

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



From the President's Desk



Dear friends,

The Animal Welfare Committee has kicked off an ambitious plan for the year ahead. Chaired by Bipin Vazirani and Priyasri Patodia, the Committee has kicked off a community project along with the Cuffe Parade Residents Association (CPRA) to sterilize approximately 55 stray cats in the neighbourhood.

They will also be donating a couple of animal ambulances in the next couple of months to deserving NGO's and lending a helping hand to the well known Welfare of Stray Dogs (WSD) to renovate some of their facilities.

The activities will not just provide much needed assistance to the animals but also to the community. And of course, it will endear the Rotary Club of Bombay to the lay citizens in the community.

A win-win situation indeed.

This week we kick off a new feature in the Gateway; Situations Available/Vacant.

Please follow it and send me not just your views on it, which I welcome, but please do see if you can place any of these deserving candidates in your offices and factories.

This week we have highlighted the case of a Bhavishya Yaan Alumni Irfan. He has been hand-held by our caring mentors through his college life and now, as a BSc. I.T. graduate he is looking for a good job.

So the Bhavishya Yaan program is working not just in the schools, but is providing a watchful eye and scholarships to its alumni to take them through college, and now, if we can help these deserving underprivileged young men and women to get jobs, we would be really taking our efforts to their logical conclusion.

Please do see if you'll can absorb these candidates.

Also, feel free to send in details regarding situations vacant in your companies. We will carry these in the Gateway free of charge for a period of three months and then review the situation. This offer is open only to members of the RCB of course.

Ramesh Narayan

Ajit Singh on Being a Singh-aporean



The Consul General of Singapore, Ajit Singh, was the guest speaker at our meeting on Tuesday. Rotarians were glad that he found the time to be part of the day's proceedings and take us briefly through the history of Singapore.

Today's Speaker **Ralph Simon, FRSA**, is a business executive



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Zeenia Master introduces the speaker

He laid emphasis on how his country, like ours, was built on the philosophy that there can be unity in diversity. "No racial riots have broken out, since Singapore [gained] Independence in 1965," he began. The reason for this lies in the way that the country's constitution was framed after riots broke out between the Chinese and Malays on the verge of liberty.

However, in dealing with the aftermath of the 1964 riots, Singapore staged its "greatest achievement;" The incident shaped Singapore's future policies, which centred on the principles of multiracialism and multiculturalism.

There is immense diversity that reflects through the pages of Singapore's history, offering many reasons for the clear demarcation of townships like Little India, Geylang, and Chinatown, which exist

even today. While Ajit Singh acknowledged that there has been a tendency among citizens to stay "loyal to the culture of their own mother countries," he did not hesitate to point a finger at the imperialists for applying their policy of divide and rule.

"Today, if you were to ask someone from Singapore to define themselves, they would say I'm Singaporean first, then Singaporean Chinese, Singaporean Malaysian, or Singaporean Indian." This has been the result of the "conscious effort made by our founding leaders." They were always of the belief that economic and financial welfare of a nation must overcome the barriers that religion and language often seem to build.

This belief has been enshrined in Singapore's constitution in a number of ways: The Presidential Council for Minority Rights ensures that the rights



Rtn. Kamal Bulchandani patiently listens as his question is being answered

of minorities have not been overlooked by way of any bill being passed in parliament, single member constituencies have been replaced by group member constituencies (resulting in the reservation of one seat for a minority leader), and lastly, one presidential election every five years has been reserved for a minority candidate.

Another set of examples allowed Ajit Singh to throw light on Singapore's methods of maintaining religious harmony. Not very different from the way India has tackled the issue, however, it is worth noting that speaking for all Singaporeans, Ajit Singh concluded: "You can have all these rules and laws on racial and religious harmony, but they are no good, if the economy isn't doing well."



President Ramesh Narayan wishes Mr. Ratnakar Desai a very Happy Birthday with a gift

He was proud to reveal that Singapore's "per capita GDP is one of the highest in the world." This has allowed the government to ensure that poorer communities can be nourished in order to compete freely and fairly in order to build a better economy for themselves and their country. That is why Malays are offered free education, thus

"empowering them to get good jobs." And jobs are offered on merit, and not on the quota system.

The outcome of this? "The Chief Justice of Singapore is Indian, the head of the equivalent of the Reserve Bank is Indian, and, a year ago, the chief of army was a Sikh." Unity in diversity, indeed.



The audience listens to Mr. Singh intently

Pawportunity: Cause Every Paw Needs a Home

Walk around Mumbai and you will find a bewildered soul; often times cold, starved or injured; around every corner. For no fault of theirs they are neglected because they have no voice of their own. Every day a few hundred find their way to their heavenly abode due to lack of nutrition, neglect, illness or human intervention. We are a diverse lot with very strong beliefs, principles, likes and dislikes. But we have built up a tolerance towards others because otherwise the world would just descend into anarchy. What if we extended the same courtesy to our fellow four legged souls that are trying to co exist just like us?

Humans have always used animals as a means to an end either for food, transport, or just plain amusement. Isn't it time we show them a little respect?



Pawportunity is an initiative started by Zeenia Master. This aims at pairing willing parents with their ideal fur baby. "Like we search for a certain traits and characteristics in our soul mates we often times forget we have a list for our furmates as well. So we aim match making if you will," says Zeenia.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. 52 registrations for adoptions
2. 3 adopted pups
3. 6 Foster family registrations
4. Donation amount of INR 6070/-

COLLABORATORS AND VOTE OF THANKS:

1. WSD and volunteers for the pups and execution of the event
2. Nina Joshi and volunteers for the cuddle corner pups and cats
3. Tara Deshpande for the delicious treats
4. Rotaract Club of HR for their time and energy on a Sunday

The response for our pilot project was overwhelming and we wish to make this a quarterly affair. With your support I know we will achieve our goals.

Remember: Cause Every Paw Needs A Home!



KNOW YOUR OFFICE BEARER - Manish Reshamwala

Manish Reshamwala began his Rotaract journey in 2008, as a member of the Interact Committee and the Bhavishya Yaan Committee, before becoming the chairman of the latter. Thereafter, he has been the Hon. Treasurer of the club for a period of two years, and this year marks his third year as Hon. Secretary of the club.

Rotarian Manish is a chartered accountant by profession, a partner in his father's firm, R. C. Reshamwala & Co. Chartered Accountants, and one of the directors of Sparta Consulting Pvt. Ltd. He is and has been convenor of various committees of the Bombay Chartered Accountant



Society, and has been instrumental in revising training courses, aimed at the next generation of accountants.

Rtn. Manish's mother was

the General Secretary of Stree Mandal Mumbai, for over 20 years - an organisation devoted to



the upliftment and social welfare of women. His father is a P.P. of the Rotary Club of Bombay, and a major source of inspiration to him through his achievements as both, a Rotarian and a chartered accountant.

Additionally, he finds the time to indulge in his hobbies, one of them being travelling, which he enjoys doing with his wife Rakhee, a wealth manager by profession, and daughter Anushka, who is a student at the Cathedral and John Connon School.

Lost & Found

Below is the earring, which was found at the Parsi Nite. Please get in touch with Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai to claim it.



Situations Available / Vacant

IRFAN ANSARI on the lookout

Required suitable placement for:
Irfan Ansari, Bhavishya Yaan Alumni,
BSc. I.T.

Basic knowledge of C++, ASP.NET with
C#, JAVA, HTML and SQL

Co-curricular activities; Sketching,
Painting, Writing Poems, Tattoo Making

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Teacher's Day Celebration at N.M. Joshi Marg Municipal School

On 04th September, 2017, Teacher's Day was celebrated at the N.M. Joshi Marg Municipal School.

The 8th std students taught the 7th std students using the charts



which were made by them. Then the 7th std students taught the 6th std students. The students took the role of talking to the students, writing on the board, explaining, and giving instructions. The subject was 'My Family' where



they taught them vocabulary and made the students write 8 lines on their families by using formatted sentences.

And lastly the 9th std students interviewed all the teachers.



The 3rd Assimilation Committee hosted by Rtn. Rahil Shah

The 3rd assimilation fellowship was graciously hosted by new Rotarian Rahil Shah. Rahil was joined by his lovely fiancé Vasudha and parents Dr. Nilesh and Dr. Rita in welcoming all to their lovely home. Incidentally Dr. Nilesh and Dr. Rita are Rotarians at the Rotary Club of Bombay Midtown for several years. Rahil's family runs the very famous N. M. Medical Centres and there was a clinical efficiency about this lovely assimilation as well. The food, the hospitality and the warmth was truly exemplary!

Rajnikantbhai Reshamwala, Manoj Patodia, Darius Soonawala, Jimmy

Vakharia, Anand Dalal, Nirav Shah, Aditya Somani, Mudit Jain, and Gauri Daiya represented the veteran Rotarians who are still young at heart. Assimilating with them were Harsh Meghani, Swati Mayekar, Mudit Jatia, Jamyshyd Vazifdar, Anuj Patodia, Raj Ajmera, Ateeq Agbotwala, Ajit Surana representing the newer Rotarians. There was great exchange of Rotary Spirit and fellowship amongst all.

We welcome Vasudha to our Rotary family !

Thank you Rahil and family for an afternoon well spent!



BHAVISHYA YAAN UPDATE - Super Sportsman Pranit



Our Bhavishya Yaan Alumni, Pranit Dattaram Kijbile of GK Marg Municipal School completed his SSC in 2016-2017. He is a proud son of an electrician and a house maid and he dreams big. He is 17 years old and wants to become a sport teacher.

He has received 37 certificates and awards for himself in different BMC competitions in Judo, Taikwando,

Kabaddi, Football, Wrestling, and Shot-put, plus 2 awards by Bhavishya Yaan in Cricket. He wished to teach to our existing Bhavishya Yaan students of GK Marg and is now diligently training them in Judo, Wrestling and Taikwando by dedicating one hour, 5 times a week in school.



Trained under him, 8 boys and girls won medals in inter-school this year. He is very thankful to Rotary Club of Bombay for giving him the programme of Bhavishya Yaan, through which he learnt to give back what you can. For now he has skills and excels in sports and that is how he is giving back along with going to college in the afternoon. The Principal of the school has sent a letter to our club in gratitude to encourage this child to teach along with some photos of his certificates and the team he trained at GK Marg.

**Pranit wants to be a sports teacher.
If there are any opportunities available in this or an allied job please let me know.**

- Ramesh Narayan

OUR OLD COMPUTERS HAVE ANOTHER LIFE

The Victoria Memorial School for the blind received 3 computers from RCB



Monday, 04 September 2017

Dear Rameshji / Satyaraj,

Sub: Donation of used computers to The Victoria Memorial School for the Blind.

We are in receipt of 3 used computers from Colaba Municipal School for use at our **Hardware & Networking Course** at the 'The Victoria Memorial School for the Blind', Tardeo, Mumbai.

We assure The Rotary Club of Bombay that these will be put to good use in providing training to visually impaired students.

Thanking you.

Regards,
Satish Jandiyal
Dr. Satish Jandiyal

Executive Officer

The Victoria Memorial School for the Blind

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Forthcoming Events

- **September 23rd 2017**
Oktoberfest at White Owl, Lower Parel - Tour of the micro-brewery with unlimited handcrafted beer and sangrias along with snacks and lunch.
- **September 26th 2017**
World Maritime Day. Abhilash Tomy will speak on the life - lessons he learned from sailing solo around the world. And the upcoming challenge he now faces.
- **October 3rd 2017**
Speaker : Mr. Mathew Cherian

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - ABHILASH TOMY

Abhilash Tomy is an Indian Naval Officer. He is the first Indian, second Asian and seventy-ninth person to complete a solo unassisted non-stop circumnavigation under sail. He is an alumnus of the Naval Academy at Goa and a Maritime reconnaissance pilot by specialization with two tenures in operational squadrons (INAS 310 and 318). He got interested in sailing as a trainee at Naval Academy.



After sailing dinghies competitively for a few years, he started ocean sailing with a voyage on the ERT1 from Kochi to Mumbai which was followed by a tenure with the Volvo Ocean Race as the Yacht Services Manager for its stopover at Kochi in 2008. After a 600 mile voyage with Prof. Radhakrishnan in the Gulf of Aden on the Eldemer, he was selected to assist Commodore Dilip Donde with Sagarparikrama 1, the first solo circumnavigation venture of the Indian Navy initiated by Vice-Admiral (retd.) M.P. Awati.

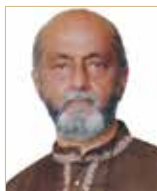
Tomy was awarded the Kirti Chakra (second highest peacetime gallantry award in India) and the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award. He has spoken to students regarding the protection and conservation of the world's oceans. In a column in Tehelka magazine, he wrote about the "media onslaught" during his visit home after the voyage.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Aziz Javeri
20th September



Rtn. Suresh Jagtiani
21st September



Rtn. Shyamniwas Somani
21st September



Rtn. Dr. Percy Chibber
22nd September



Rtn. Dilip Dalal
24th September



Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar
24th September

Partners

22nd September - Ptn. Geetu Kirpalaney
Ptn. Niti Saxena
25th September - Ptn. Blossom Pinto

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Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	106
Partners	05
Visiting Rotarians	00
Guests	01
Rotractors	09
Total attendance	121
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 1,700/-