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President's Pick

Dear friends,

Many of you'll know young Pooja the emcee at my Installation who was spotted and picked up by Rtn. Ashrafi Matcheswala to do a vocational course. Well, she's doing well and is enjoying the laptop that the Scholarship Committee gifted her.

One more young life impacted by the Rotary Club of Bombay.

Ramesh Narayan



cannot explain in words what our Rotary Club of Bombay has done for me. The support that I have received from you all in the last five years is very honourable. It has helped build up my confidence. Because of you all I am now qualified to enter The Golden Threshold programme and it has changed my life. I have entered the doors of hospitality and professionalism from an ordinary life. This is only because of Bhavishya Yaan. I am happy to inform you that I am learning many new things here that hadn't even been thought about. Heartiest thanks to you. I hope that you will always be with me and I want to be under your shadow all my life.

Thanks a lot, Pooja

The Prometheus in All of Us



n Birmingham, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Dr. Darius Mirza is one of the very few doctors responsible for the hospital's record-breaking five thousand liver transplants. But it would be incorrect to say that his contribution to medical science, in the twenty five years that he spent in the west, is just limited to this achievement. To do so would undermine his efforts toward educating medical students, governments, and citizens in general about Hepatobiliary and Transplant Surgery.

Today's Speaker

V. G. Siddhartha Chairman Cafe Coffee Day



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His attendance at the Rotary meeting on Tuesday wasn't a pit stop through his travels in India, as is the case with most of our foreign speakers. Dr. Darius Mirza has returned to home ground! He now fulfils a fulltime position as the Multi-Organ Transplant Lead for the Apollo Group of Hospitals. So we can certainly hope that he is able to keep offering his patients a chance at a new life. The way he plans on going about his duties, the obstacles he faces, and the support he seeks, formed the body of his speech.

"As a medical student, I was always very interested in the liver," began Dr. Darius Mirza. Then, pointing to a sketch of Prometheus - one that shows him cast adrift, to be eaten by birds of prey - he attempted to dissect art. This was not done in a manner reserved for art critics, but in a way that suits a surgeon used to dissecting organs. He said, "The birds of prey would come and eat at his liver everyday, and the next morning the liver would have grown back. So [Prometheus] did not die out, even after being cast away to die."

Thus, if you have ever heard the Greek tale, and were of the opinion that only Prometheus had a liver that grew back, you would be happy to know that "as much as two-thirds or three quarters of the liver can be removed to aid in curative surgery in advanced cases of cancer." At the same time, our livers can be, and unfortunately often are, abused. Dr. Darius Mirza confirmed with utmost conviction that "forty of you here today have a fatty liver, and a significant proportion of you will develop a progressive disease due to that fatty liver."

Yet there are stages of degeneration that a liver undergoes with time and abuse. Cirrhosis, a term we are of course all familiar with, is the direst stage. If a cirrhotic liver becomes cancerous, "you cannot remove half the liver because the liver would not be strong enough to cope with that." The only other option is to replace the liver, a surgery that began













over fifty years ago in the west, but is only a decade-old novelty in India. Unfortunately, the long list of patients, who have been advised a liver transplant surgery, succumb to their illnesses before a willing donor can be arranged for.

Still, it is the heartwarming success stories that will hopefully bring attention to those in need. "The smallest child we've operated on was two and a half kilograms. He was born premature, and was transplanted two weeks after being born." The medical details of such a surgery bring us back to the "good friend of all surgeons," Prometheus. Just as his liver grew back each time it was picked at by the "birds of prey," the surgeon can

remove the infected areas of a liver, or "take out parts (of the liver) from a brain-dead or living person, and transplant them."

That said, it is important to note that "one out of every three living donors has the risk of dying." Hence, the brain-dead donor is the better, but rarer option. These donors can offer "a heart, two lungs, pancreas, intestine, two eyes, skin, bones, and tissues." For those in dire need, it might seem like running a grocery errand, but awareness has made the relatives of brain-dead patients yield to the distress call of those in need. "But the gap is huge."

As of today, scientists have devised a machine that can store a liver outside of the human body. This machine is predicted to be a "game changer" in the coming years, as it makes it possible to recreate "what you have in the human body." In many countries, doctors haven't received a government allowance for using such an apparatus. The good news is that earlier this year, Dr. Darius Mirza's plea to permit its use in India was granted, which legally allows him and his team of

doctors to store a donated liver in "a way as safe as possible" until the need of a transplant does arise. So India is the first country, outside Europe and the United States, to get access to such machinery.

In conclusion, the speaker was proud to inform us that, in his opinion, the number of patients dying on the waiting list due to the lack of donors is reducing every year in India. However, according to him, by no means does this changing perspective suggest that we've reached our full potential.



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Deeply Mourned

We are mournful of the sad demise of our member Rtn. Alok Saxena.

Two minute silence was observed at the meeting and a letter of condolence was sent to the bereaved family.





Bhavishya Yaan Updates - Diwali Camp

uring the Diwali Holidays year after year at Bhavishyan Yaan schools the students have their Week long Diwali Camp. The Camp is held each day for 3hours for students from 5th to the 9th standard.

This year's Camp is on Literature. It is being held from 23rd till the 31st of October. And to synergise with the festivity it has been named as "The Literature Festival with Folk tales around the World."

Today at NMJ it was the 1st day of The Literature Festival. And in-fact it was a day of a warm up session. The day started with an action song followed by a quiz on the globe, oceans, continents and famous countries.

Thereafter it was explained to them what "Literature Festival" meant through an activity where students were divided into pairs and had to come out and narrate stories. The stories were from anywhere (books, cartoons, movies etc) and then the

teacher related it to stories from across the world e.g. Cinderella, Goldilocks.

They were also shown videos of different places where the "Literature Festival" gets celebrated not just in India but also in other countries as well.

The students played the games as dumb-charades with names of different stories and the "four corners." The four corners being named after different continents. Children had a super enjoyable day and they actively participated.



During the course of the sessions they will travel and explore the world through folk and fairy tales. At the end of the Festival each child will have a passport filled with rich knowledge of different countries.

On the last day of the session the students will showcase their learning to an audience of students, teachers and Rotarians in the form of books created by them with skill and confidence of narrating stories using their imagination and expression by creating a new story around the same characters.





Reliance Foundation Fact Files

6th Assimilation Committee Meeting

he 6th Assimilation fellowship was hosted by Navaz & Jimmy Pochkhanawalla at their beautiful Malabar Hill residence. Welcoming one and all at this festive Diwali time were their beautiful and talented daughters Shirin, Shenaya with husband Karaan & Freyan.

Jimmy's house is an art connoisseur's fantasy! Several pieces of art going back generations adorn their beautiful home. Jimmy graciously gave details of the artifacts.

Enjoying the evening on this festive occasion were our recently joined Rotarians: Dr Ian Pinto, Sohrab Khushrushahi, & Rhea Bhumgara. Regaling them with stories about our lovely club and it's various fellowships and services thorough stories and anecdotes were Arvind Jolly, Anil Goel, Shubhash Sagar, Leela Deshpande, Jimmy Vakharia, Mudit Jain, Rekha Tanna, Hoshang Nazir, Ashok Minawala, Shernaz Vakil, Ritu Prakash Desai, Dr.Sharukh Golwalla, and Anand Dalal. It was nice to have Mehli Cama from Rotary Club of Bombay Midtown amongst us.

The food was a gastronomical delight. Jimmy cut a superb cake for his forthcoming birthday and his Rotary friends wished him well for the days ahead!

Thank you Pochkhanawalla family for a lovely Assimilation Fellowship!

"The well worked like a miracle."

- Babujohn Murmu, Deoghar, Jharkhand



With the help of Reliance Foundation, Babujohn Murmu dug a well in his land and developed his plot. In no time, the cropping intensity on his plot went up from 75% to 150%. Once rain-fed, the plot is now 60% irrigated. Babujohn now plans to get electricity for all in his village.

These stories testify to Reliance Foundation's undying zeal to create equal opportunities for growth and prosperity in India.



Touching over 12 million lives with support for Rural Transformation, Health, Education, Sports for Development, Livelihoods, Disaster Response, Arts & Culture, and Urban Renewal.







Committee Reports

IN CAMERA

Chair Person : Rekha Tanna **Co-Chair Person** : Vrinda Rajgarhia

Committee Members: Mudit Jatia, Miloni Sampat, Amita Sheth, Sheila Bulchandani

Director : Mudit Jain Status Report :

July - Talk On Single Malt Whisky Appreciation Followed By Cocktails and Dinner, Hosted by Rotarian Rekha Tanna:

This talk was held on 20th July, 2017 at the residence of Rotarian Rekha Tanna. 46 people attended. The talk was very enlightening and the members were educated in various types of SINGLE MALT WHISKY and the regions they came from; the casks they were stored in etc. This was followed by a very interactive question and answer session, cocktails and dinner.

August - Understanding the Art of M.F. Hussain : An Interactive Talk on the Art of M. F. Hussain by Madhuvanti Ghosh followed by Cocktails & Dinner, Hosted by Vrinda Rajgarhia

This talk was held on 17th August 2017, where 43 members attended. Here Madhuvanti gave a talk about the journey of M.F. Hussain from making toys into the art field. She also talked to us about exclusive collections of M. F. Hussain arts by the Laxmi Mittal Family

September - Talk By Madhuri Sharma (Mrs Earth International 2016 & Mrs Cosmic 2017) on "Nutrition and Wellness for Healthy Living", Hosted by Rotarian Mehul Sampat & Rotaryann Miloni at their residence, followed by Cocktails and Dinner

This talk was held on 13th September, 2017 and 42 members attended. Here Madhuri Sharma enlightened us on very crucial topics such as how to take care of your nutrition, how to have a healthy diet and finally myths & facts about food. This was followed by an interactive question and answer session, followed by cocktails & dinner at the lovely home of Mehul & Miloni Sampat

UPCOMING EVENTS

October - No Event since it's Diwali month of family festivals

November - Fear Vana a talk on how to overcome fears by Akshay Nanavati (Ex US Marine who had fought the Iraq War) followed by Cocktails & Dinner, Hosted by Rotarian Sabira Merchant at her residence

This event will be held on 22nd November

December - "Chai Per Charcha" by Rotarian Pravin Bhansali; Hosted by him, followed by Cocktails & Dinner at his office premises

Date to be finalised

REPORT OF HTEC COMMITTEE FOR SECOND CLUB ASSEMBLY 11-10-2017

Dear Rtn. Ramesh,

Enclosed herewith is the Report of the HTEC Committee for the 2nd Club Assembly to be held on 11-10-2017.

Review of Work: The HTEC Eye Centre is an ongoing project since the last 38 years. Our monthly visits continue.

Statistics of Work Done from 1-7-2017 to 31-8-2017

		Male	Female	Child
OPD Cases :	2,554	1,179	992	383
Operations :	127	51	66	10
Non-Operative Cases Admitted :	19			
IOL:	102			
Yag Lasers:	22			

We are planning to install a Jack Well for purifying the water and making it potable for HTEC, ADMC as well as the Jr. College in Talwada.

The False - Ceiling, sewage pipes, etc. need urgent repairs.

Fellowship Visit to Talwada: Planned on 26-11-2017

Re-newal of MOU with Adivasi Seva Mandal is under process.

The MOU with the Tobaccowalla family after who the HTEC is named, expires in November 2017. A donor has expressed interest in renaming the Centre.

Thank you

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn PP Dr. Rumi P. Jehangir Chairman HTEC Committee

January/February Talk On Mind Control by Mentalist Kruti Parekh (First Test Tube Baby of India) Hosted by Rotaryann Malti and Rotarian Mudit Jain at their residence Date to be finalized

The budget sanctioned for the In-Camera Committee is Rupees One Lac

Expenses incurred till date as per the accounts department of the Rotary Club of Bombay

Paid to Juben wines : Rs 21,470/ Paid to P hotographer : Rs 2,000/ Total spent till date : Rs 23,470/

Balance remaining for

In-Camera Committee : Rs 76,530/

Womens Empowerment Committee

Certificate Distribution Ceremony For Skills@School

The Rotary Certificate Distribution Ceremony (Phase 1) for 55 girl students from Colaba Municipal Secondary School and Globemill Passage Municipal School took place on October 14, 2017 at the Colaba Municipal Secondary School. In attendance were President Ramesh Narayan along with Framroze Mehta, Shernaz Vakil and Nandan Maluste from the Women's Empowerment Committee. Mr. Magar, Principal of the Colaba Municipal Secondary School, Mr. Bhusare, Principal of the Colaba Municipal Primary School and Mr. Gaurav Arora, GM - Skills, Salaam Bombay Foundation also graced the occasion.

Out of this first group of 55 students, 10 girls successfully completed the Home Appliance Repair program, 26 girls successfully completed the Beautician program and 19 girls successfully completed the Computer Hardware program - all being part of Salaam Bombay Foundation's skills@school program.

The Rotary Club of Bombay has committed to supporting the training of 100 Class 9 girls studying in 2 BMC schools through the skills@ school program for the year 2017-18. These students are taken through training of a Technical Skill as well as Financial Literacy (which includes 6 hours training of basic financial concepts like 'Budgeting', 'Assets

and Liabilities' and 'Investments'). Each student is also the beneficiary of a yearly supply of supplemental nutrition, which includes chikki, bananas and buttermilk.

In addition, these students are given a session on 'Personal Safety For Women' by Ms. Gazala Azad, a martial arts expert known to have trained thousands of girls in the combative art of Karate. Key themes discussed included 'sexual harassment in public spaces', 'being robbed', 'good touch - bad touch', 'human behavior', 'how to protect ourselves' and 'self-realization and awareness'. Ms. Azad provided the students with both practical and theoretical understanding which made it easier for the students to comprehend these lessons, given the sensitivity of the issues.

RCB's service partners, Salaam Bombay Foundation, introduced the "skills@school program" in 2013 with objectives to provide children in Municipal and Government-aided schools of Mumbai with effective skill building and market orientation,

enabling them to think of progressive career paths and completing their









education. Since its inception, the program has trained approximately 1635 children, out of which 913 have been girls.

Each child enrolled in the program completes specific training for skills across fields like Beauty & Wellness, Home Appliance Repair, Fashion Design, Mobile Repairing, Computer Hardware, Web Designing, Graphic Designing, Wire Jewellery Making and Auto Service Technician; alongwith important market relevant skills, including Financial Literacy, Conversational English and Entrepreneurship.

Forthcoming Events

- November 7th, 2017
 Speaker Jamshyd Godrej
- November 12th, 2017
 Sindhi Fellowship Lunch at Bombay Gymkhana
- November 14th, 2017
 Speaker Dr. Nadeem Rais: an expert on treating Diabetes
- November 28th, 2017
 Speaker Dr. Kiran Bedi:
 Governor Of Puducherry

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - Jamshyd Godrej

amshyd Naoroji Godrej is an Indian industrialist and member of the Godrej family, currently serving as managing director and chairman of Godrej & Boyce, the family's consumer durables holding company. He is the cousin of Godrej Group chairman Adi Godrej and Godrej Agrovet chairman Nadir Godrej.

Godrej completed his schooling at the prominent Cathedral & John Connon School. He attended the Illinois Institute of Technology, studying mechanical engineering,



In 2003, he received India's third highest civilian honor, the Padma Bhushan.

Godrej is on the boards of the World Resources Institute and Aspen Institute; in 2012, Forbes magazine named him one of the richest green billionaires on the basis of the valuable mangrove swamps the Godrej family has owned and preserved in Vikhroli, Mumbai. He is the vice president of the World Wide Fund for Nature. In partnership with the World Resources Institute, whose Indian division he chairs, he has supported sustainable forms of public transport in India, including bus rapid transport schemes, through funding relevant institutions and lobbying the Ministry of Urban Development.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Dr. Paresh Ichhaporia 1st November, 2017



1st November, 2017



Rtn. Bipin Kapadia 2nd November, 2017





2nd November, 2017



Rtn Pravin Rhansali



PP Rtn. Dr. Sonya Mehta 5th November, 2017

Rtn. Madhup Vaghani 3rd November, 2017 4th November, 2017

Rtn Nanu Daruvala

Rtn. Aditva Somani 4th November, 2017

5th November, 2017

Partners

1st November - Ptn. Nita Ambani Ptn. Sahar Agboatwala

3rd November - Ptn. Neelima Patkar

4th November - Ptn. Sarmishtha Bhansali Ptn. Vandana Daga

Anniversaries

1st November - Rtn. Dr. Hoshung & Ptn. Khorshed Mobedji

3rd November - Rtn. Vineet & Ptn. Rangita Bhatnagar

4th November - PP Rtn. Dr. Zerxis & Ptn. Vera Umrigar

5th November - Rtn. Pankaj & Ptn. Neelima Baliga

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Rotary Club Bombay Members	103
Partners	01
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	03
Rotractors	07
Total attendance	115
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 2,100/-