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# **BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY**



#### From the President's Desk



Talwada- 26/11. Be there!

Dear friends,

For too long we have associated 26/11 with something dreadful and something very sad. While we will always respect the memory of what happened to Mumbai and Mumbaikars on that fateful 26/11, we want to now give the date

a more cheerfull and positive context. It is going to be a landmark date for your Club and its flagship eye centre at Talwada.

And to celebrate that, I not just invite you all, but strongly urge you all to come with us to Talwada on 26/11 morning.

We will be celebrating many things that day. But for me, foremost is the epic work carried on at the eye centre by Dr. Rahim Muljiani, Dr. Rumy Jehangir and their teams.

An important announcement will also be made that day at Talwada, and I want all of you to be a part of that moment. Not just the members who are "regulars" there, but all members, particularly new members.

And if you are not a new member and have not visited Talwada, you have really missed out on something special in your association with the Rotary Club of Bombay and so you need to join us there on 26/11.

And while we celebrate this landmark day for the eye centre that has earned the sobriquet of our "Kohinoor Project", you can also see the wonderful work being done at the Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre (ADMC) just next door. And marvel at the efforts of Dr. Rohini Chowgule, Dr. Soli Javeri, Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala and their teams.

I can assure you that apart from the great fellowship you will enjoy, the wonderful picnic you will have, you will see work that is inspiring. Work that will make you feel proud to be a Rotarian.

So contact Tara Deshpande, Mehernosh Dotivala or Alok Sekhsaria and sign on for the day trip to Talwada. I look forward to meeting you all there.

> Warm regards, L. J. Ramesh Narayan

# Making India Proud



tn. Srinivasan Prasad vacated the pulpit for V.G. Siddhartha, after requesting the latter to tell rotarians why he had accepted their invitation to be the Tuesday speaker, even though he has been known to keep a very low profile.

In answering the question, the entrepreneur, who has given us Cafe Coffee Day and Mindtree, the largest IT park in Bangalore, also gave us a reason to keep serving society.

Change of Venue for Today's Meeting: Kamalnayan Bajaj Hall, Ground Floor, Bajaj Bhavan, Opp. Inox, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021.

Time: 1:15pm

**Today's Speaker :** Mr. Jamshyd Naoroji Godrej, Managing Director and Chairman of Godrej & Boyce.

Catering: Muthuswamy



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"My dad is still a rotarian and he is 94 years old," Siddhartha stated. Back in the day, his father bought a plot of land from a "small trader community for 70,000 rupees," so that the Rotary Club of Belur could build a school. The negotiations went on for days before the landowners were ready to part with their land for that amount of money, but his dedication was heartwarming. So much so, that the owners ultimately returned the sum because they realised that his efforts were only aimed at empowering the community much to Siddhartha's surprise.

"That day, I learnt that if we do a good job, society supports us."

On another occasion, when communal riots broke out in Belur, a rotarian, who belonged to the Muslim community, suffered the misfortune of watching his shop being burnt to ashes. "I still remember" as rotarians, including my father and his colleagues, "felt like their own property had been burnt" that day. So, true to the rotarian spirit, Siddhartha did not hesitate in affirming the fact that "in the rotary, once you are friends, you are friends for life."

These and many other instances were what brought out the passion for service in Siddhartha. Many years ago, when he was hiring his first employee for Cafe Coffee Day, the entrepreneur did not hesitate in choosing a Muslim boy. Besides, even today, he is only a year away from inaugurating a multi-speciality hospital "without a billing counter" in Belur - proof that the good work done by a rotarian "will have a good influence on their family, too."

There was another aspect about his family that the speaker revealed when it came to divulging his mammoth journey

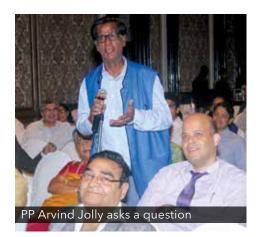
towards setting up Cafe Coffee Day. It is doubtful that he would have envisioned such a dream for himself, if his family were not specialised in growing and selling coffee for over 150 years. And if his father had nonchalantly let his son leave





the plantation for a day job in Mumbai.

After some negotiation, his old man finally obliged - but with one condition: Siddhartha was given 7.5 lakhs, as capital, to start a business in the city, but if the business were to fail, life in the plantation would prevail. In Mumbai, he worked for J.M. Financial after "gate crashing Mr. Mahindra Kampani's (the owner) office to request a job," which proved to be a successful



endeavour. Two years later, he was back in Bangalore buying and selling shares in a bullish manner - purchasing a coffee plantation every time he chanced upon a jackpot.

We then "fast-forward" to 1992, by which time the speaker had bought over 4,000 acres of coffee estate. While that was enough to meet the demand of his coffee shops, there was one obstacle he was yet to deal with. In those days, coffee was not sold and exported by the plantation owner; the produce was handed over to the Coffee Board, who would pay only one-third of international prices. It was at this moment in the history of Cafe Coffee Day - or, rather the history of coffee - that Siddhartha's entrepreneurial zest earned him an opportunity to discuss the issue with Manmohan Singh, the then Finance Minister of India.



Similar such did-you-knows about the history of the coffee shop, now spreading its wings overseas, surfaced throughout the latter half of his speech. The fact that the chain of cafes delivers 1.8 billion cups of coffee - and tea - every year, from 1,700 stores across India and abroad, encouraged someone to make him an offer to "get out of the coffee business for 850 billion dollars." But obviously, the offer was refused because it was not worth the dream "of creating a brand from India, that every Indian could be proud of."

# Committee Reports - SERGEANT - AT - ARMS COMMITTEE

#### **FOURTH CLUB ASSEMBLY - OCTOBER 2017**

Chair - Roda Billimoria Desai

**Committee members**: Rtn. Sitaram Shah, Rtn. Natasha Treasureywalla

#### **Status Report/Our Activities**

- To maintain decorum at meetings
- To ensure all items/publications/material/badges/ gifts etc are in order-a check list to be signed by a committee member
- To introduce to President/Secretary guests and visiting Rotarians
- To collect funds on monthly basis for (a) specific projects and (b) general

On going/planned projects: As these are the main activities, there are no other ongoing and planned projects.

The board can help by inducting more members, especially new members.

#### Total collection (July to September 2017)

- July 4 Rs. 500
- July 11 Rs.1,750
- July 18 Rs.8,550
- July 25 Rs.1,600

Total for July 2017 - Rs. 12,400

- Aug 1 Rs.2,150
- Aug 8 Rs.3,250
- Aug 22 Rs.1,000
- Aug 29 Rs.1,900

Total for Aug. 2017 - Rs. 8,300

- Sept.5 Rs.1,150
- Sept 12 Rs.1,700
- Sept 19 Rs.2,200
- Sept 26 Rs.1,450

Total for Sept. 2017 - Rs. 6,500

Total collections for 3 months - Rs.27,200

# Rotary Fellowship Event - 7th Oct, 2017

### The Rotary Fellowship Event took place at Malti and Mudit Jain's residence.





Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Sudha Motwane, R/anne. Malti Jain, Rtn. Seema Makhija, R/anne. Bijal Kara, Mr. Prakash Makhija and Rtn. Hiren Kara



(From L to R) R/anne. Arti Sanghi, R/anne. Malti Jain, PP Rtn. Nandan Damani, R/anne. Anita Parikh, R/anne. Shreelekha Damani



Rtn. Devendra Bharma, R/anne. Malti Jain and R/ane. Swapan Bharma





First Lady of the Club R/anne. Devi Narayan, President Rtn.Ramesh Narayan, R/anne. Malti Jain and Rtn. Mudit Jain



Rtn. Naresh Kumar Jain, Rtn. Shyamnivas Somani, Rtn. Sudha Motwane, PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi, R/anne. Malti Jain and Rtn. Peter Born



Rtn.Kalpana Singhania, IPP Rtn.Dr.Mukesh Batra and R/anne. Malti Jain



(From L to R) Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria, Rtn. Priyasri Patodia, Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai, R/anne. Malti Jain, R/anne. Avaan Vakharia, R/anne. Mayuri Sekhsaria, R/anne. Bijal Kara and R/anne. Manjula Sanghai

# **Bhavishya Yaan Updates**

# ART COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY THE CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA



he Cricket Club of India (CCI) organized a drawing competition for the underprivileged children on 14th October, 2017, where our BY children were invited. 10 BY children from our Colaba Centre and 15 from the GK Marg Centre participated in the competition.

The topic of the competition was Diwali or Cricket.

Mrs. Ekta Shah, coordinator of GK Marg Municipal School was present and gave her undivided attention to all the kids. The President of CCI, Mr. Kekoo Nicholson and all other members of the CSR committee like Kartik Khatau, Suresh Gurnani, Niyogi Shah were present to examine the drawings. There were around 70 children participating from other NGO's.

Colaba BY students received 2nd and 3rd prize in this competition. Two students from Colaba and GK marg also got consolation prizes. All 25 children got certificate of participation from the club.

CCI organized snacks, tea and lunch boxes for all the participants and the teachers. They personally took care of all needs of the children.

Rotarian Hiren Kara, who is in the library committee of CCI, donated books to all the children to encourage them to read more.

# "The corrective surgery also corrected prejudices."

- Reena Rudrapratap Singh, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra



Reena's son Vihaan was born with a cleft lip. When her relatives and friends saw him for the first time, Reena saw fear and revulsion in their eyes. The Reliance Foundation mobile medical van arranged her admission to a hospital where the required surgery for correction was done for free.

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.





# **ADMC Talwada Report**

he ADMC Committee is glad to inform fellow Rotarians about the installation of a cell counter machine for the pathology department. We would like to thank the Women's Empowerment Committee for this generous donation/gift towards ADMC.

Cell Counter Machine will help improve the performance and quality of the pathology tests done at the centre. Some of the advantages of the new cell counter machine are:

- The Sysmex XP-100 is a fully automated hematology analyzer with small footprint, suitable for any laboratory and ideal as a backup in medium to big hospital.
- Accurate and reliable results up to 20 parameters (both in WB and PD mode)
- Distinct Neutrophil population provides clinical screening for bacterial infection
- Simple to operate with user friendly illustrated icons and colour touch screen
- On-board storage capacity for up to 40,000\* data including three histograms



- Multi-language software available (English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian and Korean)
- On board storage capacity for XP-100 is 35,000 data including three histograms.

# **Cancer Aid Committee Report**

Cancer Screening camp was conducted at St. Anthony High School with the support of Navjeen Centre on 12th October, 2017 for sex workers

#### **STATISTICS**

Total No. of individuals Screened 82 Follow up cases 42

Rotary Club of bombay in partnership with CPAA is creating awareness for early detection through regular check ups.

Our emphasis is on early detection of Oral Cancers, Uterine Cancer, Cervical Cancer and Breast Cancer - these being the most common cancers in our country.

It was difficult to convince these women for internal check up and the efficient CPAA team and Ms. Minal motivated them to come forward for internal check ups and how it will help them.

Rotaryanne Ekta shah helped in coordination and arrangements.

The screening program involved the following examinations/tests:-

- The Head & Neck examination included an Indirect Laryngoscopy (IDL), visual examination of the oral cavity - Buccal Mucosa, Hard & Soft Palate, Tongue and Gingivobuccal Sulcus for pre-cancerous lesions; along with a complete earnose-throat checkup by an ENT specialist / Head & Neck surgeon
- The gynecological examination for women consisted of an internal examination, including a per-speculum visual inspection of the uterine cervix, a Pap Smear Test (cytological examination) for early detection of Cervical Cancer and clinical examination (palpation) of the breasts. All the women were taught breast self examination

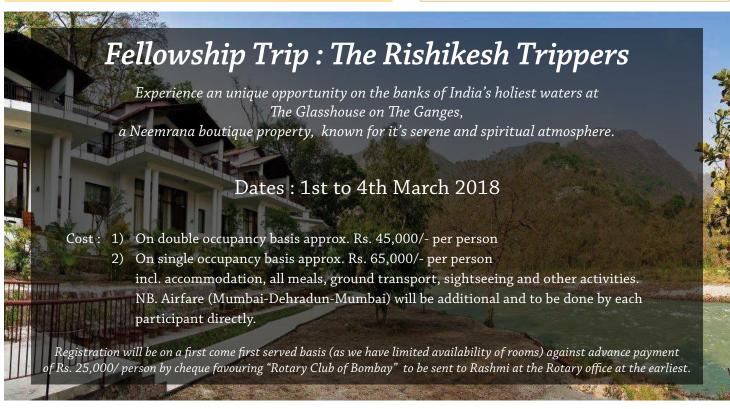


- Routine Blood Test -Haemoglobin & White Blood Count to identify infections or anemic conditions
- A complete general check-up by a Physician
- The Surgeon will assess the results and advice follow-up activities, which may include further Radiological investigations and Mammograms, if necessary which will be done by CPAA for free



## **Forthcoming Events**

- November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Under Arm Tennis Ball
  Cricket Tournament will be held from
  5-7 pm at NSCI, Worli.
- November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  Sindhi Fellowship Lunch at Bombay Gymkhana
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  Dr. Nadeem Rais. Changing Paradigms in the management of diabetes, and emerging solutions.
- November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  District 3141 hosts its World Fest at the Race Course. Good fun for a great cause.
- November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
  Capt. Raghu Raman on 26/11 and lessons learnt from it.
- November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  A day trip to Talwada. Why you can be proud to be a Rotarian. Simply unmissable.



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#### **NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - DR. NADEEM RAIS**

r. Nadeem Rais is one of the leading Diabetologist in Mumbai. With an independent practice on Marine Drive, they have a database of over 100,000 patients spanning over the last 33 years caring for people with diabetes, thyroid disorders, androgenic disorders and have completed over 55 global protocols for novel therapeutic agents.

Currently he is involved with innovations in the management of diabetes which include

virtual interactions with patients and the concept of advanced care in the management of diabetes mellitus.

He was chosen as the Master Clinician in Diabetes at the ENDO 2012 and 2013 held in Houston and San Francisco respectively.

Hobbies include music and travel. Inherited the farmer status after the demise of his father, Dr. Rais has been entangled in farming and gardening at Manor in rural Maharashtra. They have transformed barren land to what we now refer as to "Field of Dreams" which houses the Happiness Lane and the "Garden of Eden."



## **Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings**



Rtn. Kastur Sheth 7th November, 2017



Rtn. Shreepal Dalal 8th November, 2017



Rtn. Mohit Jain 11th November, 2017



Rtn. Manish Kejriwal 8th November, 2017



Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala 10th November, 2017

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#### **Partners**

7th November - Ptn. Navna Chinai 8th November -Ptn. Swapan Bharma

Mr. Sam Variava

9th November - Ptn. Sudha Javeri 12th November - Ptn. Yasmin Divecha 13th November - Ptn. Bharti Gandhi

#### **Anniversaries**

Rtn. Malcolm Desai

11th November, 2017

7th November - Rtn. Dinshaw & Ptn. Kamal Pandole 10th November - Rtn. Apurva & Ptn. Shafali Diwanji 11th November - Rtn. Christopher & Ptn. Sushmita Bluemel

Rtn. Dr. Darious & Ptn. Ayesha Soonawalla

12th November -Rtn. Farokh & Ptn. Dr. Soonnu Balsara Rtn. Samir & Ptn. Shailaja Mogul

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#### Statistics for last week's meeting Rotary Club Bombay Members Partners Visiting Rotarians Guests

Total attendance 163 Community Service Box Collection ₹ 2,850/-