

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



From the President's Desk



RCB is probably the Rotary Club that all Rotarians in India's business capital aspire to join. It's not only one of the oldest clubs in Mumbai city but with 313 members as of the start of

Rotary year 2016-2017 is also one of the most diverse. 258 classifications have been loaned to members and women comprise 16% of the total membership. The mix of amazing Rotarians ensures that fellowship and sharing of experiences are rich and RCB gives back to the community in creative ways. Sample this: our club has 116 industrialist members while 41 Rtns. are financiers or bankers. Another 38 Rtns. are doctor's while 25 are lawyers. Many others hail from service industries varied from arts, architecture to media. Rtns. also give generously of their time, share their talent and their resources whether monetary or otherwise to help further the common good.

This is why life for the President becomes easy - they help and put their shoulders to the wheel to share and push RCB to greater glory.

I am touched by the love and affection that I receive as the President and the number of people that voluntarily come forward to help. I look forward to your indulgence to make RCB reach even greater heights as we step into the new year and make Rotary an enriching experience for all stakeholders.

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RCB AGM - Fighting fit and ready for the future



The 86th annual general body meeting of the Rotary Club of Bombay held at the Cricket Club of India premises in Mumbai saw Hon Treasurer Rtn Meera Alreja give a succinct presentation of the finances of our club. "For the year ended June 2016 we received total donations of Rs 5.81 crore of which around 40% were earmarked for specific causes while another 30.4% were towards the Rotary Foundation and a further 18.4% were applied to bolster the corpus of funds whose interest earnings support ongoing projects," said Rtn. Alreja. "Our total spends on service projects aggregated to 54.6% of total spends," she added. Exhibiting the strong state of its finances RCB

saw its investments in the fiscal year 2015-16 increase to 44.3% while establishment expenses were kept in check at just 1.1% of total spends showing the efficiency with which the RCB is able to channel moneys received by it for the common good.

"The increase in investments will be deployed to fund our various projects over time," said Rtn. Alreja. Of the total spends in 2015-16 the club spent around 15.5% of its spends towards flood relief in Jammu & Kashmir and Chennai. "Medical areas received 32.3% of total spends, education received 36.6% of total spends while others accounted for the balance 31.1% odd of total spends," added Rtn. Alreja.



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Today's Meeting Don Gardner - Principal, B.D. Somani International School - 'Learning from Shakespeare'



Remarking on the results Hon Secretary Manish Reshamwala said he would have asked for a healthy dividend had it not been prohibited by law.

As is required by law the following resolutions were proposed and passed at the club's meeting:

1) The Annual Report of Rotary Club of Bombay for the year 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 be and is hereby adopted. This was proposed by Rtn. Pradeep Chinai and seconded by Rtn. Roda Billimoria

2) RESOLVED that the Audited Statement of Accounts of Rotary Club of Bombay for the year 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 be and are hereby adopted. This resolution was proposed by Past President Sandip Agarwalla and seconded by Rtn.

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3) The Audited Statement of Accounts of Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No.3 for the year 1st July 2015 to 30th June 2016 be and are hereby adopted. This resolution was proposed by Preeti Mehta and



seconded by Rtn. Trilochan Sahney.

4) "RESOLVED THAT M/s Sudit K. Parekh & Co. be reappointed as Auditors of Rotary Club of Bombay for the Rotary year 2016-2017 and their remuneration be fixed at Rs.20,000/- exclusive of out of pocket expenses and service tax". This resolution too was carried unanimously after being proposed by PP Kalpana Munshi and seconded by PP Shailesh Haribhakti.

5)The resolution for reappointing M/s Sudit K. Parekh & Co. as Auditors of Rotary Club Bombay Charities





Trust No.3 too, for the Rotary year 2016-2017 at a remuneration of Rs.20,000/- exclusive of out of pocket expenses and service tax too was carried by the house after being proposed by Preeti Mehta and seconded by Mudit Jain.

6) The election of officers for the Rotary Year 2017-18 and Directors for the Rotary year 2017-19 too were taken on record with all nominees declared elected unopposed. The details are as follows:

In response to the Circular dated 5th October 2016 sent to all members, the following valid nominations were received for Officers (2017-2018) and four Directors (2017-2019) of RCB. The nominations mentioned

below were scrutinized by the Board of Directors at the meeting held on Monday, 8th November 2016 and were found in order, to be a part of President-Elect Rtn. Ramesh Narayan Team for the Rotary year 2017-18.

President-Elect Rtn. Jagdish Malkani
 President-Nominee Rtn. Preeti Mehta
 Honorary Secretary Rtn. Manish Reshamwala

Joint Honorary Secretary Rtn. Bimal Mehta

Honorary Treasurer Rtn. Shiv Kumar Israni

Directors (2017-2019)

Rtn. Pradeep Chinai, Rtn. Madhusudan Daga, Rtn. TaraDeshpande, Rtn. Homi Katgara.

Birthday Donations

Sincere gratitude to, Rtn. Dr. Aashish Contractor for his donation to Akshay Patra, Rtn. Biswajit Chakraborty for Rotary Cotton Green Clinic; Rtn. Akil Hirani, Rtn. Dr. Sharukh Golwala and Rtn. Sudha Motwane for their birthday donations

Obituary

The president announced the sad demise of Ahmed Merchant, the husband of Rtn. Sabira Merchant. On behalf of club members, a letter of condolence was sent to the family by the president.



Women's Empowerment Committee



The RCB Clinic (in association with the International Women's Association) at Fort held their second camp for Garden School kids on 5 December 2016. A total of 40 children were examined by the general physician, the paediatrician and the dentist. The children were weighed and measured so that their progress can be monitored at

their next visit to the clinic. A few children returned for a follow up from their last visit to the clinic in November. After their check-ups were complete, they were given a glass of milk to drink and a bag containing a banana, a chocolate bar and a tube of toothpaste.



Members are cordially invited for a fabulous *Xmas Nite* to usher in the spirit of Christmas

Date : Tuesday 20th December 2016 at Sofitel Hotel, Bandra Kurla Complex
Time : 8 p.m. onwards. The meeting will be called to order at 8pm.
Dress Code : Smart casual with a touch of Red
RSVP : Ms Rashmi at the Rotary Office (Tel. 22024089 / 22882495) | rotaryclubbombay1@gmail.com

NB. Members are requested to register in advance as capacity is limited.
Organised by the Fellowship Committee

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Hindi Chini bhai-bhai

During a recent business trip to China, I took the opportunity to meet one of the local clubs in China - Rotary Club of Shanghai (RCS). Rotary is an upcoming phenomenon in China, but comes with its own flavours and restrictions.

- The original RCS was already formed on October 1st, 1919!
- During the early communist era, Rotary as a whole was disallowed and banned.
- On 8.2.2006 the club was re-chartered - with restrictions.
- Rotary in China today is allowed only for foreigners, i.e. non-Chinese members.
- The club consists thus of 100 % of ex-pats. During the meeting, 21 nationalities were present.
- RC Shanghai meets every Tuesday evening (much like RCB) for 2 hours at the Marriott near People's Square in downtown Shanghai.

The meeting

- Any meeting starts with reading the 4-way-test in English and Mandarin with everyone standing up.



- The guests that have announced themselves before via e-mail are welcomed by name. They also get a badge with their name, so that communication is easier.
- After the welcoming of Rotarian guests, a chance is given to exchange flags.
- One randomly chosen Rotarian from the visiting Rotarians presents

in one minute one of their projects.

- After dinner and before the speech, they conduct something called "happy money": people can stand up and state why they are happy and contribute any amount to the charity box. The colour red in China is a very happy colour (see the Chinese flag and even the colour of the Club flag). Also the 100 Renminbi note is red and thus considered particularly lucky (also for Rotary).

- After the speech final toast is raised to Rotarians in distress and a good cause.

I used to live in China almost 20 years ago and was an active part of the "Friends of Rotary of Shanghai". During those days I met a 102 years old gentleman who was a founding member of the original RCS. During the thirties he used to head the Bank of China and was - already back then - a man that travelled the world and could speak six languages. He left an ever lasting impression on me. I remember his thinking as razor sharp, his understanding deep and his nature humble. All this despite the fact that he had to go through personal agonies and unbelievable hardship: the communist system locked him away in working camps where for more than 40 years he was made to work as a prison sweeper.

-Write-up & pictures by
Rtn. Christopher Bluemel



Cancer Aid Committee

Anti Tobacco Awareness sessions have been commenced by 4 team members of Salaam Bombay foundation at the Byculla School supported by our Bhavishya Yaan programme.

This programme will have multiple sessions over next 4-5 months covering all children in 7th-9th standard to make them aware of harmful effects of tobacco. The attempt is to communicate the message in an entertaining way via skits, lectures, games, videos, street plays, group discussions to ensure the message is received well..

Students of standards 7-9th took a pledge against use of tobacco whose consumption is seen to be profuse amongst the lower economic classes. The programme organised by RCB's Cancer aid committee will see these students exposed to multimedia messaging over the coming four months.



**In Camera Committee
Invites you to**

**A Talk On
Safeguards Against Back &
Joint Problems**

**By
Dr. Rumi Fardun Beramji**

**On
Wednesday, 14th December
At 6.30 PM**

**Followed by
Cocktails & Dinner**

**Hosted By
Divyaa & Mayank Kummar**

**At
The Terrace, Shikhar Kunj
29 A Carmichael Road, Mumbai - 26**

**RSVP
Rekha Tanna - 98210 22987
Vrinda Rajgarhia - 98201 28480**

Limited Seats. Please Confirm in Advance.



Vote to win

Rotarians can vote for our Gopi Birla Memorial School once every day till December 16, for the Fan favorite Video awards on the http://on.rotary.org/iva_2016 website. First you have to locate the video you want to vote for in the submission gallery. Then click on the thumbnail and then the vote button. Voila the video with the most votes wins.



In Camera

Thursday 19th January 6.30 p.m.

Film by Nisha Pahuja
" The World Before Her"
Followed by Cocktails & Dinner.
Hosted by Amita & Ravi Sheth at
Ocean House, Worli.

Thursday 23rd February 6.30 p.m.

"How to take good pictures on
Your Mobile Phone"
- Krupa Gandhi.
Followed by Cocktails & Dinner.
Hosted by Rtn Ramesh Mehta
at his residence, Raheja Vivarea,
Saat Rasta.

Thursday 30th March 7:00 p.m.

" Health is in your own Hands"
- Reyna Rupani.
Followed by Cocktails and
Healthy dinner Hosted by Malti
& Mudit Jain at their residence,
Shikhar Kunj, Altamount Road.



30 November 2016

Suresh Goklaney
Eureka Forbes
2, Sital Sagar, Sital Baug, 64, Walkeshwar Road
Mumbai, Maharashtra, India 400006

Dear Mr. Goklaney:

On behalf of the 1,350 Rotary members and guests – and the many viewers of the live-stream broadcast – thank you for sharing your stories and expertise during Rotary Day[™] at the United Nations. We hope you found the experience inspirational and productive.

Rotary Day at the United Nations was an opportunity to educate fellow Rotarians and guests with inspiring stories of business leaders and our members working to create positive change around the world. This year's theme of *Responsible Business, Resilient Societies* also ties in with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, and furthers our joint efforts toward inclusive economic development. As the first Rotary Responsible Business Award winners, it is my sincere hope that you and your fellow honorees will become role models for our members to emulate both locally and globally.

In gratitude for your efforts, please accept this token of my personal appreciation. I hope to see more stories about your work and wish you continued success in the years to come. Thank you again for helping to make Rotary Day at the United Nations successful and exemplifying the idea of *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Sincerely,

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Forthcoming Events

• Dec 20, 2016

X'mas Dinner - Sofitel Hotel, Bandra Kurla Complex

• Dec 27, 2016

Housie

• Jan 3, 2017

New Year's celebration

• Jan 10, 2017

Sameer Dua-' Creating a future that matters'.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE '17 at
Hotel Sahara Star, Vile Parle (East) on 7th & 8th
January 2017.**

To register contact Mr Eruch Irani



Rtn. Gulam Vahanvatty Speaking at the Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar at Bangkok. Also in the picture PRID Sushil Gupta

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<http://www.rotaryconvention2017.org/>



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Aliakbar Merchant
17 December



Anand Dalal
17 December



Shailesh Patkar
18 December



Harkin Chatlani
19 December



Sanjiv Mehra
19 December

Rotaryanne

16 Dec - Vasudha Alimchandani
16 Dec - Dr. Natasha Khubchandani

17 Dec - Heena Sheth
19 Dec - Kanan Fotedar

Anniversaries

13 Dec - Sudesh & Ramesh Dhir
13 Dec - Kusum & Chandra Singh Lodha
14 Dec - Swati & Ajay Piramal
15 Dec - Anita & Raj Ajmera
15 Dec- Dina & Dr. Sharukh Golwala
15 Dec- Sandhya & Jaidev Merchant
15 Dec- Manjiri & Jairaj Purandare
15 Dec- Arwa & Sameer Tapia

17 Dec - Sandra & Aliakbar Merchant
17 Dec - Simta & Deepak Parekh
17 Dec - Sweta & Pranay Vakil
18 Dec - Firoza & Dr. Kekoo M.S. Kavarana
19 Dec - Mita & Dr. Ambrish Dalal
19 Dec - Delna & Jamshyd Vazifdar
19 Dec - Beena & Ulhas Yargop

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