



Will victory over polio come during Kalyan Banerjee's term as President?

What are the prospects of the war against polio being won during Kalyan Banerjee's term as Rotary International President in 2011-2012?

Here is a tip, straight from the horse's mouth – the chances of the world winning the war against polio in the next one year are very, very bright indeed.

R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee said while speaking at the last meeting of the Club that the whole world was looking askance towards India "to finish polio first". India was already late. On his part, he had committed a time schedule for victory over polio.

He pointed out that of the three kinds of polio viruses, P1, P2 and P3, the P2 virus had already been eliminated. The first virus, P1, was the more dangerous one – but the battle against this virus was in all probability going to be won "in this very month", in December, 2010.

"As a matter of fact, for the last 11 months we haven't had a single P1 case in Uttar Pradesh which is the home of polio. Let's applaud this! This is something huge. And if it does happen, then P3 is going to go by the end of next year. That's our commitment."

In this connection, Kalyan recalled his encounter with a 93-year-old

Rotarian in Sydney about two months ago. He was on his way back from New Zealand and was asked to speak at a special meeting which was attended by about 350 people.

The participants were eager to know about the progress of the war on polio in India. After he shared his information with them, he was given a standing ovation.

At that meeting, he also came across a 93-year-old Rotarian who had helped to raise more than \$3 million for Rotary and polio eradication. He shook his hand and suddenly broke into tears. Both Kalyan and the District Governor were taken aback.

When asked, the nonagenarian said "I have been waiting to see polio go from our world for a long, long time. Now I am 93. I don't think I will be there to see it go".

Touched by the sentiment, Kalyan hugged him and said, "Polio will go from India in the next two years. And when it goes I will come back to Sydney to hug you again". The man broke into a smile.

Kalyan added: "I tell you this story to emphasise that the whole world is looking at us today, not because we have an Indian President coming up, but because India has to finish polio first."

So what's the score in this, the 105th year of Rotary?

"Ask anyone on the road. No one seems to know what exactly is Rotary and what it does... Over the years, successive Presidents have changed the Theme and the focus. While this is good and exciting for the President, increasingly, people are beginning to ask whether these constant and often unconnected changes help the organisation to stabilise and to move forward.

"Does it help present a consistent, coherent image of building on the past and help it in growing and going from strength to strength? Or does it give us an uncertain, unclear image as an organisation?

"District Governors from India trying to get visas to America are asked by the American Consulate here in Bombay, what is Rotary? And they can't explain. Had it not been for Gul (PP Gul Kripalani) here, many of them would have been denied their visas!"

These candid comments on Rotary in its 105th year were expressed at the last meeting by R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee who will serve as President of Rotary International from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

Kalyan, who was speaking at the Christmas and New Year Fellowship programme at the last meeting, was introduced by District Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni as the third Indian to hold the highest seat of service in Rotary's history.

Rotary needs a clear image as an organisation; so let's stop reinventing the wheel, pleads Kalyan

A chemical engineer from IIT Kharagpur, he had taken his company, United Phosphorous of Vapi, to great heights in various parts of the world. His association with the Rotary Club of Vapi was so deep, that the industrial town was known more for Kalyan Banerjee and Rotary than for anything else. One of their achievements was a 250-bed Rotary hospital.

Jayant said that Kalyan had been associated with the PolioPlus campaign to eradicate polio since 1987-88 and it was his fervent desire that the announcement about polio having finally been eliminated would be made during Kalyan's year of service as R.I. President.

To return to Kalyan's candid queries about the state of Rotary in its 105th year, he wondered aloud whether Rotary was "reinventing the wheel" every year. This was one of the questions being asked around the world. And increasingly, in the board room on the 18th floor of the R.I. world headquarters at Evanston.

"After 105 years, why is it that the Rotary Wheel is not recognised around the world any more than it is today? The answer perhaps is that along with the Rotary Theme, the President of the year, every year, has a different logo.



Had it not been for PP Gul Kripalani, few District Governors would have got visas to visit the USA, reveals R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee

"You may remember this year's logo, but do you remember what the logo was last year? Or in the year before? Two years later, will you remember what the logo is this year?

"To add to this are the different and unrelated logos of our organisations, each of which has a different one, such as Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange, PolioPlus, The Rotary Foundation and so on. Can you think of the confusion this creates? Does this help to give us an instant, recognisable identity like the Coca-Cola logo? Does it give us a coherent purpose, a continuing, ongoing direction and thrust?"

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Forthcoming meetings

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Shailesh Haribhakti to moderate a panel discussion on a Marathi book authored by the strategic affairs expert, Mr. Sundeep Waslekar, titled "Eka Dishache Shodh".

The author and Nandan Maluste will take part in the discussion.

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Rotary Public Awards to be presented.

‘ROTARY IS UNIQUE BECAUSE IT HAS THE STRENGTH OF A GOVERNMENT AND THE TENDERNESS OF A PARENT’

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Having listed some of the issues that needed to be pondered over, Kalyan was quick to point out the silver lining in the midst of various afflictions.

The most important of these was the PolioPlus campaign which had changed Rotary. It had not only helped Rotarians to discover them-

selves, it had also helped the world discover Rotary.

The late James Grant, former Director of UNICEF, had opined after his engagement with Rotary’s PolioPlus campaign that “Rotary is unique because it has the strength of a government and the tenderness of a parent”. It was an extremely insightful observation from a non-

Rotarian. But could Rotary get the whole world to look at it in this manner?

“Yes, I believe that we can – if we stop focusing on attendance only and start focusing instead on engagement.”

Kalyan recalled the words of Rotary Founder Paul Harris who had said in 1918 that “this is a changing world and Rotary must change with it”. Those words were relevant even today, 89 years later, when the concept of Fellowship had changed totally.

“Today, we have connectivity and social networking and (they have) totally different connotations altogether. So if Rotary in real time starts social networking as we know it today, and continues with connectivity in its Clubs and communities around the world, then that is the direction that Rotary is going to take in future.

“It will strengthen the work we do immensely and make a lasting impression on everyone who comes to know about Rotary... We must change what we must change and we must continue what we feel needs to be continued.”

Richard Evans of the USA, who was R.I. President in 1962-63, had said that “A man may have a great truth. He may make a great discovery or he may have a great product. But if he did and if not enough people benefited from it, it is perhaps because he did not share it as he should have”. This was another point to ponder over.

Another area that Kalyan wanted to focus on was the involvement of “generation next”, as the Rotary

Club of Bombay had been doing. It was the next generation “who run our lives today and it is they who are going to run the world in future”.

There would be many changes in the concepts and practices of Rotary, of the District, of District Governors and at District Conferences over the next few months.

In fact, the process had already started with Clubs and Districts beginning to focus on the new strategic plan and working on the newly approved Rotary Action Groups which focused on the needs and imperatives of communities everywhere in the world – safe and pure water; literacy; preventing hunger; providing homes; mitigating disasters; preventing AIDS; and so on.

“Do what you want to do and do it the way you want to do it. That, I believe, is the way Rotary will go in the future.”

Kalyan next turned to one of the most important announcements of an incoming President of Rotary International, viz., the R.I. Theme and the logo for the year.

Rotary would reveal its new Theme for 2011-2012 at the International Assembly in San Diego in another three weeks. And “as the third Indian to lead our great organisation, I can say that the Theme is going to be very Indian”.

Kalyan recalled the Theme chosen when the first Indian, Nitish Laharry, was President in 1962-63. It was: “Kindle the Spark Within.” It was, in his opinion, a very Indian, a very spiritual and inspirational theme.

Thirty years later, in 1991-92, Raja Saboo had urged Rotarians: “Look Beyond Yourself.”

“Indeed, if you take your tremendous capabilities and reach beyond your Club to your District and to the country, to the region and to the world, Rotary and everyone else will be so much better,” Kalyan pointed out.

Now, 20 years later, as he was poised to take over as R.I. President, he hoped that his choice for the Theme would follow a similar path of oriental and inspirational spirituality.

“But that’s about as far as we’ll go this afternoon. Please stand by for the next 19 days... I hope you will be happy with what you hear.”

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If Rotary starts social networking as we know it today and continues with connectivity in its Clubs and communities around the world, then that’s the future for Rotary, says R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee



Rotary will reveal the Theme for 2011-2012 at the International Assembly in San Diego. A section of the packed hall, hearing Kalyan Banerjee in rapt attention



An entire galaxy of leaders. R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee is flanked by past, present and future leaders of Rotary. From left, PDG Gulam Vahanvaty, President-Elect Paul George, DGN Lata Subraido who will serve as District Governor in 2013-2014, PP Sandip Agarwalla, District Governor-Elect Vijay Jalan, President Pradeep Saxena, R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee, District Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni and PP Gul Kripalani
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And this is a report on the activities conducted at the Rotary Club of Bombay eye hospital at Talwada over the last 30 years. Chairman Emeritus (Talwada) PP Dr. Rahim Muljiani presents a commemorative volume on the Hasanali Tobaccowala Eye Centre to R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee. In the second photograph, Dr. R.D. Lele gifts a copy of his book on 'Rural Reconstruction' to Kalyan Banerjee. The book was written by him, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bombay and published by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in 1996

Book on 'Rural Reconstruction' presented to Kalyan Banerjee

A copy of the book, "Rural Reconstruction: Challenges and Opportunities", authored by Dr. R.D. Lele, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bombay and published in 1996 by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, was presented to R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee at the last meeting.

Dr. Lele said while making the presentation that the book was recently included in the Million Book Digital Library of the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, USA, by Dr. Raj Reddy.

He was updating every chapter of the book in order to cover the developments of the last 15 years in it. The forthcoming achievement of polio eradication would also be included in the revised chapters of the book.

Dr. Lele added that he had received a commendation from Dr. Manmohan Singh, now the Prime Minister of India, who had stated that the book was most relevant for rural reconstruction.

The book could be viewed through the following website: http://202.41.92.138/cgi-bin/Browse/scripts/use_scripts/advnew/auilibookreader_india/bookreader_test.cgi?barcode=9000000019609.

Interestingly, Dr. Lele told *The Gateway* later, Kalpana Munshi, when she served the Club as President in 2003-2004, had sent one copy of the book to every Member of Parliament elected in the 2004 general elections. However, only two MPs, Dr. Manmohan Singh and Ms Sonia Gandhi, had acknowledged its receipt with personal letters of appreciation.

Dr. Lele is a recipient of the country's third highest civilian honour, the Padmabhushan.

"And it's one that I look out for every time in my mail at Evanston in Illinois, where my wife and I have now shifted home; every time I see it, as soon as I get back to my office in the morning, it puts me back in touch with home like nothing else in cold and snowy Chicago."

Kalyan said he had always admired the way the Club activities covered all the Avenues of Rotary Service. In fact, *The Gateway* was probably the only Club bulletin which named every Committee and its Chairperson – "some 52 of them (I counted them), give or take one or two, in every Club issue which is extremely rare".

Going on in the same vein, he said the bulletin covered birthdays and anniversaries and every weekly speaker and his/her presentation in a way that he had not seen bettered by anyone else.

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Plaudits for the Club and applause for the bulletin

The Rotary Club of Bombay and its weekly newsletter, *The Gateway*, came in for fulsome praise from R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee at the last meeting.

Addressing the Fellowship meeting held at the Taj Mahal Hotel on December 28 to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, he reiterated his conviction that the Rotary Club of Bombay was "not only the premier Rotary Club in India, but one of the great Rotary Clubs in the world".

He said he was "speaking from the experience of having gone around a bit, so I believe I know what I am saying. And I am not saying this for the first time".

"Whether it's Hong Kong, Tokyo, London, Sydney, New York, Cape Town, Rio de Janeiro or Los Angeles, you name it.... the Rotary Club of Bombay is one of the great Rotary Clubs in the world".

(Indeed, Kalyan had showered similar encomiums when he delivered the keynote address at the District 3140 Seminar on "Motivation and Leadership", at the Nehru Centre on April 2, 2010.)

Turning to *The Gateway*, he was even more effusive in his praise.

"No matter where I am, I have stayed in touch with your Club bulletin *The Gateway* which, as I look at Rotary bulletins, is one of the finest bulletins from any Club in the Rotary world.

"It is regular, the contents cover your Club activities, meetings and programmes very well and they also cover the achievements and activities of your individual members beautifully. It's both formal and informal and also friendly and informative – and all at the same time.

Birthday donations

President Pradeep Saxena announced at the last meeting the receipt of birthday donations from several members of the Club.

He said that Dr. Sharukh Golwala had donated Rs. 5,001; PP Harry Singh Arora and Zinia Lawyer Rs. 5,000 each; and Rita Dalal Rs. 2,500 on the occasion of their birthdays.

Pradeep thanked all the members for their contributions.

Nirav Shah's new address

Nirav Shah has written in to inform that he has moved office and that he is now working out of the following address:

Speedking Pharma Ltd., Simplex Mill Compound, 30, Keshavrao Khadye Road, Next to Planet Godrej, Mahalaxmi (East), Mumbai 400 011.

Members are requested to correct their respective copies of the Club Roster.

At the last meeting

(Held on December 28, 2010)

PRESIDENT Pradeep Saxena called the meeting to order and welcomed the R.I. President-Elect, District Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni, District Governor-Elect Vijay Jalan, other District dignitaries, Visiting Rotarians, Rotaryans, guests and others.

BIRTHDAYS

Members and spouses celebrating their birthday during the week were felicitated.

ATTENDANCE

Members	167
Visiting Rotarians	3
Spouses/Rotaryans	34
Guests	13
Total	217
Svc. box collection	Rs. 15,650

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R.I. President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee interacts with Mr. Anmol Purohit (left), the Editorial Consultant of 'The Gateway', which the former cited as 'one of the finest in the Rotary world'

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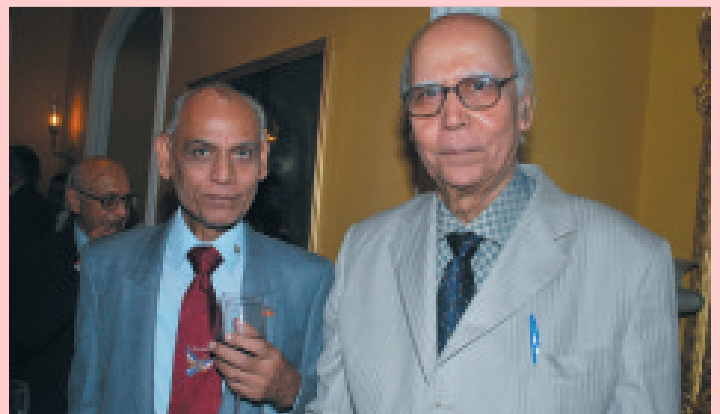
Saying it with a smile. Prof. Rohini Chowgule with Rajendra Jain at the Christmas and New Year Fellowship organised at the Taj Mahal Hotel on December 28. In the second picture, Subhash Sagar and Darshana Doshi (right) give company to Suryakant Dalal



This is a good wine. Jehangir Chagla (first photograph) tells Russi Taraporevala (right), while Nelum Gidwani looks on in the centre. At right, Nirav Shah is flanked by Jairaj Purandare (right) and new member Ajoy Kumar Misra (left)



And how have you been keeping? Hon. Joint Secretary Sitaram chats with Ashok Jatia and his spouse Vatsala. The confident, smiling faces at right belong to PP Sandip Agarwalla, Madhusudan Daga and Alok Sekhsaria (from left to right)



Bombay always comes First. Suresh Goklaney and Reshma snapped with Narinder Nayyar. The second photograph features Sitaram Shah once again, this time with Dr. R.D Lele who presented a copy of his book on 'Rural Reconstruction' to Kalyan Banerjee

NEW YEAR FELLOWSHIP



The Fellowship Committee made excellent arrangements and the members had an enjoyable time. Among those in these pictures are Sudha Motwane, First Lady Sunita Saxena, Dolly Thakore, PP Rajnikant Reshamwala, Malini Agarwalla, (Dr.) Indu Shahani and PP Gul Kripalani



Two groups of five. The first photo features Ranjit and Indu Shahani and Reshma and Suresh Goklaney along with President Pradeep. And the second has Biba and PP Harry Singh Arora, Poonam Lalvani, Shariq Contractor and Abhinav Aggarwal



With the father and the son. Anil Mehta (left) and Dipan Mehta flank Madhup Vaghani and Deepak Kapadia. At right, Fellowship Chairperson Shernaz Vakil (third from left) in the company of Sameer Tapia, Framroze Mehta, (Dr.) Sonya Mehta, Ritu Desai and Khurshed Poonawala



A quartet and a duo to end the Fellowship event. The first picture features Pankaj Baliga along with Abhinav Aggarwal, Mudit Jain and Rajas Doshi. And the second one has District Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni enjoying the company of Governor-Elect Vijay Jalan

Kalyan Banerjee seeks 'your prayers and blessings, for only that will help us lead the organisation that we all love so much'

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Kalyan revealed that soon after his nomination he had asked Rotarians in India to suggest Themes for 2011-2012. PDG Gulam Vahanvaty, who had collected the suggestions on his behalf, had received about 1,000 submissions.

Some of these were very close to the ultimate choice. "I can't tell you who the winner is at this stage, but it might be someone that you know very well." But he did reveal that the official tie for the next Rotary year was being made in Bombay by Mr. Madhu Narang.

Kalyan invited Rotarians to attend the Rotary International Convention to be held during his term, in Bangkok from May 6 to 9, 2012.

"People from India go to Bangkok for many reasons, but please remember that the Rotary Convention is a family affair and you will enjoy yourselves most when you go with your entire family. Take all of them together and you will have an experience that you will never forget, I guarantee that.

"As Binota and I prepare to leave for San Diego, please let your prayers and your blessings come with us, for only that will help us to lead the organisation that we all love so much... the song of Rotary is there for all of us to sing. Let's sing together so that the whole world can hear the song of Rotary from India and from Asia," Kalyan concluded.

President-Elect Paul George, who proposed the vote of thanks, said he looked forward to working alongside Kalyan and District Governor-Elect Vijay Jalan in the next Rotary year.

Referring to the high praise and encomiums showered on the Club by Kalyan, he said the Club was committed to sharing in the working of the District.

"We promise that in the next four years our contribution will be significant in the realm of leadership of the District. Without being unduly modest, I can say that we have leaders among our Past Presidents who will provide that role and help overcome that shortcoming..." Paul added.



Please come to Bangkok with your family for the R.I. Convention in May, 2012, exhorts President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee. Others from right are Governor Dr. Jayant, IPP Nandan Damani and Nirav Shah, who will serve as Club President in 2013-2014



That was a very good joke indeed. But while President-Elect Paul George (centre) and District Governor-Elect Vijay Jalan (left) are quite amused, Hon. Secretary Sitaram Shah appears to be preoccupied with other thoughts while seated at the head table



I'm sure President Pradeep Saxena's successors will do an outstanding job. District Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni shares his thoughts with President-Elect Kalyan Banerjee, while a rather pensive Pradeep looks on at right



They will rule the world tomorrow. President Pradeep and Governor Dr. Jayant Kulkarni share the frame with Kalyan. With them are three members of the Rotaract Club of H.R. College, from right, President Romeeta Sukhtankar, Nikita Chawla and Niharika Chawla

Meanwhile, Indu Shahani addresses Nagpur Conference



The ever-smiling Sheriff of Bombay, (Dr.) Indu Shahani, was bestowed with yet another rare honour recently when she was invited to address a Rotary District Conference.

On Sunday, December 26, Indu delivered a keynote address at the Rotary International District 3030 Conference which was held in Nagpur.

The Conference was hosted by the Rotary Club of Nagpur and was attended by more than 2,000 delegates.

Indu, who spoke on "Youth and Education", embellished her talk with *January 4 to January 10, 2011*

examples of several young students who had been making a difference to the community with their commitment to social entrepreneurship.

As members are aware, the annual Conference of District 3140 is scheduled to be held at Hotel Renaissance, Powai, on January 29 and 30, 2011. It is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Mulund.

Members are requested to attend the Conference in large numbers to enjoy unprecedented fellowship and to hear the erudition of innumerable outstanding speakers.

INTERACTORS AND THEIR INTERACTIONS

Sir J.J. Fort Boys' High School
President Sairaj Pardeshi and his team of Office-Bearers at the Interact Club of Sir J.J. Fort Boys' High School report that their Club has been striving to execute relevant projects and to pass the test of service with flying colours.

The year started with a flourish with the members showing tremendous enthusiasm in executing the tasks assigned to them.

Apart from acquiring new saplings to promote greenery and the idea of developing a clean and green environment, the Interactors helped propagate the objectives of the Science Club and of the Nature Club committees.

They also took over the responsibility of maintenance of the fish tank on the institution's premises.

In July, the Interactors participated in the inter-house chess tournament, the handwriting and elocution contests and also in the celebration of the school's annual day.

And in the month of August they celebrated "Eco-Nature Day" and Independence Day with great pride and commitment. The inter-house carrom tournament was another popular event in which they participated.

Come September and a plethora of activities sparked off the season of service. When Teachers' Day was celebrated on September 6 (a day after the official date), the Interactors made some lovely greeting cards and presented them to their teachers.

A week later, on September 14, they celebrated "Hindi Diwas" by taking active part in the inter-house skit competition.

But they were still not done. Before the month was out, the Interactors took part in the table tennis tournament at their school.

Although all the students were busy with their exams in the month of October, they nevertheless found the time to take part in the school's science quiz competition.

Since the exams were followed by vacations, activities slackened a wee bit. But the team of office-bearers, which includes Vice-President Maaz Shaikh, Hon. Secretary Hunain Shah and Hon. Treasurer Juned Lodhi, is certain to pick up the slack and return to action in the second half of the Rotary year.

The four directors for the year are Pawan Mistry, Amit Chaurasia, Naredla Premkumar and Shadab Shaikh. The efficient and amiable Ms Mehjabeen F. Khan is the Moderator.

The Alexandra Girls' English Institute

This is another Interact Club that has been quite active during the first half of the current Rotary year under the leadership of President Nainisha Oza.

One of the goals of the new team of office-bearers is to initiate a drive to ban plastic, to grow more trees, to save water and to work for the betterment of society. Nainisha hopes to succeed in her endeavours with the help of her fellow Interactors.

Apart from making the above pledges, the Club has also undertaken several other activities.

On a visit to a tribal village school in Manor, the Interactors donated stationery items to the students.

They also taught them poems, alphabets and simple ways of approaching mathematic calculations.

The interaction concluded with the children mingling with one another and playing group games.

A few days later, the Interactors visited the biological farm of "Keshav Shrushti", an NGO, to engage with the environment. They were given a lecture-cum-demonstration on vermiculture, vermishash, natural irrigation methods, the use of natural fertilizers, water conservation and so on.

Next on their itinerary was a visit to SOS Children's Home, an orphanage on the outskirts of Pune. The Principal of Alexandra Girls' English Institute and a few other teachers accompanied the Interactors on this visit.

As they were taken around the homes of the residents, the girls donated old clothes, stationery items, biscuits and other nick-knacks to the children.

The visitors also played cricket with the boys of the SOS Children's Home before returning to Bombay after going through "an enriching experience".

The G.D. Somani Memorial School

What a way to begin the year! A few teachers from the USA visited the school in the month of June and interacted with the students in order to emphasise the need for a "Ban on Smoking".

In the month of August, a science and EVE exhibition was arranged on a large scale, inviting participation from many other schools. Scale models and exhibits were made for demonstrating modern ways of water conservation and other procedures.

September, as usual, was a busy month for the students. Not only did they take part in the "Hindi Diwas" programme on September 14, they also participated in the inter-house Hindi elocution contest the same day. A few of them recited the solemn prayers at the inauguration, while others spoke on the state of the national language, Hindi.

But it was not Hindi all the way. The Interactors also took part in the inter-house English elocution competition and spoke on subjects such as water conservation and how to keep the city clean.

A few days later, the Club participated in the "installation ceremony" organised by the Rotaract Club of H.R. College where the of-

fice-bearers were formally inducted in the presence of ten other Interact Clubs.

Two other programmes that the Interactors participated in were the inter-school "Cascade" at Jamnabai Narsee School and the cultural event "Sanskriti" at Villa Teresa School where they walked away with the first prize.

In October, it was the "Social Night" that kept the Interact Club's members occupied.

Cathedral and John Conon School

The one thing that can be said about this Interact Club is that they do things in style.

When they invited children from the community for the screening of an animation film, they offered them pizzas and cold drinks to go along with the movie.

Next, they decided to open yet another "Doorstep School", this time at the Colaba Municipal School, and decided that the children would be taught English on a one-to-one basis by volunteers drawn from Standard XI.

On August 12, the Club organised a dance performance at Savera, the school for the Physically Challenged, as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

And a few days later student volunteers participated in the inaugural ceremony of "Inspire Ed", a summit on innovative education hosted by the Akansha Foundation.

In October, the members of the Interact Club and the Nature Club travelled to Shahapur, in Thane district, where they visited village Jarandi. There, they were witness to an actual demonstration of rain water harvesting and inter-cropping systems.

Later that month, the Interactors got busy collecting old clothes, toys and stationery from students of the junior, middle and senior school in order to distribute them to various NGOs.

Keeping their promise, the Interactors volunteered to write the examinations for the visually challenged students of St. Xavier's College.

They also organised a pottery workshop for students of municipal schools at the Graduate Women's Union Centre.

(Inputs received from the Club's Interact Moderator, Ms Cymbeline Pereira)



The three successors. The next three Presidents of the Rotary Club of Bombay, from left, Nirav Shah (2013-2014), Paul George (2011-2012) and Nowroze Vazifdar (2012-2013)
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 Police Station Nirav Shah



Tomorrow is here already! The trio that will serve Rotary next year.
 From left, Paul George of Bombay, Kalyan Banerjee of R.I. and Vijay Jalan
 of District 3140

**FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY
 ON JANUARY 8**

The fourth annual golf tournament for the Rotary Club of Bombay Golf Trophy Instituted by the Biswas Family will be held at the Willingdon Sports Club on Saturday, January 8, 2011.

Hon. Secretary Bipin Kapadia reminded members at the last meeting about their date on the golf links and exhorted those who had not yet registered their names to do so immediately.

Those interested in taking part in the tournament have to get in touch with Sports Chairman Moy Biswas on 9820051887 (email: moybiswas@gmail.com) and to give their names along with their handicaps so that he can make the necessary arrangements, including formation of teams.

Moy has requested members to provide him with their latest, revised handicaps. (Handicaps are usually refreshed at the end of the year.)

It may be recalled that Prof. Rohini Chowgule had won the third annual golf tournament and had her name inscribed on it as the first winner of the Rotary Club of Bombay Golf Trophy Instituted by the Biswas Family.

This year, Moy has already received registrations from 30 members and there was scope for more entries.

Moy has made a few relevant points about this year's edition of the annual tournament.

While only 15 of the 18 holes at the Willingdon Sports Club's greens had been made available last year, this year the entire course (all 18 holes) were going to be open.

The tee off this year will take place at 9 am and will, as usual, involve batches of four players each teeing off in quick succession.

The tournament would most probably end around 12.30 or 1 pm and would be followed by a Fellowship event and the prize distribution at the popular "Cabbage Patch" of the Willingdon Sports Club.

**Plaudits for the Club
 and applause
 for the bulletin**

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Turning once again to the Club's achievements, he said he marvelled at the fact that at a time when most Clubs found it difficult to get new members, this Club had not only grown to become the largest in India, it had also proved that quantity and quality could go hand in hand.

"Your membership could well represent the Who's Who of this great metropolis – leaders, educators, outstanding business persons, artistes, movers and shakers, you have all of them under this one roof."

"I don't want to embarrass you by going on and on, but let me say that whenever Rotarians ask me about the ideal Rotary Club, I say that if you are looking for the best semi-urban Club, then look at the Rotary Club of Vapi or Rajkot Midtown in my District. But if you are looking at large metropolitan Clubs, it's the Rotary Club of Bombay, Bombay, Bombay – every time!" Kalyan added.

Happy Birthday



Arvind Agarwal
 January 6



Dr. Suhas Shah
 January 8



Hoshang Nazir
 January 9



Nrip Raj Jain
 January 10

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 January 4
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 January 8
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 January 9
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 January 10

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