

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



From the President's Desk



Dear friends,

I am overwhelmed by a sense of gratitude.

I am grateful to all those who heeded my call and came to Talwada on the 26th. November.

I am sure you'll realized why I say that the work that Rotary does at Talwada makes us all proud.

This is pure unadulterated service to the community. No frills, no fancy parties, no pins and medals.

And therefore I am grateful to Dr. Thrity Talati. She is a living example of someone who faces huge challenges with a smile. And someone who displayed what it takes to be true friend.

The Phiroze R Vakil Eye Centre will be a monument to that deep feeling, and will continue to do the wonderful work it has been doing for about 35 years.

And I am grateful to the Hasanali Tobaccowala family for having set the eye centre on its noble path so many years ago. Their contribution lives and glows brightly in our hearts.

And finally I am grateful to people like Dr. Rahim, Dr. Rumi for their selfless toil.

And to Dr. Sorab, Dr. Rohini, Dr. Mehernosh for their commitment.

And to the late Ajit Deshpande, and to our very own Rtn. Bharat Taparia whose contribution has been immense.

This trip on 26/11 will be a on-of-a-kind trip. Not just because of the record number of Rotarians who joined in (the highest-ever), not just because of the financial contribution received from Dr. Thrity (the highest ever), but because it will stand as a shining example of the true spirit that Rotary stands for and what it embodies.

Warm regards,



Ramesh Narayan

Please Panic!



It has been nine years since 26/11. That is enough time to ask ourselves whether we will ever be prepared for a similar incident. Raghu Raman, the President of Risk, Security, and New Ventures at Reliance Industries Limited, seemed unsure. However, he voiced his uncertainty with the

Today's Speaker

Brian Tellis - Celebrity Host, Radio expert. The Voice.



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President Ramesh Narayan brings the meeting to order



Rtn. Jagdish Malkani introduces the guest speaker

confidence that one holds after having "spent 12 years in the armed forces, 15 years in the corporate world, and 5 years as a bureaucrat."

"Terrorism was never about the number of people getting killed," he stated. If it were, we would not care less about "one person's throat being slit on YouTube." Here's how the Tuesday speaker believes it is more "a battle for the mind."

positively responded to in the past decade. Thus, it shouldn't come as a surprise that there has been a 70% increase in the number of foreign terrorists worldwide.



Rtn. Manish Reshamwala makes a few announcements

He ushered the attention of Rotarians to a recent YouTube video that went viral for its ability to explain how "the future of terrorism would be bleaker than its past." It was a thorough analysis of how advertisements, urging the youth to join the ISIS, might be as cool as the ones that urge youngsters to buy a new pair of Nike shoes. And we certainly had one adman's validation of the same, when President Ramesh Narayan concluded, "I must say it was eye-opening in a scary way."

From Raghu Raman's perspective, it is laughable that as a response to such a sophisticated enemy we have only "increased security at places that have been attacked already."

The testimony of a lady who worked at the World Trade Centre, and survived both 9/11 and the truck-bombing incident that preceded the 9/11, only makes the apathy towards terrorist activity even more ridiculous. She claimed that during both incidents the announcement on the public paging system remained the same: "Don't panic!"



Rtn. Gul Kripalani making announcements

Many popular culture references were filtered out and explained through a visual analysis of these advertisements; The camera angles and stark landscapes were obvious references to combat films and games that the youth have

"New York spent 400 million dollars on equipping the first responders (security personnels) with more weaponry" after the first attack, which you know by now, was a futile measure.



Audience is captivated by Mr. Raghu Raman

The same measures were followed after 26/11, but the sooner we realise that such a response to the act of terrorism, or anything that causes fear, is an effort in vain, the better-prepared we would actually be to curb the enemy.

Thus, the speaker's solution was to "redefine the first responder." In present scenario, the firefighters, rapid action force, paramedics, or NSG can no longer be considered the first responder. According to Raghu Raman, they are the second responders - because the first responder is a title suited for the person closest to you when an unwanted situation arises. To put it simply, we are all first responders until help comes our way. So we must begin by learning "what to do in a stampede, or what to do if [we] hear gunshots in a mall."

However, talking about the right approach: "It took the medical fraternity 70 years, and several deaths, to realise the importance of sterilising medical equipment." If that is the time it takes for an enlightened approach, Raghu Raman concluded by describing a scenario that

spelled out the words: Please panic! "What if they (the terrorists) gave a farmer, who is about to commit suicide, a bag of money, in exchange for walking into the Taj with a bag of explosives and pressing a button? It would only mean that the enemy had crossed-over."



Happy Birthday Rtn. Anil Goyel

Bhavishya Yaan Update

ROTARIAN VISITS

Rtn. Rajas Doshi visits the Bhavishya Yaan program at the NM Joshi school. We welcome more Rotarians to visit all our projects.



COLABA BHAVISHYA YAAN ACTIVITIES

Students from 9th standard in Hindi and Marathi medium schools visited Standard Chartered Bank Fountain branch. A total of 29 students with 2 Teachers.

They started the session with branch manger telling them why we open accounts, what is a saving and a current account, what is a fake note, how money is counted in machines and an introduction to a machine that removes fake notes, and many more banking procedures.

Lastly there waa a quiz where many questions were asked



to the students. They were able to answer and learnt many new things related to banking. Lastly, it was ended with distribution of snacks and gifts given by the bank.



GRATITUDE LETTER FROM PARTNER EKTA SHAH

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Really appreciate your helping so many students for their senior and junior college education. Everything was done so meticulously.

We at GK Marg - Bhavishya Yaan Team are in gratitude to the super efficient committee members.

Regards,

Ekta shah



*In the western hills
lets assimilate and chill
with the weather chilly and cold
let's mingle with
rotarians new and old....*

The assimilation committee invites you to a weekend full of fun n frolic in Mahableshwar!!!!

From 23 - 25 Feb 2018

Fun filled fellowships hosted by

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Zinia Lawyer

Avaan & Jimmy Vakharia

For further details please get in touch with

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CHILDREN'S DAY Party for street kids

The Rotary Club of Bombay celebrated Children's Day by hosting a party for 270 street children who are being helped by the Salaam Balak Foundation at Marine Drive.

The party was attended by Rotarians and Rotaryannes who included President Ramesh, Devi, Preeti Mehta, Alok Sekhsaria, Tara Deshpande, and Vatsala Jatia.

Rtn. Alok said that these were the poorest of the poor. Children who didn't even have a slum to go home to, and deserved our support on an on-going basis.



Reliance Foundation Fact Files

"Now we have ground water even in May."

- Lahu Jadhav, Gangakhed, Maharashtra



Thanks to Reliance Foundation's initiatives, run-off water in Suppakhalsa has been converted into sub-surface seepage water, which slowly makes its way to wells. In this way, water is available even in May. People have learnt how important it is to conserve and harvest run-off water.

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.

IN MEMORIAM



Rtn. Poonam Kumar

Ananda Yaan Update

Members of Ananda Yaan at Byculla received for the first time today, free medical checkups at the Rotary Cotton Green Clinic (RCGC).

The RCGC - a Rotary funded clinic, offers a variety of free medical treatments such as: Homeopathy, Dentistry and Optometry. Under-privileged people who cannot afford proper treatment are encouraged to come the clinic. It is located (as per its name) behind the Cotton Green Station.



Patients from Ananda Yaan Byculla at Cotton Green Clinic getting free medical treatment supervised by Rotaryanne Nandita Patodia.

Assimilation Committee Update

A beautiful assimilation fellowship was hosted by the ever so charming couple, Amita & Ravi Sheth at their beautiful Malabar Hill Home. The home itself offered beautiful views of the Arabian Sea. A visual treat in itself!

Along with Amita & Ravi, amongst the knowledgeable Rotarians were Devi & Ramesh Narayan, Gopi & Ashish Vaid, Radhika & Samir Kaji, Sandeep Agarwalla, Avaan & Jimmy Vakharia, Rekha Tanna, Reshma & Bipin Vazirani, Arnaaz Soonawala, Vandana Kanoria and Kavita & Anand Dalal & gaining from their experiences were Sahar & Ateeq Agbotwala, Shom Jagtiani, Abhishek Sharman, Sherebanu Baldiwala, Vinay Sanghi, Shalini & Dilip Piramal, Vrinda Rajgharia, & Meenakshi & Ajaikumar.

Amita & Ravi's Hospitality is legendary and this assimilation only confirmed the same. The hosts were extremely warm, the food outstanding and the fellowship brilliant.

One can only say it was a "GREAT" evening!



The Sports Committee kicks off the RCB Sporting Season in Style!

An outdoor enclosed playing turf, the setting sun and floodlights, made for the perfect setting to hold the first event of the current rotary year by the Sports Committee. The second annual 'Underarm Cricket' was held at the NSCI on 11th November and it brought out the child in all the Rotarians reminiscent of our childhood days of 'Galli Cricket'.

Caught up as we were in the spirit of those youthful times, we could be forgiven for the patently exaggerated appeals and other tomfoolery that we did before we learnt to live by the Four-way Test. Three short, intense matches were enthusiastically contested, with the first two matches seeing honors evenly shared and the

last match seeing the chasing team snatch victory off the penultimate ball!

The teams comprised Mukesh Batra, Moy Biswas, Jamshyd Vazifdar, Satyan Israni, Mehul Sampat, Anand Dalal and Anirudh Jatia (Grandson of Vatsala and Ashok Jatia) in one team, and Fali Mehta, Bimal Mehta, Sanjiv Saran Mehra, Mehernosh Dotivala, Gautam Doshi, Murad Currawalla, Mahesh Khubchandani and Hriman Batra (Grandson of Mukesh Batra) in the other team. PP Nowroze with



grandson Darius, Ashok Jatia, Vatsala Jatia with their daughter in law dropped in to encourage the players.

After 2 hours of great fun, it was time to honor the best players of the day. Moy went to great



lengths to design beautiful trophies which were given to worthy recipients - Anand for some blistering batting, Anirudh for an excellent all round performance and Murad for his flawless batting, bowling and fielding exhibition. The Sports Committee Chairman Jamshyd Vazifdar and Co-Chairman Moy Biswas thanked all the participants and also Satyan for superbly organizing the event.



On behalf of the District Governor

Rtn. Prafull Sharma and the First Lady Vidyottama,

we are pleased to announce a very special evening

on 12 th December 2017.

We are privileged to have the Rotary International President

Rtn. Ian Riseley and the First Lady Juliet

in our city for just one evening and to felicitate them there will be a buffet-sit-down dinner at the

Taj Vivanta President Hotel, Presidential Ball Room,

Cuffe Parade at 6.30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB) would be the lead host Club for this special evening.

There are a very limited number of invitations available at Rs.3,000/per head and the registration is strictly on a first come basis. Dress Code: Formal.

Ramesh Narayan President RCB

PS - Kindly contact Ms.Vrushali on 2202 4089 for any further query.

For Registration kindly send your cheque in favour of "Rotary Club of Bombay" at the

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Deposit the cheque to your nearest ICICI Bank with our bank details- Rotary Club of

Bombay, Savings account no. 000401069419, Nariman point branch and intimate

Ms.Vrushali on her email - "vrushalirotary@gmail.com"

Forthcoming Events

- **December 5th, 2017**
Darius Khambata speaks on the Right to Privacy
- **December 12th, 2017**
Dr. Ramakant Panda gets to the heart of Bypass surgery.
- **December 19th, 2017**
Gautam Chatterjee speaks on six months of RERA. Roar or whimper?
- **December 26th, 2017**
Annual General Meeting.
- **December 30th, 2017**
Yuletide greetings and Christmas Lunch by the Fellowship Committee at Sofitel Hotel BKC. Block your date.

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - Darius Khambata on the right to privacy



Darius J. Khambata, Senior Counsel, LL.M. (Harvard), practises before the Bombay High Court and the Supreme Court of India.

He has previously held two distinguished public law offices, as Advocate General for Maharashtra from 2012 to 2014, and before that, as Additional Solicitor General of India for three years. On his term as Advocate General coming to an end the Cabinet of the newly elected Government of Maharashtra recorded its "highest appreciation of the meritorious and distinguished service" rendered by him, a signal honour.

Mr. Khambata has appeared in several important constitutional, corporate and commercial matters and in significant domestic and international commercial arbitrations. He is a specialist in several practice areas, including securities, arbitration, corporate, constitutional, administrative and environmental law. He has argued several cases involving complex constitutional, administrative, criminal, tax and environmental law issues.

He was a member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Committee to recommend new insider trading regulations and of the Law Commission of India's Committee that recommended substantial amendments to Indian arbitration law. He is a member of SEBI's Takeover Panel. He was a Vice-President of the LCIA and is currently a member of the SIAC Court.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Dr. Ashish Contractor
29th November



Rtn. Sohrab Khushrushahi
30th November



Rtn. Sudha Motwane
30th November



Rtn. Bipin Vazirani
30th November



PP Rtn. Nandan Damani
1st December



Rtn. Dr. Sharukh Golwala
2nd December



Rtn. Rahil Shah
3rd December



Rtn. Ashok Kumar
4th December



Rtn. Trilochan Sahney
4th December

Anniversaries

29th November - Rtn. Madhusudan & Ptn. Vandana Daga
30th November - Rtn. Satya & Ptn. Anita Bansal
Rtn. Mudit & Ptn. Priyanka Jatia
Rtn. Khurshed & Ptn. Meher Poonawalla
1st December - Rtn. Dr. Vikram & Ptn. Sharmila Lele
Rtn. Dr. Phiroze & Ptn. Arnz Soonawalla
2nd December - Rtn. Abhin & Ptn. Vasudha Alimchandani
4th December - Rtn. Hiranmay & Ptn. Mrudula Biswas
Rtn. Manoj & Ptn. Nandita Patodia

Partners

28th November - Ptn. Chanderkanta Juneja
29th November - Ptn. Alpana Chinai
Ptn. Arti Sanghi
30th November - Ptn. Kashmira Dalal
1st December - Ptn. Renu Chokhani
2nd December - Ptn. Malini Agarwalla
Ptn. Ayesha Soonawalla

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Rotary Club Bombay Members	99
Partners	00
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	02
Rotractors	00
Total attendance	102
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