert S. Scott, Chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee.

"Rotarians of India are and should be proud of the key efforts they have made at all levels without which the world would not be marking this milestone," he adds.

Deepak Kapur, Chair of the India PolioPlus Committee, also credits the Indian Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for its commitment to ending polio. To date, the Indian government has spent more than \$1.2 billion on domestic polio eradication activities.

"Government support is crucial if we are to defeat polio and we are fortunate that our government is our biggest advocate in this effort," says Kapur, adding, "Marching ahead, the goal is to sustain this momentum."

He describes as potentially "decisive" the upcoming immunisation rounds this month and in February and March.

If all ongoing testing for polio cases recorded through January 13 continues to yield negative results, WHO

will declare that India has interrupted transmission of the indigenous wild poliovirus, laying the groundwork for its removal from the list of polio-endemic countries which includes Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

However, since non-endemic countries remain at risk for cases imported from endemic countries, immunisations in India and other endemic and at-risk countries must continue. Neighbouring Pakistan, which has reported 189 cases so far for 2011, is a major threat to India's continued polio-free status. Last year, an outbreak in China, which had been polio-free for a decade, was traced genetically to Pakistan.

"As an Indian, I am immensely proud of what Rotary has accomplished," says Kalyan. "However, we know this is not the end of our work. Rotary and our partners must continue to immunise children in India and in other countries until the goal of a polio-free world is finally achieved," he adds.

A Christmas party, followed by one for the New Year

Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay, which is led by President Susmita Mitra in the current Rotary year, clearly know how to celebrate both Christmas and the New Year. They also know where exactly to hold their parties and the things expected of them at such events.

One of the first projects organised in the calendar year 2012 was a Christmas party for the very special children of the well-known SEC School.

This is an institution that houses physically handicapped children. It takes care of their education and recreation and also welcomes Inner Wheel and other Clubs when they wish to do something for the children.

Thanks to generous donations by the members, the Club organised an elaborate Christmas party in the school premises. They also spent a lot of time interacting with the students, asking about their welfare, their dreams, hopes and aspirations.

A magician was at hand to delight the children with a bagful of tricks that had them screaming with joy. Other highlights were some delicious snacks, surprise gifts, engaging games, the latest music tracks, a dance performance and so on.

The children had a whale of a time and enjoyed a Christmas party that they are unlikely to forget in a hurry.

The season of joy (giving joy to others, that is) continued as the members of the Inner Wheel Club of

Bombay turned their focus on the well-known home for the aged located on Hughes Road and known as the Parukh Dharamsala.

The 65 and odd residents of the home were treated to a New Year party with a difference.

One of the unique features of this party was a friendly contest to select the "King" and "Queen" of the Dharamsala and to crown them as such.

Five members of the Club acted as judges and gauged the "contestants". While some of them rendered old hit songs, others gave brief talks in which they reminisced about their past, their families and their children and also recalled some of the most memorable moments of their respective lives.

After assessing their "performance", the judges finally named the "King" and "Queen" of the Dharamsala and also chose the runners-up. Both the winners and the runners-up were presented gifts, including wrist watches, by President Susmita Mitra.

But the other residents of the home did not go back to their rooms empty-handed. All of them were presented food boxes and other items of daily use and retired after having a thoroughly good time.

Among those who accompanied Susmita to the events were Vice President Sweta Vakil, Zarine Chothia, Lata Palekar, Malti Jain, Soni Israni, Zarine Havewala, Roopal Thakkar, and Rupali Sen.



Having a jolly good time. Children attending the SEC School for the handicapped enjoy the Christmas party organised for them by the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay. Giving them company are President Susmita Mitra, Vice-President Sweta Vakil, Zarine Chothia, Malti Jain and others



Residents of the Parukh Dharamsala home for the aged on Hughes Road participated in a contest to choose the 'King' and 'Queen' of the home. The winners and runners-up (standing behind) snapped with Zarine Chothia, Zarine Havewala, Roopal Thakkar; President Susmita, Sweta Vakil, Lata Palekar; Soni Israni, Malti Jain and Rupali Sen

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Yes, you're the best. Rotaryann Rashna Cooper, the Coordinator of the 'Bhavishya-Yaan' project at the Dr. Ambedkar Municipal School in Worli, compliments one of the dancers

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