

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

From the President's Desk



Education maketh a man. As the world's largest democracy this is an area that is of great importance to us. However statistics show that a quarter of

the country can't even read and write their own names. A 2015 UNESCO report said that in terms of absolute numbers, India - with 28.7 crore illiterates - was the country with the largest number of adults without basic literacy skills. Even when students enrol in schools, the ability to ensure they complete schooling is still developing. An average of 326 out of 1,000 students in rural areas are dropping out, while the same is 383 per 1,000 in urban areas. Literacy is a key for socio-economic progress and in India we are well below the world average literacy rate of 84%.

To support the country's need in this crucial area, RCB spends almost 60% of its money on education related initiatives. In addition to the Bhavishya Yaan programme running in five municipal schools in the city, RCB in association with YMCA provides books, an evening snack and a tutor at night study centres that have teachers who can help students.

RCB also gives scholarships to girl students of night study centres and physically challenged students amongst others.

Through our multi-faceted interventions, RCB is enriching lives and ensuring a prosperous future of the nation and inculcating the spirit of global citizenship.

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Shakespeare operates at level of emotion and not reason



influence all over the world. Like elsewhere, he has fans all over India too. Which is probably why, when I was sitting at the lunch table today, one gentleman remarked that, given today's topic, I was wondering whether, to come or not to come?" Gardner gave the example of a pub in Australia which had a saying outside that read, 'To drink or not to drink, what a stupid question.'

He illustrated how the old bard's work has become a part of our daily lives in ways that we don't consciously reflect on. People all over the world have adapted Shakespearean sayings into their daily lives more than we can imagine. Similar

Shakespearean constructions that are in common use today include:

- Break the Ice
- It's Greek to me
- Naked truth
- Melted into thin air

Continuing the focus on educators and their vision for our society, RCB invited Don Gardner, Principal B.D. Somani International School to talk about 'Learnings from Shakespeare'. "400 years after his death, Shakespeare is still making a very positive

Today's Meeting Christmas celebrations

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Too much of a good thing

Wild goose chase etc.

He likened the old bard's works to climbing Mount Everest.

"Understanding Shakespeare is a really difficult thing to do, but when you have done it, it's exhilarating."

Gardner who once made a 12 day Shakespearean walk from the latter's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon to the London Globe Theatre, takes selected students of B.D. Somani school every alternate year to England, to discover Shakespeare first hand at his birthplace.

"It's a measure of interest that Shakespeare can exert on a 15-16 year old, when you give them the opportunity to get interested," said Gardner. 55 students of his school would voluntarily invest 9 days of their summer vacations to come to Stratford-upon-Avon to watch the plays based on the old bard's works and meet actors of those plays and visit the home where Shakespeare was born, where his wife and mother lived. The directors of plays there, often try to take the text and see how it relates to present day society whether it's the ideas of greed, money or what love is about or what it does to people?

Gardner claims he has been using the works of the old bard to try & raise the intellectual level of children attending his school.

"The attempt is how can I make



my students thinkers. What is characteristic of Shakespeare is that he never gives us answers on anything but instead asks a lot of questions," said Gardner. This process of asking questions leads

one to the answers.

"Shakespeare talks about what is relevant to us today. For example, take the opening lines of The Merchant of Venice - 'I know not why I am so sad'. Now this is something all of us can relate to, as we have been sad at some time or the other," Gardner elucidated. He said that though the old bard had only been to grammar school learning some Latin, little Greek and lots of rhetoric, he was a genius who could create an idea or an image using only words.

"In Shakespeare's works, I have found something that I can study all my life and yet never understand and this is what gives me joy," added Gardner.



Yoga Committee

The RCB Yoga committee organised Yoga training classes at G. K. Marg Municipal School for the entire month of November 2016 for the benefit of students of schools run by the Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika. Classes were conducted during the morning hours, from standard 5-10 by Ms. Chetali Soni, Yoga teacher. Approximately 45 students who participated in the training benefited from the classes by showing improvement in memory, concentration & well-being. Students responded very well and were keen to learn more. The Principal, teachers and students were all grateful to RCB for arranging this programme in their school.



At the next weekly meeting
enjoy a game of

H O U S I E

1:30 p.m. onwards

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RCB - HOUSIE					
4	17	23	42	54	
8	27	30	58	74	85
	33	44	62	87	

RCB - HOUSIE					
6	28	46	66	71	
9	10	32	50	73	
	14	35	52	77	89

Let's Football!

Since the Second Annual Football Fellowship had to be postponed at the eleventh hour due to last minute cancellations and dropouts, the Sports Committee took the opportunity, with the assistance of the Bhavishya Yaan (BY) Committee, to get some BY children to play.

Twenty enthusiastic children (eight from Ambedkar School at Worli, seven from GK Marg and five from Byculla) turned up to play five-a-side football at the NSCI West Lawns on 26th November, encouraged by Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar, Chairman, Sports Committee, and Rtn. Satyan

Israni, Chairman, Bhavishya Yaan Committee.

The children were divided into four teams of five boys each irrespective of their schools. The first match witnessed a flurry of goals but at full-time, ending at 20 minutes, both teams were tied at five goals apiece. To break the tie, a sudden death penalty shootout ensued and after seven unsuccessful attempts by each team, one team finally broke the deadlock and emerged victorious. The next match also turned out to be equally exciting and at the end was also tied at three goals each. Once again a sudden death penalty shootout ensued and this time, despite 10 tries at the goal

by each team, neither side could convert their chances. Ultimately, the winner of this match was decided by flipping a coin.

Next came the finale and it was a close match, with a winner emerging at the end of the designated 20 minutes.

After three closely contested matches, the children were treated to a round of colas and pizzas sponsored by Rtn. Satyan Israni. The children had a gala time and the joy and merriment was writ large on their faces.

The Sports Committee plans to hold the Football tournament as per the usual format very soon.

Bhavishya Yaan updates

RCB has been a proud upholder of the Rotary objective of encouraging and fostering the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. One of its key

interventions towards this ideal of uniting for the common good is the RCB pioneered Bhavishya Yaan programme. Over a span of five years it's now present in five Brihanmumbai

Mahanagar Palika run schools with 700 kids enthusiastically undergoing the programme annually. In the Rotary year 2015-16 the programme managed to ensure that 100% of its students not only passed the Secondary school certificate exam but also several participants scored high marks with few emerging as school toppers too.

Rtns. may recall that the skills enhancement programme for less privileged children studying at Municipal Schools was first implemented by RCB in partnership with Vidya, a widely acclaimed NGO which has a track record of running educational institutes for the less-privileged.



Children's day out

193 Bhavishya Yaan children from all five centres - Colaba, NMJ, GK Marg, Worli and Byculla municipal schools were taken to see a non verbal Mexican play -Vagabundo by Triciclo Rojos at Yashwant Natya Mandir, Matunga on 8th December .

Vagabundo is the story of three characters in search of happiness. Cazzo, Lazzo and Pozzo, the vagabonds, embark on this journey and find a dandelion, fix an old lighthouse, and learn many values along the way.



The original theatrical idea was created by Emiliano Cardenas, in collaboration with Francous Duregne, a French dramatist clown. It was a great exposure for our Bhavishya Yaan children organised by Vidya foundation and RCB .



The learning for students from this show was that light of happiness and patience is within oneself. It can be achieved by doing simple things in our daily activities which brings inner peace and satisfaction.

Bhavishya Yaan children join the drive against Chikungunya and Dengue

A coconut painting workshop to show how to use discarded tender coconut shells in an eco friendly fashion was organised by Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M) and supported by Pidilite which supplied the paints . Discarded coconut shells become the breeding ground for mosquitoes which spread diseases such as malaria and dengue amongst others.

Volunteers of M&M showed videos to 300 Bhavishya Yaan children from Worli, NMJ , GK Marg and Byculla municipal schools. They were showed a video on how painted coconut shells make great pen stands or planting pots .

Also painting them ensures the mosquito vectors don't breed in what would have otherwise been



ideal breeding grounds for mosquito larvae. The school going children have a large impact as they can make their homes and living communities more aware and clean as each child would spread the message amongst their friends and families and showcase their creations .

M&M awarded prizes to the five children for the most innovative



painted coconut shells.

The event was organised by the coordinating Rotaryannes Jaya, Avaan, Ekta and Priyanka who were all present in their respective centres throughout to help children with design ideas and help them paint . The Bhavishya Yaan committee thanks incoming President Rtn. Ramesh Narayan for introducing such initiatives which have got many awards and also recognition from the President of India.



Know your Rotarian

Rahil Shah, Director - NM Medical

Rahil Shah received the privilege of being inducted as an active member of RCB and being loaned the classification "Medical: Diagnostic Centre at the AGM meeting held on December 6, 2016.

Introducing Rtn. Rahil, Rtn. Mudit Jain said that while all his family members are doctors (Drs), he chose to pursue a graduate degree in Management & finance from Wharton to become an entrepreneur. "Rtn. Rahil has now grown NM Medical that was started by his father to a 15 unit chain that treats a fifth of its patients at rates approved by Municipal hospitals," said Rtn. Jain.

The Gateway caught up with Rtn. Rahil to get to know him better so that fellow members can extend to him a warm embrace of friendship. Some excerpts:

(The gateway) TG: Your firm was earlier known as NM Medical Centre...

Rtn Rahil (RS): The centre appendage was proving to be limiting when we are present in four cities in West and South India so we rechristened ourselves as NM Medical. This name has stuck since.

TG: What made you choose entrepreneurship over becoming a practising doctor yourself?

RS: As a practising doctor your priority is perfecting your art. An entrepreneur in this field gets to explore different facets of healthcare.

My parents said I could do what I wanted career wise. However my dad was very happy that I came



back to India and joined him.

TG: Why did you join RCB?

RS: This year I joined two major networking organisations: the Entrepreneurs Organisations and RCB. My father is a Rotarian too and I have been with him to a couple of meetings. I can see how the membership of Rotary has added value to him and how he in turn has added value to the club. I have heard stories of how members have grown through the years and I think the opportunity to listen to just a 20 minute talk from inspiring names would be great

I was also looking for a structured way to give back to society. I found RCB to have a serious intent to do this rather than just being a social club.

I think RCB members are a bunch of very intelligent people, they know the nuances of connecting well, running businesses in India and also giving back to society.

TG: How are you planning to live up to the Rotary ideal of Serving Humanity?

RS: At NM Medical, we already work with a number of Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika hospitals such as Bhabha, KEM, BYL Nair and Wadia children's hospital to do tests for patients referred to us by them, at discounted rates approved by those hospitals. We also have a policy not to turn back patients who genuinely don't have the capacity to pay our prices. We also work with Railway hospitals including Jagjivan Ram hospital and Shatabdi and Bhagwati hospitals and trust run centres such as Borivali Gujarati Seva and Manav Kalyan Kendra to offer tests at subsidised rates. Around a fifth of all our patients at NM Medical avail of such offers.

I have also spoken to Dr Batra to go together with him to some of the medical camps organised by RCB to see how NM Medical can contribute to these efforts.

TG: What are your hobbies like?

RS: I play squash. I played at the state level when I was studying in India and even for Champion school. I also played squash for the University of Pennsylvania, which I attended.

I enjoy travelling very much. I get to do a lot of this on work as I enjoy exploring new cities and gleaning new cultures. That said Mumbai too has become more interesting with coffee shops, restaurants, art galleries and more events to go to.

I used to play a lot of cricket but now I just watch.

TG: When is the eligible bachelor getting hitched?

RS: The last couple of years I've been looking for someone compatible who is open minded. I haven't yet found that person yet.



Forthcoming Events

• Dec 27, 2016

Dr. Nikhil V. Dhurandhar
Prof. - Texas University

"Key to Successful weight loss:
Facts v/s Fiction".

• Jan 3, 2017

Housie

• Jan 7- 8, 2017

DISCON conference -
Hotel Sahara Star, Mumbai

• Jan 10, 2017

Speaker - **Samir Dua** - Author
"Creating a future that matters".

• Jan 17, 2017

Speaker - **Seema Mehta** -
Director, Chandan Nritya Bharati.
"Indian art a medium of Social
change"

• Jan 19, 2017

In Camera - 6:30 p.m

Film by Nisha Pahuja "The World
Before Her".

By Amita & Ravi Seth @ Ocean
House, Worli

• Jan 24, 2017

Speaker - **Bhushan Gagrani** -
MD, CIDCO
"Vision for Navi Mumbai".

• Jan 31, 2017

Speaker - **Farad Taraporewalla**
"Resent trends in replacement
surgeries".

DISTRICT CONFERENCE '17

at Hotel Sahara Star,
Vile Parle (East) on
7th & 8th January 2017.

To register contact
Mr Eruch Irani



Rtn. President Dr. Mukesh Batra, receiving the District award of appreciation from Dist. Governor, Gopal Rai Mandhania, on behalf of our club for testing more than 900 patients at 5 diabetic camps.



ATLANTA 2017

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Nikhil V. Dhurandhar

Dr. Nikhil V. Dhurandhar, is professor and chair of the department of Nutritional Sciences at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, USA. He was president of The Obesity Society for 2014-2015 and is an editor of the International Journal of Obesity. As a physician and nutritional biochemist, he has been involved with obesity treatment and research for over 30 years and has treated over 10,000 patients for obesity using lifestyle therapy as well as pharmacological approaches and has published over 125 scientific articles, and book chapters.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Zinia Lawyer
24 December



Khurshed Thanawalla
24 December



Ishraq Contractor
25 December



Dr. Mala Jagtiani
25 December



Sameer Tapia
25 December



Harry Singh Arora
26 December

Rotaryanne

20th Dec - Sheila Kripalani
22nd Dec - Kanta Gorowara
22nd Dec - Komal Israni
22nd Dec - Mr. Gautam Mehta
26th Dec - Dr. Nafisa Contractor
26th Dec - Shakuntala Lulla

Anniversaries

21 st Dec - Phiroza & Dr.Aashish Contractor	25 th Dec - Soni & Manoj Israni
21 st Dec - Dhvanika & Ashwin Thakkar	26 th Dec - Rukshana & Baji Bilimoria
22 nd Dec - Vandana & Arjun Bulchandani	26 th Dec - Vita & Jalaj Dani
25 th Dec - Madhu & Ravikant Ruia	26 th Dec - Shirin & Jehangir Katgara
25 th Dec - Michelle & Malckolm Desai	

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Statistics for last week's meeting

Members present	101
Rotaryannes	03
Visiting Rotarians	02
Guests	03
Rotaractors	08
Total attendance	117
Community Service Box Collection	- ₹1,250/-