

## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



### From the President's Desk



Dear friends,

The President of Rotary International is on a whistle-stop tour of India and he is in Mumbai for just one day, 12th December.

Your Club is the Lead Host for a dinner at the Taj President Hotel where he will be attending the only official engagement of his brief stop-over.

It would be nice to see many of you'll at that meeting. Please contact the RCB office for details. The registration price is just Rs.3000/- per head.

There is also the annual District Conference being held at the JW Marriott in early February.

Please join me at that Conference. It is an opportunity to meet with the extended Rotary family of District 3141 and realize the depth there is to the Rotary movement. Of course the content and the fellowship would be a great incentive.

With the temperature turning favorable our Sports Committee will come into its own. They've gotten off to a great start, and the Golf Tournament on January 6<sup>th</sup>. is always one of the favorite items on the roster of events for me.

In the days ahead, we will also see the Environment Committee making its mark in the area of Community welfare, and the Rotary Echo Committee would have flagged off its programs.

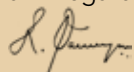
That's Rotary for you. Never a dull moment.

While our Club has been active in various spheres of service, there is one very needy area where we should make our presence felt. And that is, helping street children. Think about it. These are kids who do not have even a slum to go home to. They lie on our streets at the mercy of anti-social elements. We have made a tentative beginning in our efforts to help them. Hopefully I will be able to share more good news about this in the near future.

And if you have any ideas on how we could help street children, or abandoned orphans, please do let me know. Let's not aim for low hanging fruit. We need to reach out and help the poorest of the poor. The most needy constituents of our society.

As I never tire of saying, if we can impact the life of even one person positively, ours is a life well lived.

Warm regards,



Ramesh Narayan

## *Tellis it Like it Is*



It might be hard to put a name to the voice of a radio jockey, especially to one who gained his fame back when there was only one official radio station and not yet a billion listeners waiting to be entertained. Nevertheless, the Tuesday speaker doesn't necessarily suffer the inadequacy of such a vocation because his ascent in the radio industry began at the intersection of the single-frequency

### Today's Speaker

**Darius J. Khambata**, Senior Counsel, LL.M. (Harvard)



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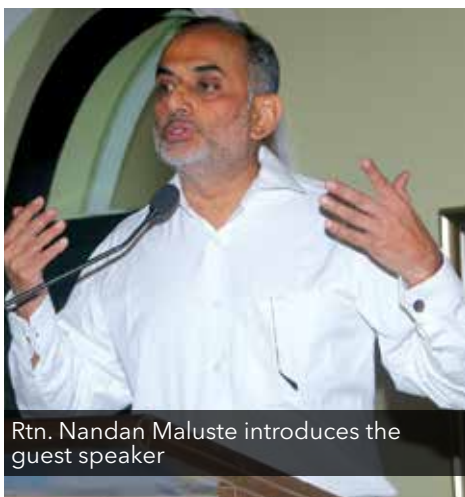
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Happy Birthday PP Rtn. Nandan Damani



Happy Birthday Rtn. Dr. Aashish Contractor



Rtn. Nandan Maluste introduces the guest speaker

and multi-frequency broadcast period. By that time, he had also begun to build an equity value that transcended radio jockeying; He was not just a voice to reckon with, but a force to reckon with in the fields of event management, radio, music retail, and stage. He is none other than Brian Tellis.

If you believed he made an appearance at our weekly meeting to discuss the haphazard history of radio in India, you are, unfortunately, horribly mistaken. He revolutionized the music retail business, brought international artists to our shores, and, in more ways than one, made music awards a thing in India. Therefore, to speak solely about radio would have been a missed

opportunity in getting to know what motivates one man to wear so many hats.

"I thought this would be a great opportunity to share something straight from the heart," began Tellis, which gives you an idea of how informal the conversation was, just like the 9 to 10 radio show he hosted back in the 90s.

In school, Tellis prides himself for have mastered the skill set required to earn him a 37%, which was a percent above the minimum required to get to the next year. In college, he was a hippie, the details of which he chose not to get into, except for the fact that "it was an exciting journey, and it continues to be an exciting journey." He still considers himself a hippie, just that he now spells it as hippy. "The component of H-I-P-P-Y that I've adopted most is Happiness." The other components being Integrity, Passion, Purpose and Yearning.

To have him remind us from time to time that he wasn't "afraid to tell the truth" - the truth being that, at present, we face a "tragedy in communication" because "a large part of the media is manipulative" - was indicative of his firm belief

in preserving one's integrity. Thereafter, when someone in the audience asked him to define purpose, he said he wouldn't be able to define it for anyone except himself, but asked everyone in the audience "to set your own yardstick" without setting parameters based off of other people's success.

"And of course the Y." In his books, the Y stands for yearning, and "if our yearning can be channelised, married, and aligned with a sense of purpose, then we are sitting on a hippy equation." However, hippy isn't complete without the second P, which stood for and will continue to stand for this speaker's immense passion to lend his voice for every opportunity that he is given.



PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir makes an important announcement



Helping the underprivileged girl child help herself.



The IES ground at Matunga was filled to capacity with more than 800 people. Achala Joshi, Rotaryanne Lata Palekar, Geeta Dhote and Pratibha Pai had come together in an initiative that

the Rotary Club of Bombay supported, to organize a Jan Jagran, to create awareness about the need for girls to get skilled in some profession that could help them stand on their own two feet.

The well-curated event ended with over one hundred registrations from underprivileged children who would now be classified according to that skill they preferred learning, and then sent to various skill development institutes.

Pooja Kamble the young Bhavishya Yaan alumni who is interning with Taj President Hotel was engaged in conversation on stage by the emcee and gave a great validation of what Bhavishya Yaan had done for her so far.

Two more such Jan Jagrans are planned for the year.



### “I did not know antenatal check-ups were so important.”

- Ambika Arjun Dharve, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra



Ambika, a pregnant mother, had heart problems. A community health worker from Reliance Foundation came to Ambika's house and explained that hers was a high-risk pregnancy. She even followed up in person regularly. Thanks to her efforts, Ambika delivered a healthy baby without any complications.

*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.

## Racing for a Good Cause

19th, November saw the Mumbai Race Course turn into an oasis of good causes. The District 3141 organised its World Fest which has food, fun and entertainment all revolving around the several good causes that the Rotary District supports.

The Rotary Club of Bombay sponsored one of the races dedicated to education.

President Ramesh presented the trophy along with Rtn. Hoshang, Rotaryanne Devi, Rtn Zinia Lawyer, Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rotaryanne Malti Jain, Rtn. Gulam Vahanvanty and Rtn. Nirav Shah. Several other Rotarians were present to support this well organized event. Kudos to DG Prafull, AG Sandeep Shah and President Kavita who drove this event.



## Bhavishya Yaan Update

### Activities at NM Joshi by Jaya Prasad

#### Secondary Section: 5th and 6th std.

They were shown Cinderella movie on Saturday, 18th November. They then made Cinderella story books, and tried writing the story.

#### 7th, 8th and 9th std.

BHUMI conducted a session on Moral Values. They divided students into five groups to present the role play based on 'Sorry', 'Thank you' and 'Helping others.' Each team created a situation and presented the role play. They also learnt how to work as a team.

#### 10th std. did their revision with our teacher.



#### Primary Section: 3rd and 4th std.

The Rotarct Club of H.R College conducted a session on Vocabulary. They were taught words with more than one meaning. Students also came up with words and gave the meanings.

#### 1st and 2nd std.

Had a fun session on story telling and reading. Hence right from 1st to 10th std. spent their morning with Bhavishya Yaan.







**W**hen President Ramesh said he would request PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir to make a special announcement because he was the person responsible for making that special matter happen, not too many people knew what to expect.

Thanking the Tobaccowala family for their donation and their support over the years, Rt. Dr. Rumi announced that for the next 20 years the Talwada eye centre would be known as the Phiroze Ratanshah Vakil Eye Centre.

He added that for this, Dr. Thrity Talati had made what was the single largest individual donation ever made in the history of the Rotary Club of Bombay. A sum of Rs. 4 crore.



**In Camera Committee**  
Invites you to

**Chai Pe Charcha**  
An evening of Tea Tasting

By  
**Pravin Bhansali**  
Our very own Rotarian

On  
Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December  
At 6.30 PM

Followed by  
Cocktails & Dinner

Hosted By  
**Sarmi & Pravin Bhansali**

At  
Girnar Food & Beverages Pvt. Ltd., 401 CentrePoint  
Dr. B. Ambedkar Marg, Parel, Mumbai - 12

RSVP  
Rekha Tanna - 98210 22987  
Vrinda Rajgarhia - 98201 28480

Limited Seats. Please Register in Advance.

## Forthcoming Events

- **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Gautam Chatterji, Chairman RERA
- **December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
TBA
- **December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Annual General Meeting.
- **December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Yuletide greetings and Christmas Lunch by the Fellowship Committee at Sofitel Hotel BKC. Block your date.

## AY Report : SWEET SURPRISE

The underprivileged elders who visit the RCB Ananda Yaan Centre at Byculla were in for a surprise when they all got cup cakes as a little gift from the large-hearted Rtn. Vrinda Rajgarhiya. The elders enjoyed the midday snack. Thank you Vrinda.





## Talwada Report

Over 60 Rotarians, Rotaryannes, their relatives and Rotaractors piled into a specially engaged bus, several cars and made the pilgrimage to Talwada on 26/11/17.

This was a historic day in the life of the Talwada Eye centre, long known as the Kohinoor project of the Rotary Club of Bombay.

Set up 39 years ago, the eye centre was named the Hasanali Tobacchowala Eye Centre (HTEC), fifteen years ago.

On 26/11/17, it was formally re-named the Phiroze Ratanshah Vakil Eye Centre (PRVEC).

The donor, Dr. Thrity Talati inaugurated the centre along with Dr. Rahim Muljiani, Dr. Rumi Jehangir and President Ramesh Narayan.

Dr. Muljiani recounted the history of the Eye centre to the audience.

President Ramesh said that to him the Eye Centre was a







symbol of true Rotary spirit and he urged everyone to follow the example set by doctors like Rtn. Rahim, Rumi, Rohini, Soli and Mehernosh. He added that Rtn. Priyanka Doctor would be the face of the future at Talwada.

The members then visited the Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre and marveled at the crowds milling around there and benefiting from the facilities being offered.

A Cancer screening had been organized by the RCB Cancer Care Committee and the CPAA. The Junior College set by Bharat Taparia was also visited.



## Cancer Committee at Talwada

"Prevention through Early Detection" is what our club has been focusing on since last two years by holding multiple camps for underprivileged. At every camp 100 people are tested by the efficient and dedicated team of CPAA. Most of them need a lot of convincing to get the check up done.

One such camp was organised at Talwada for the tribals on 26 / 11 by our Rotary partner Ekta Shah from cancer aid committee with support of Mehernosh and Dr Ashwini from Talwada.

Along with cancer check up, we also got them checked for diabetes and full dental check up. There were many patients whose haemoglobin was recorded as low as 4 or 5. Our club organised biscuits for them. Also each person who came for

checking took a gift bag with 1/2 kg grains and a bottle of oil as an incentive.

The camp was conducted on 26th November, 2017 at Talwada-Palghar. This camp proved to be very helpful for them as they would have not taken initiative to go for the checkup.

**In this camp :TOTAL NO. OF PEOPLE : 110**

All follow up cases were counselled & advised timely follow-up at our centers.

All the above will receive reminders in advance to come for checkup at our Naigaon OPD center.

All ladies were taught self breast examination by our gynecologist and were given pamphlets of the same to practice once in the month regularly.

Tobacco habituates were counselled and given tips to quit tobacco.

### CHECK UP DATA

- **TOTAL NO. OF PEOPLE SCREENED FOR CANCER: 110**
- **ANAEMIA [LOW HAEMOGLOBIN] : 16**
- **TOBACCO HABIT: 12**
- **HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE: 8**
- **SKIN BIOPSY: 1**
- **BIOPSY FOR LEUCOPLAKIA: 3**
- **CERVICAL BIOPSY: 1**
- **USG PELVIS: 7**
- **USG NECK: 1**
- **USG ABDOMEN: 1**
- **SONOMAMMOGRAPHY: 1**
- **THYROID FUNCTION TEST: 2**

**ONE PATIENT WAS REFERRED TO TATA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

### Gautam Chatterji Chairman RERA



**G**autam Chatterjee is a retired officer of the Indian Administrative Service of the Maharashtra Cadre.

A Gold Medalist in M.Sc. Mathematics from Patna University, Mr. Chatterjee also holds a post graduate diploma in Urban Planning and Housing from the Institute of Housing Studies, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

In his illustrious career spanning over three decades, Mr. Chatterjee has held several important assignments both in the Government of Maharashtra and Government of India, notable among them being Collector of Ratnagiri, Additional Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai Municipal Corporation, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade in the Ministry of Commerce, CEO of Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority, CEO of Slum Rehabilitation Authority, OSD of Dharavi Redevelopment Project, Principal Secretary of Maharashtra Housing Department, Joint Secretary (Navy & Ordnance) in the Ministry of Defence and Director General of Shipping in the Ministry of Shipping, Additional Chief Secretary, Maharashtra Transport and Ports Department.

After his superannuation, he served as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra before taking over as Chairperson of the Maharashtra Real Estate Regulatory Authority (MahaRERA).



## Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani  
6<sup>th</sup> December



Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal  
7<sup>th</sup> December



Rtn. Huzaifah Bagasrawala  
9<sup>th</sup> December



Rtn. Tara Deshpande  
9<sup>th</sup> December



PP Rtn. Vikram Kamdar  
10<sup>th</sup> December

### Partners

6<sup>th</sup> December - Ptn. Meenakshi Ajai Kumar  
8<sup>th</sup> December - Ptn. Rakhee Reshamwala  
9<sup>th</sup> December - Mr. Subhabrata Basu  
10<sup>th</sup> December - Ptn. Shreelekha Damani  
Ptn. Niti Desai  
Ptn. Shailaja Mogul

### Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Prakash & Ptn. Neha Jotwani  
Mr. Percy & Rtn. Arin Master  
6<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. S.K. & Ptn. Susmita Mitra  
7<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Shailesh & Ptn. Amita Haribhakti  
8<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Ravi & Ptn. Rekha Ruia  
9<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Mehul & Ptn. Miloni Sampat  
11<sup>th</sup> December - Rtn. Nanu & Ptn. Khorshed Daruvala  
Rtn. Anil & Ptn. Honey Harish

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### Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	103
Partners	05
Visiting Rotarians	02
Guests	05
Rotractors	00
Total attendance	115
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 2,500/-